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## Summer Day Trips in the Sunshine State

Some of my fondest memories are of when I was young traveling with my family to remote locations in New Mexico.

It really didn't matter where we were going; it was the time we spent together that was important. However, I have to say day trips in New Mexico were difficult because everything there is so spread out. But the Land of Enchantment does offer numerous cultural treasures!

I have lived in Jacksonville for 15 years and I am continually amazed at the number of cultural treasures we have right here in our own backyard.

There are two excellent historical parks located within three hours of each other that promise beautiful scenery, an ideal picnic spot, and opportunities for learning more about our Catholic faith.

Turn to pages 8-10 and read about Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine – the site of the first Mass celebrated in North America in 1565; and Mission San Luis in Tallahassee, a state-funded park that has been restored to its 17th-century origins.

Further south in the Diocese of Saint Augustine is St. Joseph's Carmelite Monastery in Korona, featuring a 30-foot beautiful statue of the risen Christ and an outdoor Stations of the Cross. In Orlando near Disney World there is the Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine that attracts a number of visitors each year. And to the west near Tampa, the Benedictines of St. Leo Abbey provide a number of retreats that accommodate men, women, couples and teens.

Also inside is an article about the Trappist Monks at Holy Spirit Monastery in Conyers, Ga. Turn to page 12 for an insightful look at the lives of the monks and how lay people can also experience the tranquility of a contemplative lifestyle.

For those of you who may be traveling to our nation's capitol this summer, you won't want to miss the new Pope John Paul II

Cultural Center that is located near Catholic University. As described on page 11, the Center has a hands-on exhibit that is geared for people of all ages and an art exhibit of Mary that is on loan from the Vatican.

Beginning in August, the *St. Augustine Catholic* will be introducing a seven-part series on the sacraments. Bishop Snyder in his column introduces the series with his thoughts on celebrating the sacraments in our everyday faith.

And on behalf of the staff of the *St. Augustine Catholic*, I want to recognize the retirements of: Msgr. Patrick Madden, pastor of Sacred Heart in Jacksonville; Father Noel Cox, CSSp, pastor of St. Madeleine's in High Springs; and Father Brian Carey, CSSp of Christ the King in Jacksonville, for their years of loving service to the people of North Florida.

### In Our Next Issue...

Back to School will be our focus with features on:

- Educating our children in their faith;
- Help for students with learning disabilities;
- A pull-out reference guide on Catholic schools in the diocese;
- Campus Ministry on our high school campuses.

Also in our next issue will be a story on the separated and divorced Catholic ministry and Project Rachel, a post-abortion reconciliation program.

Have a great summer!



Kathleen Bagg-Morgan



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**Msgr. Madden Will Be Missed**

I am a first grade teacher at Sacred Heart School in Jacksonville. Each year, as June approaches, I begin to get a heavy heart thinking about sending my 27 children on to second grade.

This year will be even more emotional because of having to say goodbye to our beloved pastor, Msgr. Patrick Madden, who is retiring after 31 years at Sacred Heart Parish.

It's hard to imagine not seeing him each day – greeting the children as they pass him on campus, visiting the classrooms, patiently giving hugs and handshakes after Mass and the most “treasured” of all – those fun visits to the rectory while he lovingly listens to each (and every one!) child's words about that particular day or something they have learned that they want to share.

So, as we say Hail and Farewell to Msgr. Madden, we remember this special message that he has taught so many Sacred Heart children and wish it back to him with much love – “There has never been anyone like you before and there will never be anyone like you again.”

*Allison Ingram  
Sacred Heart School  
Jacksonville*

that these mighty men and women brought so much of the “Isle of Saints and Scholars” to Florida and the diocese.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Irish Catholic group, had an exhibit for the month of March about the achievements of Irish and Irish-American women in sports, politics, education, art, etc. at the Page Edwards Gallery in St. Augustine.

I was disappointed to think that there were so many Irish-born priests and nuns and not one of them took the time or made an effort to come and see our Irish exhibit.

This was an Irish cultural exhibit. Culture is something to be passed on to the next generation and to be proud of.

*Catherine Gill  
President*

*Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians*

**No Gum Chewing In Church**

I've noticed children chewing gum at Mass. They receive Holy Communion and return to their pews, still chewing gum! Once, I even saw an adult do this.

I thought if you were made aware of this, you might get the word out to the religious teachers to stress that one must never chew gum while receiving Holy Communion.

*Marie Louise (Pinkie) McEachern  
St. Joseph Parish  
Jacksonville*

**Irish Exhibit Poorly Supported**

In the February/March issue of the *St. Augustine Catholic* magazine you had pictures of all the Irish priests and nuns of Irish birth from this area. The story states

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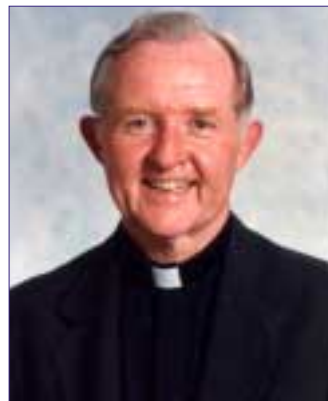
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# We Are The Sacraments

*An Interview with Bishop John J. Snyder*



*Bishop John J. Snyder*

*In this interview, Bishop John J. Snyder talks about the sacraments today. It is an introduction to a series of articles on the sacraments. They will appear during the following months in the St. Augustine Catholic; they will help us understand how the sacraments can shape our lives.*

***Have the sacraments changed over the years?***

Not in their fundamental context, but they have become more communal in practice.

For example, it's common to have baptisms during the regular parish Sunday Mass. Also, in some of our parish communities, marriages are celebrated at a Sunday morning liturgy.

As I travel around the diocese for Confirmation, many of our smaller parishes schedule the sacrament at their vigil or Sunday liturgies.

At prayer gatherings of the sick and Healing Masses, I have presided as they received the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Since the Second Vatican Council, we have seen the sacraments become a part of the liturgy, when we pray together as the church.

***What is the advantage of celebrating the sacraments, such as marriage and baptism, when we are assembled together at the regular parish liturgies?***

In marriage, for example, it brings together not just the couple's relatives and friends, but all of the members of the church.

Here's a passage from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that gives us some insight into this development: "Liturgy is an 'action' of the whole Christ ... It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with

its Head, that celebrates." (#1136, 1140).

Further on, we read: "A sacramental celebration is a meeting of God's children with their Father, in Christ and the Holy Spirit." (1153).

Thus, when the people of God take part in the liturgy, fully aware of what they are doing, they become actively engaged in the rite and are enriched by its effects.

In the past three decades, we have been tasting the fruits of the Vatican II document, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*. This document reminds us, among other things, that we are called by our baptism to actively participate in the liturgy and the sacraments.

The *Catechism* refers back to this document in affirming that these rites "are meant to be celebrated in common, with the faithful present and actively participating."

So as we celebrate the sacraments, with their symbols and signs, we are participating in and communicating in our language of faith. This faith has come to us from Jesus Christ through the church and, in turn, has become our personal faith.

***How does this coming together of sacrament and liturgy help to unify us?***

We remember our own experiences in the sacrament and realize how much we have in common.

When we celebrate the sacraments with great care and attention to the rite, the symbols and gestures have the potential to engage each person in the church to experience a bond of unity with those who receive the sacrament.

For example, as I pour the water and speak the words "I baptize you," the ritual invites each person in the church, the assembly, to remember his or her own baptism.

Or, when I anoint the sick person with the oil of comfort and strength, it can stir up in others gratitude for health and recognition of need for healing.

Again, think about the prayer of absolution over the repentant sinner at a communal penance service — there is reconciliation with all.

***This brings together the whole parish, but what does this bringing together do for the individual who takes part in it?***

It enriches the experience, touches all of our senses. Basically, each time we celebrate a sacrament, we do so, not in private, but as a gathered people to experience God's grace for all.

From this standpoint, the assembly is integral to the sacraments as rites of the church — for their fullest expression, aimed at transforming lives through encounter with Christ. This transformation happens when the faithful assume their role in the rites.

Theologian Peter Fink, in *Worship: Praying the Sacraments*, writes: "In the wake of Vatican II ... there are no watchers in sacraments, only doers, and the catechesis proper to doers is intended to illuminate not only what one sees, but more deeply what one experiences with all the senses."

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Manuel Aragón

*Bishop Snyder celebrates the sacrament of the Eucharist.*

***Are the celebrations of the sacraments confined to the times when we are gathered together?***

No, our sacraments are an ongoing relationship with God. For example, a couple who celebrates the sacrament of marriage doesn't just celebrate the sacrament on their

wedding day. They celebrate the sacrament of marriage every day of their lives.

The same is true of holy orders. A priest celebrates this sacrament every day of priesthood, and not just on the day of ordination.

We never celebrate the sacraments alone. The sacraments are a process in our relationships with others and in our relationship with God.

***Doesn't the RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) embody today's communal understanding of the sacraments?***

Since the changes in RCIA were initiated in 1972, those who are joining our faith experience the rich communal nature of the sacraments.

RCIA challenges us all to learn what it means to be church and how to become the church of tomorrow.

Before these changes, people becoming Catholics may have had six weeks of instruction. Today, they go through a process that may last a year or longer. During this period, the entire parish community recognizes, welcomes and supports them in

their faith journey.

They don't just learn about the church, they learn what it's like to live the faith with other members of the church.

***How does our relationship to the sacraments relate to our lives beyond the walls of the church, beyond our friends in our church community — out in society, out in the world?***

It's important to realize that the sacraments are not private, that they are first celebrated within the Christian community.

And it is also important that we recognize that they are continuing celebrations. We celebrate baptisms by caring for children – and the children of others. We celebrate marriage by our friendships with couples and helping them through thick and thin, and in sickness and health.

But, beyond that, we are the sacraments. We have to be the sacraments to the world around us, an example to all that we are an expression of God's love and care.

Hopefully, we will live our lives, as church, as individuals, in such a sacramental way that we affect the lives of others with the love of Jesus Christ. ☪

**Bishop John J. Snyder is pleased to announce the following clergy appointments:**

- Rev. Robert McDermott resigned as pastor, Christ the King, Jacksonville. He has been granted a year's sabbatical.
- Rev. Thanh Thai Nguyen, from parochial vicar, Christ the King, Jacksonville, to administrator, Christ the King, effective May 15.
- Rev. H. John Tetlow, to administrator, Santa Maria del Mar, Flagler Beach, effective June 15, while continuing his duties as Vocations Director.
- Rev. Neil Carr, SJ, to parochial vicar, Christ the King, Jacksonville, effective August 1.
- Rev. Conrad Cowart, from parochial vicar, Sacred Heart, Jacksonville, to parochial vicar, Assumption, Jacksonville, effective June 15.
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- Rev. Lawrence Mulinda, to parochial vicar, St. Paul, Jacksonville Beach, effective August 1.
- Rev. Guy Noonan, to parochial vicar, Christ the King, Jacksonville, effective June 15.
- Rev. Ananda Prasad, to parochial vicar, St. Joseph, Jacksonville, effective Aug. 1.
- Rev. Michael Thompson, from parochial vicar, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Palm Coast, to parochial vicar, Resurrection, Jacksonville, effective June 15.
- Rev. Keith R. Brennan, to administrator, Blessed Trinity, Jacksonville, effective March 17, while continuing his duties as Chancellor.
- Rev. Alan E. Bower, from parochial vicar, Cathedral-Basilica, St. Augustine, to administrator, Holy Family, Williston and St. Anthony the Abbot Mission, Inglis, effective June 15.
- Rev. Father Edward W. Murphy, from parochial vicar, Assumption, Jacksonville, to administrator, St. Madeleine, High Springs, effective June 15.
- Rev. Anthony G. Sebra, from parochial vicar, Resurrection, Jacksonville, to administrator, Sacred Heart, Jacksonville, effective June 15.
- Rev. Deacon Michael Leahy, to administrator, Mission of San Juan, Branford, effective June 15.

# A Marine's Memories

By CHELLE DELANEY

*John P. Stone's remembrances reflect a legacy of hope and faith that make up a father's lasting gift to his children and their children – and, perhaps, yours, as well.*

A few weeks ago, Tom Brokaw, the NBC television news anchor, was in St. Paul's Church, Jacksonville, interviewing one of St. Paul's parishioners for Brokaw's series, the "Greatest Generation."

The man he was interviewing, 79-year-old John Stone, was sharing his experiences as a U.S. Marine in the assault on Sugar Loaf Hill on Okinawa in World War II.

The church was an appropriate setting because Stone's story is one of a faith that was forgotten and rediscovered.

It happened 56 years ago – in 1945. It was an eventful year. During April and May, while the battle for Okinawa was being fought, the world was mostly looking elsewhere. In Europe, Germany surrendered. In the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt died.

The military on both sides saw Okinawa as the site from which the invasion of Japan itself would be launched. Okinawa has been called "the last great battle of World War II."

The invasion of Okinawa began with an uncontested landing and proceeded through a relatively easy conquest of the north.

But in the south, with the help of caves, the Japanese had entrenched themselves within both sides of virtually every hill in the Amekudai chain. One of those hills, and the stubbornest one, the Americans named, "Bloody Sugar Loaf Hill."

Sugar Loaf Hill was only 50-feet high but it changed hands 14 times before the Marines finally held it. In just seven days, Sugar Loaf Hill accounted for 2,662 casualties in the 6th Marine Division.

Marine First Lieutenant John Stone was there.

At first he led a platoon. Then he commanded the entire company – the other officers had been killed or wounded. He

remembers leading the charge up Sugar Loaf Hill. He could see the four of his men who were near him. The rest of the unit were behind him, he thought. But as he came close to the top, Stone looked back. There was no one there. All had fallen. All had been killed.

Stone remembers: "I was wishing that I had got shot. I didn't want to live through another minute. I had lost hope."

The following days were days of despair. As each day passed, he continued to wish that a bullet would end it for him, too. But late one afternoon, as the dusk gathered, Stone says, "I saw the chaplain, Father Lopez, on the horizon. He was coming across the field. He came up to me and broke off part of a wafer, gave it to me, and moved on."

It was a transforming moment, Stone says, "I was reminded of my Catholic faith, of life after death and that there was hope."

No other day in his life, Stone says, has stood out so poignantly.

The regiment's casualty rate was 80 percent – the highest ever suffered by any regiment in Marine Corps history. Stone's initial platoon suffered a 90-percent casualty loss.

As commanding officer, it was now Stone's job to notify the parents of the men who had been killed and then to respond to the parents' letters asking about their sons.

Today, John Stone and his wife, Alva, have five sons, John, Frank, Mark, Bill, Chris, and a daughter, Alva T., and 11 grandchildren.

Stone's children don't remember their dad talking much at all about his Marine days. In fact, his memories weren't unlocked until the contents of a trunk at his family home in Ohio were discovered. Inside were letters from parents and wives who had lost sons or husbands and who wanted to know about the last moments of their loved-ones.



One of Stone's sons, Frank, said, "If everyone could read those letters, there would never be another war."

His son Mark said, "They all wanted to know something about their sons, what they were feeling, thinking or saying at their last moments. They were really heartfelt. I was surprised that they expressed no bitterness."

Mark also talked about his dad's medals, "He's pretty modest about it all. We're proud of him."



John P. Stone and Tom Brokaw

Stone turned many of his memories and the contents of that trunk over to *The Institute on World War II and the Human Experience* at Florida State University in Tallahassee. It preserves the memories and artifacts of those who served in World War II. That's where Brokaw's researchers discovered John Stone's story.

On June 10, John Stone and his family will celebrate his 80th birthday. On June 17, they'll have another reason to celebrate. It's Father's Day. 🍷

Check your NBC listings for the date of the broadcast. Visit the Institute's website at: [www.fsu.edu/~ww2/](http://www.fsu.edu/~ww2/)

# SUMMER MISSION

# Faith & Fun

By  
ROBERT ROSS

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This summer, when the kids start singing rounds of "I 'm bored," pack up the car and head out on day trips to two destinations that are fun, educational, and faith-filled.

They're two of the original missions established by Spanish friars in La Florida more than 400 years ago, and they're only a short drive away.

## Mission of Nombre de Dios

The Mission of Nombre de Dios ("Name of God") in St. Augustine and the Mission of San Luis de Apalachee in Tallahassee

were part of a network of Spanish missions on the East Coast that flourished from 1565 and 1763 and rivaled their better-known California cousins. The missions stretched from present-day Miami all the way up the Atlantic coast to the Chesapeake Bay.

The Mission of Nombre de Dios, established in 1565 in St. Augustine, North America's oldest city, is where Spanish missionaries planted the first seeds of Christianity in North America, 42 years before the Jamestown settlement was founded.

Back then the land called La Florida was under the jurisdiction of the king of Spain, for whom spreading the Gospel was a high priority. He sent Franciscan friars who lived among the native people, sharing their simple lives and their hardships, and sometimes protecting them from the



*The Great Cross, made of stainless steel and rising 208 feet above the Matanzas marshes, stands as a sentinel over the Mission as a Beacon of Faith for all who pass by.*



*Our Lady of La Leche Chapel at Mission Nombre de Dios is devoted to expectant mothers. The first chapel building was erected in 1615.*

excesses of the Spanish colonial authorities.

The mission today is operated and maintained by the Diocese of Saint Augustine. As visitors walk the grounds of the mission, a team of University of Florida archeologists can be seen excavating near the mission's cemetery. There, researchers have found traces of the moat that surrounded the settlement's original wood fort, which was built 436 years ago.

The centerpiece of the mission complex



*A rustic altar at Mission Nombre de Dios commemorates the First Mass celebrated in present-day United States on Sept. 8, 1565.*



*Byzantine Shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.*



*On the grounds of Mission Nombre de Dios is a bronze statue of Father Francisco Lopez, celebrant of the First Mass said in 1565. Dr. Ivan Mestrovic, a native of Croatia, executed this monument that portrays Father Lopez praying the Gospel.*

is the Chapel of Our Lady of La Leche, the home of a statue of Mary breastfeeding the infant Jesus. It is the focus of a tradition, dating back to the fourth century, in which women ask Mary to intercede with God to grant them a safe delivery and healthy, holy children. The coquina stone chapel holds about 30 people, providing a tranquil, intimate environment for prayerful reflection. In good weather, Mass is celebrated in the chapel on Tuesdays at noon.

To see the rest of the Mission of Nombre de Dios, a walking tour, alone or in a group, is recommended.

Begin your walk at the entrance to the grounds at the Prince of Peace Votive Church, built in 1965, the Mission's 400th anniversary, and dedicated to prayers that God would spare the world from atomic war.

Next cross a bridge over a lagoon named for Father Francisco Lopez, the first pastor of St. Augustine and the first missionary to the native Timucuan Indians. A bronze statue of him stands on the lagoon's eastern bank.

Walk westward to the 208-foot-high Great Cross. To the right of the cross a bronze plaque illustrates the network of Spanish missions in La Florida. Further along the walkway are a shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe and a Byzantine shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

In the area of the Chapel of Our Lady of

La Leche, memorials include a rustic altar commemorating the first Mass celebrated here on Sept. 8, 1565, a statue of Saint Francis of Assisi honoring the work of the Franciscan missionaries, a bell tower, a fountain, several religious plaques, and monuments of the seven sorrows of Mary. Numerous tombstones mark graves dating from the 1800s, including some of the founding Sisters of St. Joseph.

Even the Shrine Gift Shop, a short walk away from the chapel, merits a visit. In addition to selling religious articles and books, the shop displays the original outer coffin of Pedro Menendez de Aviles, the founder of the City of St. Augustine, and a diorama of the First Mass.

Group tours of the Shrine and the Mission of Nombre de Dios may be scheduled with the Mission office by calling (904) 824-3045. You can read more about the "Sacred Acre" at <http://userpages.com/mission>.

## Mission San Luis de Apalachee

Mission San Luis de Apalachee, in Tallahassee, was the western capitol of La Florida's Spanish mission system from 1656 to 1704. During that time, the area's fertile soil made it a prized producer of corn, wheat, and other farm products including hides and tallow that were transported to St. Augustine and Havana, Cuba.

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*The church at San Luis Mission has been reconstructed to resemble its early beginnings. Inside the entrance to the left is the baptistry, where the limestone base of the font was found intact.*



For the residents at San Luis Mission, the 17th-century church was the most visible symbol of Christianity. Archeological research has revealed that the church was a wooden building faced with vertical planks. Massive posts support its thatched roof.



Volunteers dress in period clothing to give Mission San Luis visitors an idea of what life was like in the early days of Florida's history.




Some of the artifacts, such as this bronze cross, found in the church at Mission San Luis, may be evidence of the Apalachee's religious conversion and their adoption of Christian symbols.

The settlement's residents were Spanish colonists, cattle ranchers, and Apalachee Indians, who lived in and near the hilltop mission center and in surrounding hamlets and farms. Everything came to an abrupt end on July 29, 1704, however, when the settlers were compelled to abandon San Luis, just two days before a strike force of British raiders and their Creek Indian allies attacked and took over.

Today, Mission San Luis is being excavated and restored by the State of Florida, which purchased the site in 1983. The state's Bureau of Archeological Research and the Museum of Florida History manage it. As re-enactors demonstrate 17th-century crafts, Mission San Luis is in the process of developing a living history program. It will be based on ongoing historical and archeological research into the mission's population, material life, activities, town plan and architecture. During the next decade, the 60-acre setting will be turned gradually into a recreated 17th-century mission.

So far, the mission church has been reconstructed. On Oct. 22, last year, with more than 600 people in attendance, Bishop John Ricard presided over the first Mass at Mission San Luis since 1704.

The church was built of plank walls and a roof thatched with 42,000 palm fronds, with interior partitions made of wattle and daub. Besides housing the congregation, the floor of the church nave served as the mission's cemetery. Between 700 and 900 individuals are believed to be buried beneath the floor of the church. As was customary in the 17th-century mission churches in La Florida, the church of San Luis has no pews or benches.

Mission San Luis is free and open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday and closed Monday. For tour arrangements or information on living history and educational programs, call (850) 487-3711. Archeological and historical research staff can be reached at (850) 487-3655. For more information visit the mission online at: [http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/bar/san\\_luis/index.html](http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/bar/san_luis/index.html). 

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There's a new tourist attraction in Washington, D.C. that provides an exceptionally good reason to travel to the nation's capitol.

It's the **Pope John Paul II Cultural Center**.

The center has been described as part museum, part interactive exhibit on Catholicism, and part think tank for religious scholars.

Twelve cardinals and President George Bush presided at the March 22 grand-opening.

Designed by architect Leo A. Daly, the 100,000-square-foot Cultural Center has a commanding presence on 12 acres near Catholic University.

Highlights include a 75-foot gilded cross, 89 bronze casts of hands collected from 24 countries visited by the pope and 38 works of art from the Vatican. A stone from near the tomb of St. Peter is also exhibited.



*The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.*

But the center has also been described as being "part technology playground." Visitors are given a bar-coded "smart card" that they can use to navigate the



*The Cultural Center's interactive exhibits will be of interest to persons of all ages.*

series of interactive exhibits. Blessed with 67 computer terminals, 34 stations for interactive "activities," there are bells to be rung, stained-glass windows to create and wall-sized video collages to be assembled.

It's also family-friendly. Parents have said, "It's fantastic. It's even better than I thought it would be. It's great for the kids, too." Another visitor reported, "You actually get to participate. It's not just reading. You get to do and learn. This is fun."

Yet, everything isn't high-tech. A Gallery of Mary features images of Mary as she is seen and depicted in cultures around the world. Mary also appears in an art exhibit that's on loan from the Vatican Museums, *The Mother of God: Art Celebrates Mary*. Valued at approximately \$3.5 million, the exhibit has 38 pieces, some contemporary, others spanning the 2000-year history of the church.

In one room is a collection of the pope's personal memorabilia, including his skis, one of his rosaries, and family photos.

There also are two theaters, and five permanent galleries devoted to Faith,



*Pope John Paul II Cultural Center.*

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While in the capitol also be sure to visit **The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** at Fourth Street and Washington Avenue. It's the largest Catholic church in the United States and one of the largest churches in the world.

The cornerstone was laid in 1920 and the "Crypt Church," which recalls the catacombs of Rome, has been in use since 1926. The Great Upper Church was dedicated in 1959.

Many chapels have been added to the shrine and reflect the heritage of the many immigrants who have come to America. It features the most extensive collection of 20th century mosaics and other artwork. ✎

*The John Paul II Cultural Center is at 3900 Harewood Road NE, Washington, D.C. Phone: (202) 635-5475. Website and virtual tour: [www.jp2cc.org](http://www.jp2cc.org)*

*The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is at 400 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, D.C. Phone: (202) 526-8300. Website: [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com)*

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# Sounds Of Silence

## What is it like to live in a monastery?

By Natalie R. Cornell

Monks have a "passionate conviction" that their life and conversion can help the world. Brother Alberic, who is master of Novices at the Trappist Holy Spirit Monastery in Conyers, Ga., explains that we are bound together in the Lord, and therefore, the conversion of any member of that Body affects all of us.

Calling a monk's vocation one of "radical conversion," Brother Alberic says, "I believe that when I live the monastic life faithfully – that it is more fruitful in a mysterious way for the church and the world than any active ministry I could give my life to."

The Trappist monks at Holy Spirit Monastery are looking for a few good men who feel the same call.

Trappist is the popular name for the main branch of Cistercians, an order of monks that was founded in the latter part of the 11th century in France. Holy Spirit Monastery is a daughter house of the Cistercian Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky where the Catholic writer Thomas Merton (1915-68) joined the Cistercian order.

Brother Alberic says he thinks there are many men and women who are considering

religious life, but they aren't aware that monasteries still exist. The Trappists at Holy Spirit have recently developed special weeks during the year when men can come and live as a monk lives for five days to discern if they have this special call.

Recently four young men – three from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Tony Marco, 19, Joshua Swallows, 19, and Mike Makosiej, 20, and another, Ian Moon, 28, from Atlanta – did just that.

Why would young men want to see what it is like to

live as a monk? Why contemplate something so countercultural? For one thing, they all said they had a vocation to the priesthood.

For Josh, it began with a dramatic conversion at the age of 14. One day, he found himself calling out to God about a tough personal situation and received an immediate answer to his prayer. Eventually he began to seek God in an intellectual way. He says, "I was looking for a definitive truth..." and found that in the Catholic Church. When Josh talks about God he says, "He's given me so much that I want to give back."

For Mike, it has always been a search for



Abbot Basil Pennington

Brother Chamfrade Crabbier, OCSB



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# Embrace everybody and everything in love.

truth. He says, "I always wanted to know the one true thing to everything." Initially he thought that would be through science, but ultimately realized, "the Bible doesn't have to be wrong for science to be right."

During the five-day retreat the four men experienced everyday life in a cloistered environment. This meant spending most of the day in silence and learning the practice of centering prayer.

The Trappists have practiced centering prayer for years. Abbot Basil Pennington, of Holy Spirit Monastery, has written and spoken extensively on the subject. Centering Prayer is a method of meditation that prepares the soul for contemplation and union with the Lord. It essentially involves letting go of one's thoughts and returning to a sacred word to sit in the presence of God.

During the retreat, the young men and Abbot Pennington talked at length about a number of issues, including vocations, centering prayer and living in silence.

On the subject of vocations, Abbot Pennington explained that the Lord gives us the capacity in His generosity to do many things, but the "tough thing" is that God lets us decide.

Abbot Pennington advised the men to take

time to discern their call, but not to take too long or you can spend a lifetime in a state of indecision.

He counsels that a clear answer is not always forthcoming and that God says, "you choose." Abbot Pennington said, "the greatest thing about us is our freedom — He wants us to use that." Once the decision is made God can make it the "very best," he says. Laughingly he tells them, "I can guarantee whatever you choose He's got a few things up His sleeve!"

Recalling his own journey, Abbot Pennington said that as a young man he "wanted the whole world," and that being a monk was the only way to fulfill that desire. He explained that the monks "work at freedom" and this gives them the ability to "embrace everybody and everything in love."

Some of the young men said they were apprehensive about living in silence for a large part of the day. They talked and laughed about their experience of eating in silence. Initially, they said there was a desire to laugh or shout, but as the week went on they learned the benefits of silence.

The silence, Tony said, "sharpens your observance of what's going on around you." It also can help you realize what's going on inside and this leads to a "certain discipline," he said. When asked what the discipline did interiorly, he said, "It refines you," adding that in a place like Holy Spirit Monastery, one becomes aware of God's presence.

For Ian, the week at the monastery was a time to go deeper into himself and the effect he said was positive. "Instead of looking at my outside and trying to communicate with people, I had to take the time to listen. It really forces you, I think, to develop an interior life, to go inside yourself."

When all the men were gathered together, Abbot Pennington told them that it is in silence that we learn what we hold onto in



*Trappist Father Elias Marechal visits with college students who were looking for an alternative way to spend their spring break. The retreat program available at the monastery is open to both men and women.*

Brother Chamnade Crabtree, OCSO



*Interior view of the chapel at Holy Spirit Trappist Monastery, Conyers, Ga.*

life. He was quick to point out, however, that the Cistercian spirit is not just about turning away from things — it's about embracing a life of love in Christ and the freedom that comes with it.

The monks' lives are "uncluttered" said Abbot Pennington and they like it that way. "The Cistercian spirit is a real desire to live a life of maximum freedom," he said.

And life is not completely silent. There are designated places and opportunities to communicate during a typical monk's day.

The practice of centering prayer, however, is not just for monks. Pennington has led seminars to teach the method to lay people. It is a way of letting go of what he calls the "false self." The "false self," he explained, "is made up of what I do, what I have, and what other people think of me."

Centering prayer leads to a life of "being" instead of a life that is measured by the accumulation of tasks that we do, Abbot Pennington said.

To keep the practice of centering prayer from being confused with New Age meditation, Brother Alberic explained the practice comes out of a life of "conversion." He said, "You don't just stay still and expect a contemplative union with God. You have to be prepared, disposed and purified — that's what the life of conversion is about and that's what this whole place is about."

He explained that "New Age spirituality tends to divorce the experience of God from

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a person's moral choices and this is a false spirituality. The heart has to be prepared for intimacy with God and it is the habit of making good moral choices that prepares it best."

Towards the end of their stay, Abbot Pennington invited the young men to think of the Holy Spirit Monastery as their "spiritual home" even if they decide on another vocation. He told them, "It's good to have a spiritual home, so to speak, and the monastery is that for many people." He talked about the monastery's lay associate program that is for men and women, and said, "We're here for the whole church — to support people in any way we can including being all that they can be." ☺

*For more information about live-in retreats at Holy Spirit Monastery, call Natalie Smith at (866) 548-3463, or contact Brother Alberic online at [balberic@trappist.net](mailto:balberic@trappist.net).*

*At another monastery, St. Bernard Benedictine Monastery in Cullman, Ala., there will be a vocations retreat this summer: August 1-5. For reservations and information, call (866) 548-3463.*

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## There is more to see in Florida at: Saint Leo, Korona and the Shrine in Orlando

Orlando isn't just the home of Disney World, it's also the home of the **Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine**, built by the Diocese of Orlando to accommodate the increasing number of visitors to the area.

The 2,000-seat Shrine Church opened its doors to the world on Jan. 31, 1993. Today, the Shrine is more beautiful than ever. Its stained-glass "Magnificat Windows" depict the story of God's love for man, and Mary's place in God's plan for salvation. There's also a specially-designed Blessed Sacrament Chapel within the church and an outdoor chapel as well. You can also visit the Shrine Museum, with its historic treasures of church art, paintings, sculptures, and relics.

And in the future, there will be an Audio Visual Center where visitors will be able to learn more about: the Catholic Church and the beliefs of Catholics.

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**St. Joseph's Carmelite Monastery** in the small town of Korona near Bunnell, Fla., in the Diocese of Saint Augustine is perfect for day trips.

The words atop the entrance gate read "Stations of the Cross." You also will find a rosary garden depicting the 15 mysteries of the rosary and a statue of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. All of the cast-metal Stations of the Cross are outdoors, protected by their tile-roofed displays.

At the end of the Stations of the Cross is a life-sized scene showing Jesus' crucifixion. Beneath is the entrance to a grotto with two rooms. Both rooms have three stained-glass windows, one displays a replica of the Pieta, the other a statue of St. Joseph with the young Jesus.

In still another grotto you will find the lifeless



**St. Leo Abbey**

body of the crucified Christ, arm hanging down, blood on his side.

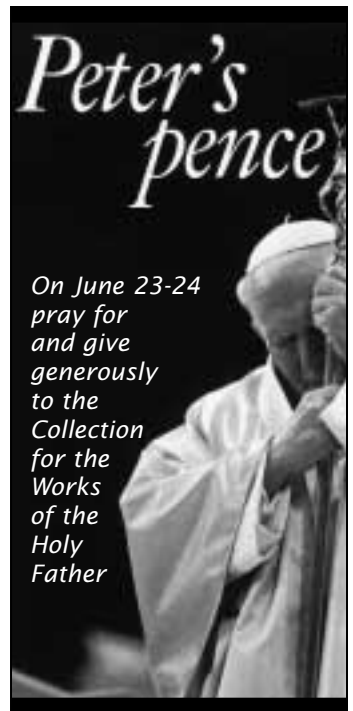
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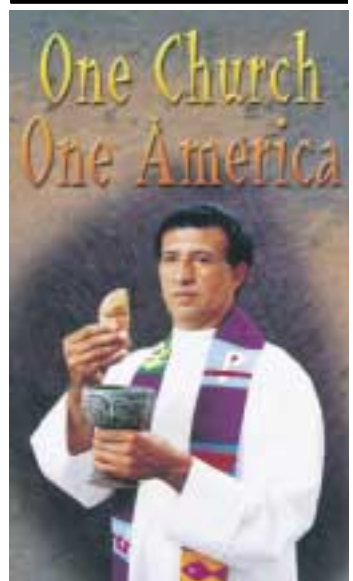
The Benedictines of **Saint Leo Abbey** in Saint Leo, in central Florida. 30 minutes north of Tampa, provide facilities for a variety of retreats. There are residence halls that can accommodate men, women, couples, teens. One or two people can stay in a small guest house and enjoy a private retreat, joining the monks in their prayers (chanted four times a day), celebrating the daily Mass, and taking advantage of the opportunity for meditation and contemplation. Your private retreat includes dining with the monks. For a private retreat, call Bother Marcel Villeneuve at (353)588-2606. For group retreats, call Donna Cooper at (352) 588-8182. Group retreats may be conducted by the monks or your own retreat directors. You can also arrange a "Day At The Abbey" for your group on Wednesday or Thursday of any week from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day (cost \$25/person) includes two conferences led by one of the monks or lay staff, and lunch.

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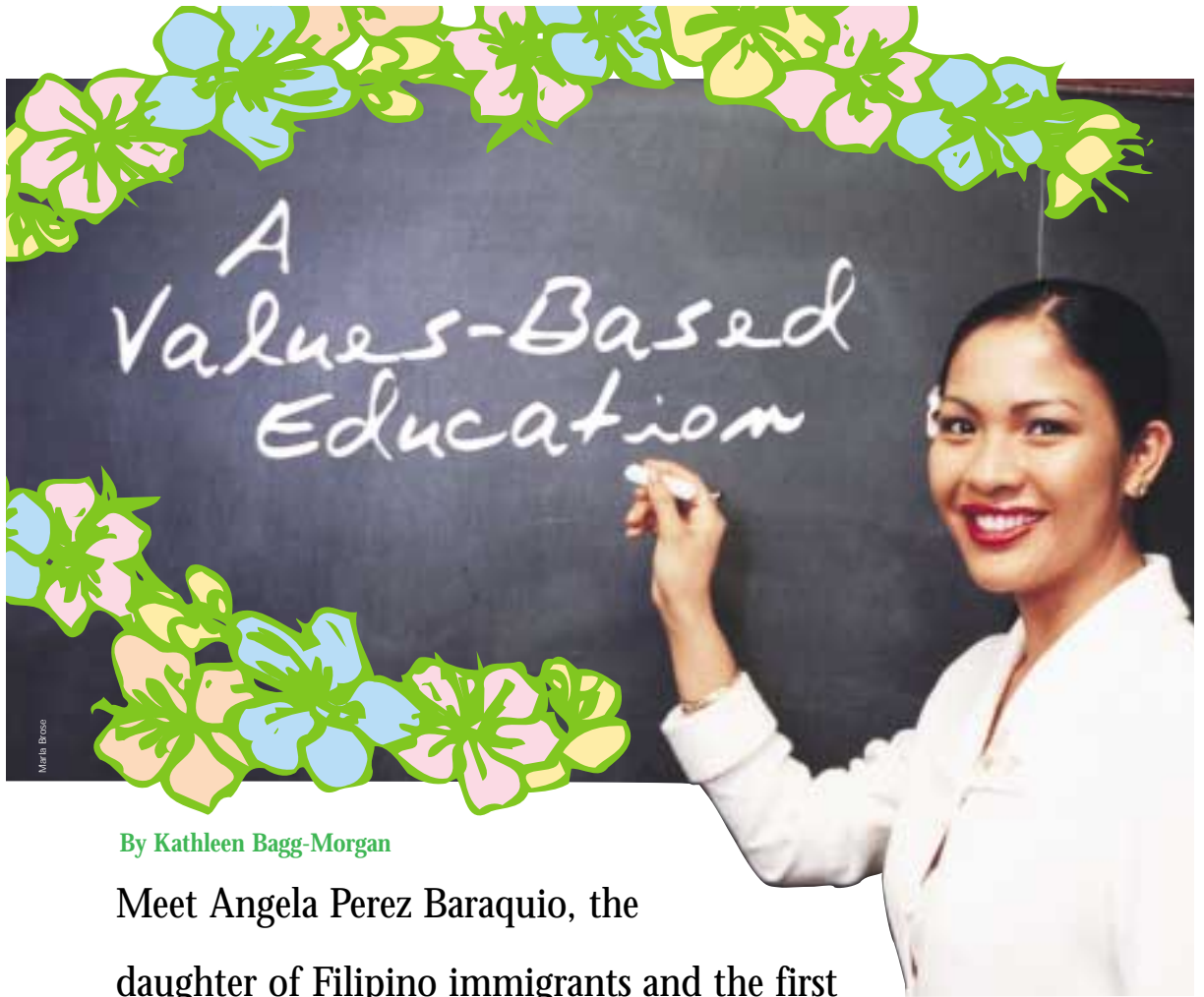
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# A Values-Based Education

By Kathleen Bagg-Morgan

Meet Angela Perez Baraquio, the daughter of Filipino immigrants and the first

Asian American to  
be crowned  
Miss America in  
the pageant's  
80-year history.

**W**e caught up with Angela while she was in Gainesville this March visiting school children and speaking to a Filipino Caucus. It was one of her many stops on a national speaking tour throughout the United States as Miss America this year.

Since her crowning Oct. 14, Angela has appeared on TV shows from *Good Morning America* to *Late Night with David Letterman*. She has toured the White House, met Gen. Colin L. Powell, walked the Freedom Trail in Boston and rung the opening bell at the Chicago Board of Trade.

Angela's hectic schedule is part of the

pageant's new "Five Minutes with Miss America" program, which has her making more public appearances in more cities during her year of service.

At each of her stops, she remains committed to promoting her Miss America platform: "Character in the Classroom: Teaching Values, Valuing Teachers."

Angela describes it as "a system of core ethics which sets the standards for character development in student behavior." Basically, she said, "You're teaching students how to become good citizens and good people."

Shortly after winning her title, the

*Honolulu Advertiser* reported that Angela spoke to 1,500 administrators and teachers representing schools from the Eastern United States while in Washington, D.C.

She pledged to dedicate her efforts to communicating the importance of teaching values to children, and the importance of valuing teachers with better pay, resources, professional development and more respect.

"Teachers, more than any other adults besides parents, directly influence the character attributes that youngsters develop," she said. "From parents to teachers to school administrators to elected officials, everyone agrees that a renewed emphasis on character education is urgently needed to support the ethical, social and academic development of our youth," said Angela in an interview with the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

A physical education teacher and athletic director at Holy Catholic Academy in Honolulu, Angela credits her own Catholic education and her family for her strong faith and values. "Family, faith and education are foundations of my character," said Angela during our short interview. Catholic school "helped me really to develop a faith in Jesus Christ," she said.

Angela is a graduate of Moanalua High School, where she played basketball, volleyball and ran cross-country. She earned a degree in elementary education from the University of Hawaii in Manoa. She is a parishioner at St. Augustine by the Sea Catholic Church where she is one of the founders and directors of the mostly Tongan youth choir.

In her spare time (pre-Miss America days), Angela plays keyboard and sings vocals for an all-girl rock group called High Tide.

Her involvement with youth provides Angela with a keen insight into the needs of children. She says that she believes peer pressure is one of the biggest challenges youth face today.

Angela believes that youth lack proper role models. "We need to get every school (private and public) to develop character education initiatives that infuse character into every aspect of their lives," she said. Adding that, "if kids aren't getting it at home – then it must come from their school."



*As part of her Miss America speaking tour, Angela Baraquo shares her crown and her commitment to teaching values with students in schools throughout the United States.*

What advice does Angela have for youth today who feel it's counter-cultural to stand up for strong moral values and doing the right thing? She says youth need to know right from wrong. "We need to let kids know they're unique and very special and that one person can make a difference."

Angela also advises that when teens find themselves at a party and bad things are going on, "It's a little too late."

"You need to think about what could happen ahead of time – think about your choices and about the consequences of those choices," she said.

Miss America says that she hopes her message and the way she lives her life will motivate kids to do the same thing. She calls on kids to "get involved in community service, respect others and the world around you, to find your potential, and don't give up on your dream."

Attending Mass and taking time to meditate and reflect are very important to Angela. She says that she attends Mass every week – even when she is on the road. "I find strength in my faith – faith is the way you live. I try to live it!" She says, "When you have true faith in God, you keep your channels clear."

To keep from getting distracted with all the travel and expectations in her life, Angela says that she keeps her focus on God and she asks Him to make her His instrument."

The *Honolulu Advertiser* reported that Rigolette "Lettie" Baraquo, Angela's proud mother and a Catholic, says faith is her family's life. "God walks with Angela and she really lives for God," said Mrs. Baraquo.

Angela, 24, has nine siblings and they are all musically gifted. For about 10 years members of the Baraquo family have been active in their choir at St. Augustine's.

In closing, we asked Angela for her advice and words of encouragement regarding the building of new Catholic high schools in Gainesville and Jacksonville – the first in about 50 years. She was impressed that the Diocese of Saint Augustine had committed to a goal of providing for future generations with values-based education through *The Opportunity of a Lifetime capital campaign*.

"Remember your mission and don't get caught up in the little things," she said.

"We are Catholics because we are witnesses to Jesus Christ and because we have a gift of faith," Angela said.


"We have a responsibility to share that gift with others and to help others see they, too, are a gift from God." ☺

*Natalie R. Cornell contributed to this report, which includes information from Catholic News Service.*



# HAPPILY AFTER? EVER

By Mark Pattison



Study says time, sex, and money  
biggest obstacles for young marrieds.

A recent study by the Creighton University Center for Marriage and Family suggest that time, sex and money pose the three biggest obstacles to satisfaction in the lives of newly married couples.

In its report, *Time, Sex and Money: The First Five Years of Marriage*, the center noted those three topics "were the three problematic issues reported most frequently and with the highest average intensity."

The study found that debt brought into marriage, the couples' financial situation, balancing job and family, and frequency of sexual relations were of greatest concern to those ages 29 and under.

Those aged 30 and over shared with their younger cohorts the concerns of balancing job and family and frequency of sexual

relations, but also added as problem areas constant bickering and expectations about household tasks.

The U.S. Catholic Conference was one of several organizations lending financial and/or institutional support for the study's completion.

The study is intended to help diocesan marriage preparation programs to be more effective in counseling engaged couples about what to expect in married life, according to Gail Risch, one of the study's authors and a member of the Marriage and Family Center of the Jesuit-run university in Omaha, Neb.

"Although the early years of marriage involve much that is applicable to marriage in general, there are experiences, needs and issues unique to the first five years," the study says.

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It said the findings are applicable only to educated, white U.S. Catholics, and "not to the entire Catholic population in the United States." It cited the inability to obtain a sufficient number of replies from Spanish-speaking couples who had taken the personal inventory for engaged couples used in many U.S. dioceses. The inventory is called FOCCUS, which stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study.

The study used a random sample drawn from couples who had completed the FOCCUS inventory and had agreed to participate in future research. A mailing of questionnaires resulted in a total sample of 947 couples or 1,894 individuals. Out of that, a total of 793 individual questionnaires were returned, which the study called a "highly acceptable" response rate of 48.5 percent.

According to the study, the other top problematic issues were, in order: husband's employment, defined as whether the husband has a job and how much he contributes to household income; overall financial situation; expectations about household tasks; constant bickering; communication with spouse; parents or in-laws; and time spent together with spouse.

Communication and conflict resolution formed a cluster of issues the Creighton study identified as appearing regularly among top problematic issues, though they did not make any subgroup's top-ten lists.

The study said respondents did offer three words of advice to married couples:

"Communicate, communicate, communicate."

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## Self-Discovery Key To Healthy Marriages

By Father Ralph Besendorfer, J.C.D.

At a symposium on nutrition, the speaker posed the question: "What is the most harmful food you can eat?" Before anyone could answer, an elderly man stood up and replied: "the wedding cake."

While Americans love to tell stories and joke about married life, marriage still remains a sacred institution.

The high divorce rate in this country and in most of Europe is evidence that marriages do fail and at an alarming rate. For those couples that enter into subsequent marriages, the divorce rate is even higher.

There are a myriad of reasons why couples think their marriages have failed. I would like to offer the following observations which are based on my 35 years of experience in hearing annulment cases in the church's tribunal.

The secret to a healthy marriage is knowledge. The sacrament of matrimony is brought about by a couple's free and reasoned consent. They are the ministers of the sacrament and the presiding priest is the official witness of the church.

Consent, however, does not exist in the abstract. It's the consent of a specific person, giving oneself to another while accepting another as his or her spouse.

The problem is that we all think we know ourselves when in fact our knowledge often has severe limitations.

Psychiatry has shown us that a good portion of our human mind functions on the unconscious level — ("Now where did I leave my keys?"). For example, it is amazing how many people are unaware of their anger.

Genesis tells us that we are made in the image and likeness of God. God is and always will remain a mystery until the Beatific Vision. Is it any wonder that we too are mysteries?

The mystery of God doesn't mean that we can't say anything about God; rather it means that we can't say enough. Likewise, we need a lifetime to discover who we are and to accept our true selves. You can't give yourself away until you know who you are. You also can't accept someone as your

spouse unless you really know who he or she is. For example, you can never really get to know an alcoholic or a drug addict. Their substance abuse destroys their judgmental capacity and robs them of their ability to know themselves.

Another secret to healthy relationships is ongoing discovery of self and spouse. I can never forget a gracious, elderly gentleman who once said to me, "Don't I have a lovely wife?" When I agreed, he replied, "There isn't a day that goes by when I don't discover something new and wonderful about her." And he meant it! They have had a loving marriage for more than 70 years.

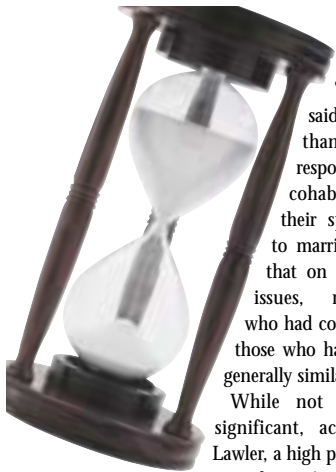
What if you discover something you don't like? Then you both have to make adjustments. You must reaffirm your commitment to each other by growing together maturely and by working through the problem. Problems never go away by neglecting or ignoring them. They simply quell discovery. The task in marriage is to maintain your own individuality while becoming one with your spouse. Marriage has been described as similar to the interaction between the river and the riverbed. Both are constantly changing, but always together.

Marriage reincorporates the couple into the community as family. It involves being active in your church, your neighborhood, and profession. God, your parents and your friends, by their example, have taught and shared with you their love as best they could. Love always seeks to communicate, to shout from the rooftops, and to be shared.

Your marriage has the potential to be an expression of that perfect love which is the very life of God. As a deep reflection of and participation in the Triune life of God, marriage is the highest expression of self-gift available to us as human beings.

Marriage calls spouses to "grow by means of the joys and sorrows of daily life, in such a way that husband and wife become one only heart and one holy soul and together attain their human perfection." (*Humanae Vitae*, 9)





The study said that more than half the respondents had cohabited with their spouse prior to marriage. It said that on problematic issues, respondents who had cohabited and those who had not were generally similar.

While not statistically significant, according to Lawler, a high percentage of respondents (15.2 percent) who had cohabited "with their spouse and others" said they were "maritally distressed," compared to respondents who had cohabited only "with their spouse" (13.3 percent).

Respondents who did not cohabit prior to marriage had significantly higher average scores than those who did cohabit regarding religious behaviors, personal faith, church attendance and joint religious activities.

However, those who had never cohabited reported the issue of the husband's employment as a bigger concern than those who had cohabited. "Noncohabitators exhibit more traditional and less egalitarian general attitudes," the study said.

One solution toward relieving marital stress and distress, the study noted, would be to "extend the dual-career family into a tri-career family, establishing the family itself as the third career whose responsibilities and obligations are symmetrical with the other two careers."

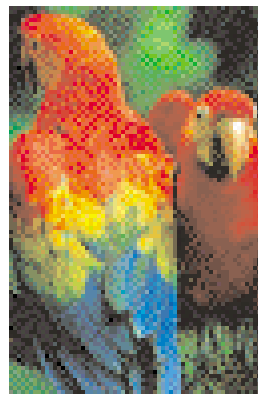
The study found that spouses, regardless of age or gender, made little use of more than two dozen resources available in some dioceses and parishes. But when asked if they would take advantage of those resources if offered to them directly, many more people – in some cases, a majority – said they would.

More than half the respondents said they attended church regularly or often and more than a third attended church as a couple. The vast majority reported agreement with the Catholic understanding of marriage. ☪

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# Blessings For A Happy Retirement

In 1953, when **Msgr. Patrick M. Madden** was ordained for the Diocese of Saint Augustine, the diocese included the entire state of Florida and was still considered a mission territory.

Effective June 15, 2001, Msgr. Madden will leave his assignment of 31 years as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Jacksonville, and retire from full-time ministry.

Msgr. Madden studied for the priesthood in his native Ireland where he received degrees in the Ancient Classics, Latin and Greek.

Msgr. Madden's first assignment in Florida was at Blessed Trinity in Miami Springs and included the mission churches of Immaculate Conception in Hialeah and St. Mel's in Opa-Locka. He was both associate pastor and principal of three schools.

In 1956, Msgr. Madden received his licentiate of Sacred Theology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He wanted to continue his studies in theology, but Archbishop

Joseph Hurley said he needed him home in Florida.

From 1957-1958 he served at Christ the King Parish in Tampa. Then he moved to Jacksonville. For three years, 1958-1961, he served at Assumption Parish and taught at Bishop Kenny High School. From 1961-1970, he was pastor of Blessed Trinity Parish, Tallahassee. While pastor at Blessed Trinity, he was a chaplain at FSU and FMU and oversaw the missions of St. Thomas in Quincy and Sacred Heart in Lanark.

Msgr. Madden has fond memories of his early days as a missionary priest. He particularly recalls his schedule while serving at Assumption Parish in Jacksonville.



**Msgr. Madden**

"I taught school at Bishop Kenny Monday through Friday. On Saturday, I drove to Lake City to visit with the pastor before driving to Perry to hear confessions. I stayed overnight in Madison at a hotel so I could hear confessions and say Mass at 7 a.m. Then it was back to Perry to hear confessions and to say Mass at 9 a.m. before going to Monticello for 11 a.m. Mass. After Mass in Monticello, I could have breakfast!"

He also noted that, "It was a slow drive back to Jacksonville on Highway 90, because I-75 didn't exist then."

In 1970, Msgr. Madden was assigned as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Jacksonville, where he guided the spiritual development of 1,500-plus families, and supervised the building of a new school building, a new church in 1998 and a new parish life center in 2000.

When he retires, Msgr. Madden will live at Casa San Pedro, a retirement residence for priests at Marywood.

**Father Noel Cox, CSSp**, served as a teacher and dean in Nairobi for 21 years. He said he never missed a day of work due to illness. He credits his good health to contracting tuberculosis when a seminarian and spending a year in bed.

"They sent me to East Africa where the climate was dry," said Father Cox, adding, that "Once you get over TB, you are a long liver!"

Father Cox has a strong science background with advanced degrees in limnology (fresh water biology) and entomology (the study of insects).

In 1974 and 1975, the Holy See called on

Father Cox to represent the Catholic Church at the United Nations on the subject of the environment.

Father Cox has also served as: associate pastor of the Cathedral-Basilica in St. Augustine from 1977-81; pastor of St. Ambrose Parish in Elkton from



**Father Cox**

1981-88; associate pastor of St. Catherine Parish in Orange Park for five months in 1995; and from 1988-94, he served as the New York Provincial Delegate for the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers.

Father Cox is also an artist. On the ceiling of St. Madeleine Church, where he has been pastor most recently, he painted a 20 by 8 foot reproduction of a scene from the "Creation of Adam."

Father Cox says he will continue working in ministry and celebrating Mass in the Jacksonville area.

He will live at Casa San Pedro at Marywood.

Parishioners at Christ the King Parish in Jacksonville celebrated a farewell Mass with Holy Ghost **Father Brian Carey** on May 20.



**Father Carey**

Father Carey is leaving June 28 for his native Ireland, and his order's headquarters at Kimmage in Dublin.

He came to the states in 1980 and served in the Diocese of Fargo, N.D., until 1989, when he came to St. Matthew Parish in Jacksonville. At Christ the King, he's served as associate pastor since 1991. He has taught Scripture and been involved in RCIA. "I'm always surprised to learn how people come to know Jesus Christ."

In 1998, he took a sabbatical to study Scripture at the Ecce Homo Institute in Jerusalem. Father Carey says he hopes to continue these studies in Dublin.

From the age of 10, Brian Carey was a faithful altar server in his parish church in

Dublin. One day, when an extraordinary priest spoke, the young boy's inner voice said: "I want to be a priest like him."

He was ordained July 13, 1958.

Father Carey served in Ireland and then in the Diocese of Mombasa in Kenya. All of his travels, including 15 years in Africa, have taught him that people are very similar: "It's the circumstances of their lives and where they live that are different."

Father Carey says he has learned that "the faith of the people is amazing." He adds, "The work of the missionaries goes on, but evangelization happens in God's time."

# Lebanese Catholics and the Maronite Rite

By Joy Batteh-Freiha



The Maronites, History and Constants by Antoine Khoury Heib

*Saint Maron, the Patron Saint of Maronite Catholics.*



The ancient Maronite Rite, one of the 22 rites of the Catholic Church, is one of the largest Eastern Catholic rites and the only named after a saint.

Founded in the 4th century by Maron, a simple monk who retreated to a mountaintop in northern Syria, today's Maronites can trace their roots to the early days of Christianity in Antioch.

Maron's presence in the rugged mountainous area created a tremendous impact on people all over the region. Although he sought refuge to live and pray in solitude, people gathered around him to listen to his teachings on Christianity. He cultivated the once pagan land and dedicated the gardens to God. He was blessed with the gift of curing the sick and touched the lives of people both spiritually and physically. After his death in A.D. 410, his followers adopted his pattern of life and simplistic prayer and began calling themselves Maronites.

In A.D. 451, his disciples upheld the decisions of the Council of Chalcedon that proclaimed Christ was both God and man, therefore, depicting the two natures of Christ. They condemned the Monophysite theory that stated Jesus had only one divine nature. By the end of the 5th century, a majority of Saint Maron's followers sought refuge in Mount Lebanon, spreading the word of God and the teachings of Saint Maron. Through their evangelism, they were successful in

converting thousands to Christianity.

Throughout their existence, the Maronites defended their beliefs and ideologies from religious persecution, growing stronger in their faith and values set forth from their patron saint. Because of their heroic efforts, approximately 12 million Christians still practice the traditions of Saint Maron and his followers today.

It is believed that the first immigration of Maronites from Lebanon to the United States was during the mid-1800s, and by the 1890s, Maronite parishes were formed in all major North American cities.

Although there are differences in liturgy, law and spiritual heritage, the faithful who practice the Maronite rite, are governed by Pope John Paul II and the universal Catholic Church. They enjoy equality and unity with all Catholic rites through their faith and sacraments or Mysteries as they're known in the Maronite church.

"Our spirituality and traditions emanate from our homeland," said Father Elie Abi Chedid, who was appointed pastor of St. Maron Catholic Church in Jacksonville last November.

"We feel connected by our language and our ancestral faith."

Father Abi Chedid, along with Sub Deacon Elias Shami, serve as the spiritual leaders for the more than 150 families of the Maronite community in Jacksonville.

"We've come a long way from where we started," said Sub



*Cedar Tree of Lebanon over Triple-Bar Cross*

Deacon Shami, referring to the early days of the Maronite church in Jacksonville. "When we started thinking about forming a parish six years ago, we didn't even have a priest or a church of our own. Now, we have a permanent pastor and a church hall for our services."

St. Maron Church is located on Bowden Road. Construction of Phase I of the Master Plan has been completed and includes a church hall where Mass is celebrated every Sunday. Parishioners had met for Mass in the small chapel at Christ the King Parish in Jacksonville.

"Our new home validates our presence within the Catholic community and allows our members to feel welcome practicing their faith in the realms of their religious heritage," said Father Abi Chedid.

As a testament to their commitment to the Mother Church in Lebanon, Lebanese Catholics in the United States and Canada recently hosted visits from Patriarch Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir of Lebanon, one of six patriarchs in the East and an advisor to the pope. He is known as the Patriarch of Antioch and all the East.

Throughout his various pastoral visits, the Patriarch spoke about the injustices in Lebanon and the Middle East. During a visit to Washington, D.C., he urged members of Congress to assist the Lebanese people, victimized by the long-standing Arab-Israeli conflicts, with their struggle for political and religious freedom and sovereignty.

In addition to bringing the plight of the Christians in Lebanon to the United States, the primary purpose of the Patriarch's 45-day visit was the ordination of Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Shaheen to the rank of bishop on Feb. 15, at St. Louis Cathedral in St. Louis, Mo., the city where he previously served as pastor. As Bishop, he now leads one of



Miri Trezona

*Patriarch Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and All the East while in Jacksonville.*

the two Maronite Dioceses or Eparchies in the United States – The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon in Los Angeles of the Western USA. His ordination makes him the first American-born Maronite priest to be ordained a Maronite bishop.

In late February, the patriarch visited Jacksonville at the invitation of Bishop Stephen Hector Doueihy, bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn of the Eastern USA. The 81-year-old patriarch, who ranks second only to the pope in the Maronite hierarchy, celebrated Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and blessed the grounds of the new Maronite church in Jacksonville.

"This was a great honor for us to have Patriarch Sfeir visit our community," said Father Abi Chedid. "The outpouring of hospitality and cooperation from the community, city and state officials and collaboration with Bishop John J. Snyder of the Diocese of Saint Augustine made the event a memorable one for our Maronite community."

One member of St. Maron Church in Jacksonville said the historic visit from the patriarch has made them a stronger, more cohesive community.

"For the patriarch to acknowledge our presence as a Maronite community, was a great honor which energized us to continue with the traditions of our faith and culture," said Jacksonville dentist Dr. Sami Bahri. "The patriarch's visit gave us the momentum to continue building our community."

Since the patriarch's visit, members of St. Maron Church in Jacksonville have diligently resolved to spread the Good News with the same quiet solitude as their patron saint, hopefully awakening a bountiful community of faithful followers. ☺

*Joy Batteh-Freiha is a freelance writer based in Jacksonville.*



Joy Bahri-Freiha

*Sub Deacon Elias Shami, left, assists Father Abi Chedid as he dips the Communion Host into the wine for communion.*

## Facts About The Maronite Rite:

- Traditions of the liturgy and language are rooted in the history and land of Jesus. The language used during the liturgy and Consecration is Syriac, a special dialect of Aramaic - the spoken language of Jesus. Classical Arabic is also widely used during Mass. In the Maronite church, the liturgy is called the Service of the Holy Mysteries and include three focal points: the *Bema-Word*, a raised platform from which scripture is read; *Altar-Eucharist*, a consecrated table which the body and blood of Christ is offered to the faithful; and, *East Apse-Kingdom*, concentrates on Christ's coming in glory.
- According to Father Abi Chedid, there are three centers that encompass the Syriac Maronite church. Evolving through the years, these centers helped shape the Eastern Maronite rite, differentiating it from other rites. They include: *Antioch*, formerly a city in Syria, now in Turkey, that established the biblical theology of the Maronite Church; *Edessa*, a prominent city, where Saint Ephrem lived in Mesopotamia, influenced the prayer and hymnody of the Maronite Church, and *Mt. Lebanon*, present day Lebanon that provided a haven for the Maronite monastic life, worship and traditions begun by Saint Maron.
- The Maronite church recognizes and edifies all the saints of the Latin rite, plus others who had an influence on the Maronites' religious struggles. The Feast Day for Saint Maron is celebrated on the Sunday closest to February 9th, his actual Feast Day.

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**GETTING READY FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR AT COLLEGE?**

Here are some tips from several college freshmen to help you make the transition from high school to the university.



» Learn good study habits in high school. Save up a lot of money so that you hopefully won't have to work and can have fun. — **Eric Grau, 19,**

**University of Florida, Gainesville**

» Get used to reading. College is all about reading. If you hate reading, you better start getting used to it. Get organized. With so many papers and tests, it's hard to remember what's due which day. Be open to all the new types of people, ideas, etc. that you will come in contact with. College is all about finding yourself as well as learning about the differences in others. — **Sheena Luke, 18, American University, Washington, D.C.**



» Incoming freshmen need to be open-minded and get involved in what's going on at their college or university. Definitely the big thing is to be open-minded. — **Jennifer Tamargo, 19, University of North Florida, Jacksonville.**

» Things to keep in mind:

- 1) Go to class.
- 2) Keep busy in your spare time so that you won't sleep all day.

3) Make yourself do your homework, because mom won't be there to tell you.

4) You can't stay out every night until 4 a.m. Go out only once or twice on weeknights.

5) College is way different from high school in the sense that people don't really form cliques, nobody really cares about anybody else, and making fun of people isn't really cool anymore.



6) Get involved. If you don't, you'll have a miserable time and you'll be missing out on so many cool things.

— **Colleen Mattingly, 19, Florida State University, Tallahassee.**

» Basically you have to find a group of friends. Connections can come from many places. Just talk to a person in each of your classes. Join something, an intramural or club sport, a frat or sorority or whatever. Learn how to handle money. It's the hardest thing to learn when mommy and daddy aren't there anymore.



And learn to like pizza. — **Patrick Reilhan, 19, University of Florida, Gainesville.**

» Enter with a positive attitude and it will be okay. Stay focused; there are a lot of things out there that are so appealing: drugs, alcohol, sex, violence and so on. I

know it sounds corny, but the people who think this is corny are the ones that say this stuff is "OK."



My best advice is that college is supposed to be a place where you find out who you are, what moral things you believe in, and where you fit in society. It's NOT to find out who can tap the keg or smoke reefer.

— **Laura Holtz, 19, University of North Florida, Jacksonville.**

» College is supposed to be one of the funnest and best experiences of your life. Don't get me wrong, you have to do good in your classes. Just take it slow and have the best time you can while still getting your work done. — **Alex Acree, 19, Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville.**

» Living on campus helps a lot. You get to meet new people, have new experiences. The transition was way harder than I anticipated, but taking a Freshmen Interest Group class helped me a lot.

— **Joy Reynolds, 18, University of North Florida, Jacksonville.**

*College freshmen are graduates of Bishop Kenny High School or Wolfson High School in Jacksonville. Their home parishes include Assumption, St. Joseph and San Jose in Jacksonville. Compiled by Joseph Tamargo.*

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# Angry?

## Chill Out!

### What is this feeling anyway?

You are angry. Your heart beats so fast you feel you could explode. Your mind races. And your first reaction is to punch a hole in the wall.

Anger is an intense feeling. It is hot displeasure. Hostility. Exasperation. It strikes most fiercely when things seem out of control. A body expresses anger through clenched fists, tightened stomachs and facial tension.

A psychologist who works with teens says, "Anger is a very normal process. You can't restrict anger; it's a message that something is wrong."

Anger can be triggered by personal hurt, insult, danger, frustration and disappointment. We might get mad because a brother or sister puts us down, because someone calls us names or bullies us, or because our parents don't seem to pay attention.

Injustice can make us angry. We can be upset with the way friends treat someone who is "not part of the group" or who doesn't learn as fast or dress right.

The key to handling anger is knowing why we are feeling what we are feeling — and dealing with it in an appropriate way. Anger itself is not a sin. But while anger may be justified, violence never is.

### How do I "get a grip"?

Keeping your anger bottled up is not an answer — neither is beating up on yourself, others, or your room! What should you do?

**Start with a deep breath.** Count to three and take a deep breath. Relax. Then ask yourself: Why am I angry? What's making me mad? What can I do about it? Slow down and give yourself some time to think. Defuse. Don't let your fury escalate.

**Get physical.** Take a walk, work out, find a healthy outlet for your emotions and energy.

**Let's talk.** Talk problems out with friends, or with someone you trust: a good friend, family member, school counselor, teacher or youth minister. Try not to hash it out with someone who adds fuel to the fire and keeps your anger raging.

Don't be afraid to ask for professional help if you have a serious or ongoing problem coping.

You should not have to put up with verbal or physical abuse either. If you need to confront someone you are angry with, do it, but not while you are upset. Avoid accusations. Keep your language calm and clear.

Standing up for yourself does not mean you should put down someone else.

**Keep an anger journal.** Write down your feelings. This will help you to identify what makes you mad — and help you to resolve repeated conflicts. Or blow off steam by writing a letter to a person who is making you crazy, then rip it up!

**The right recipe.** Sometimes the answer for anger is the right blend of tolerance, respect and forgiveness. You're only human. So are the rest of us. Learn to accept and to forgive yourself and others. Add a bit of humor.

**Turn anger into positive action.** If there is a problem in your school or neighborhood, don't get mad, get moving — build up, don't tear down.

**Pray.** Ask God to work in your heart. Forgiveness, peace and love demand more courage than striking a blow ever could. If you trust God and try your best, you will meet your challenge.

*Source: The Christophers. To learn more see "Getting A Grip: Teens Talk About Anger" at [www.christophers.org](http://www.christophers.org)*

# did u KNOW

Congratulations to Bishop Kenny High School's National Merit finalists: **Chris Duss** of St. Matthew Parish in Jacksonville; and **Emanuel Rolland** of St. Paul Parish in Jacksonville Beach.

Congrats also to **BK's Concert Choral**. They brought home a "superior" rating at district competition in March and in May they sang in the state competition in Gainesville.

**Meg Amos**, 17, of Holy Faith Parish in Gainesville organized a student-faculty basketball game at Buchholz High School. The score was tied, 14-14, but there was a winner. The concession proceeds, \$500, were donated to the March of Dimes — just one of several organizations where you may find Meg volunteering her time and talents.

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Chelle Delaney

From left are: John Whitehouse, David Yazdiya, John McLaughlin, Michael Cascone, Sr., Bishop Snyder, Robert Shircliff and Michael Cascone, Jr. At right, Bishop Snyder's newest hat shows off the logo of the new high school.



## Construction Started On New High School

**T**he Opportunity of a Lifetime Capital Campaign is moving ahead and gaining momentum.

The initial \$30 million goal of the campaign has been surpassed.

As of May 2, \$31,655,491 has been pledged and \$6,149,023 has been paid.

But the campaign continues, aiming to raise \$13,344,509 to meet the Challenge Goal of \$45 million.

Ground has already been broken for the new Bishop John J. Snyder High School, the first Catholic high school to be built in the diocese in almost 50 years and one of the major reasons the people of the diocese have contributed so generously to the Opportunity of a Lifetime Capital Campaign. It will offer a Catholic education to families in Clay, Baker, north and west Duval and surrounding counties.

The campus of the new high school is located off 103rd Street near Chaffee Road in Jacksonville. It will open in August 2002.

The April 29 groundbreaking brought together and recognized many supporters of The Opportunity of a Lifetime: John

McLaughlin and Robert Shircliff, co-chairs of the Opportunity of a Lifetime in Jacksonville; Mary Hughes, Ph.D., chairperson for the Opportunity of a Lifetime in Gainesville; Councilwoman Alberta Hipps, who represents the district in which the school will be built and represented Mayor John Delaney, honorary chairperson of the campaign in the Jacksonville area.

Also present were David Yazdiya, newly appointed principal of the new high school, and Father Michael Houle, principal of

Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville.

Patricia Tierney, superintendent of schools, said, "We are grateful to all of you. Without your support, this could not have happened."

Because of the donations of the Michael Cascone family, she said, a chapel will be built. The fine arts wing will be named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Smith. The gymnasium will be named for the Demetree family. Classrooms will be named in honor of the Acosta-Rua family and in the memory of the late Frances Marlier by her husband Jim Marlier.

Companies working on the new high school include: Howard Davis Associates Architects, PA; Stone Joca & Mahoney Consulting Engineers, Inc.; Auld & White Constructors, Inc.; and Vallencourt Paving.

*David Yazdiya has been named the new principal of the Bishop John J. Snyder High School. He is a graduate of Catholic schools in Jacksonville and is the principal of St. Matthew School. David and his wife, Caroline, are members of St. Matthew Parish in Jacksonville.*



*For information about enrolling in the first freshmen class at Bishop John J. Snyder High School call the diocesan Office of Educational Services at (904) 262-3200, ext. 116, or (800) 755-4659, ext. 116*

## St. Vincent's Celebrates 85th Birthday

In May of this year, St. Vincent's Medical Center of Jacksonville announced that it is planning to buy St. Luke's Hospital from Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, a move that would allow St. Vincent's to respond to the unmet healthcare needs on the southside of Jacksonville. The move is the culmination of many years of service that began 85 years ago.

It was in May of 1916, that four Sisters of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul came to Jacksonville, at the invitation of then Bishop Michael J. Curley, Father Michael Maher, pastor of the city's downtown Immaculate Conception Church, and several local physicians. They had asked the Daughters of Charity to take over one of the city's first hospitals, the 50-bed DeSoto Sanatorium, in Jacksonville's Springfield neighborhood.

The sanatorium became St. Vincent's Hospital. The opening was providential.

Not to long afterward, an influenza epidemic also arrived – and World War I.

In 1919, St. Vincent's opened a School of Nursing. In 1928, St. Vincent's moved. The new 200-bed hospital was in Riverside hugging the west bank of the St. Johns River.

Growth continued. Building the West Wing – after World War II – increased the number of beds to 365. Other growth followed and in 1972 St. Vincent's Hospital became St. Vincent's Medical Center.

In the 90s, St. Vincent's bought Riverside Hospital and built a nursing home, St. Catherine Labouré Manor. Shortly thereafter, both St. Catherine's and St. Vincent's won national quality awards.

This year, St. Vincent's is not only celebrating its "85 years of expertise," it is looking to a future with the purchase of St. Luke's – and its possible expansion – that will bring new meaning to the mission that the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul brought to Jacksonville 85 years ago.



*St. Vincent's had its beginnings in 1916 when the Daughters of Charity came to Jacksonville.*



Chelle Delaney

### Peace In Christ Awards

Students from diocesan schools were awarded, for the first time, "Peace In Christ awards" at a Recognition Liturgy in late March. The award was established in honor of Bishop John J. Snyder and takes its name from his episcopal motto. The award went to the students who exemplify the virtues in the motto, "Peace in Christ."



Kathleen Bagg-Morgan

**Jubilarians Celebrate!** At the Chrism Mass, clergy celebrating 25 and 50 year jubilees were honored by Bishop John J. Snyder.

Celebrating 25 years of priesthood are: Father Giles Brault, retired; Fr. Greg Fay, pastor of Holy Family Parish; Father Terrence Morgan, pastor of the Cathedral-Basilica in St. Augustine; Deacon James Swanson of San Sebastian Parish in St. Augustine; Deacon Charles Karr of Santa

Maria del Mar in Flagler Beach; and Deacon Philippe Fleury of Holy Faith Parish in Gainesville. Celebrating 50 years of ordination are: Msgr. Joe Dawson of Jacksonville; Father Lester T. DeMott, CM, of St. Vincent Medical Center in Jacksonville; Father Joseph McGahren, MM, of Jacksonville; and Bishop Snyder.

*Above (l-r) Deacons Fleury and Karr, Fathers Fay and Morgan, Bishop Snyder and Fr. McGahren.*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Recognitions

Sister Therese Marie Iglesias, of the Franciscan Sisters (TOR) of the Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, recently made her first profession of vows with three others before Bishop Gilbert Sheldon of Steubenville, Ohio, during a Eucharistic celebration. Sister Therese Marie is the daughter of **Bill and Blanche Iglesias**, members of Christ the King Parish in Jacksonville.



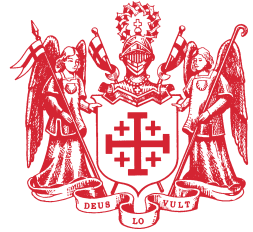
*Sr. Therese Marie*

### Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Promotes Six Men and Women to Higher Ranks

Six men and women from the Diocese of Saint Augustine were promoted in May to various ranks in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Southeastern Lieutenantancy in New Orleans.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is one of the oldest religious orders of chivalry in the world. The Order traces its origins back to the era of the Crusades, when it was organized to guard the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and to protect Christian pilgrims from the attacks of Moslem marauders.

Its mission today is the maintenance of a Catholic presence in the Holy Land. It exercises this apostolate through prayer and financial assistance to churches, seminaries, convents, schools, clinics and orphanages in what are now Israel and Jordan.



Promoted were:

Warren P. Powers to Knight Grand Cross, Michael Cascone Sr. to Knight Commander with Star, Robert Mickler to Knight Commander with Star, and Nancy Powers to Lady Commander. All from Jacksonville.

Stanley M. Christovich of Neptune Beach was promoted to Knight Commander with Star and John J. Cascone of Fernandina Beach was promoted to Knight Commander.



Janina Meyers

### Scouts Receive Religious Awards

Scouting Sunday, March 18, brought 220 Scouts to the Cathedral-Basilica in St. Augustine for presentations of religious awards by Bishop John J. Snyder.

With Bishop Snyder are: Brian Buchanan, assistant Webelos leader, April Buchanan, Girl Scout leader, and their scouting children, Thomas and Elicia. The Buchanans are members of Blessed Trinity Parish in Jacksonville



Special

One foursome at the tourney included (l-r) Jim Corrigan, Bishop John J. Snyder, Pete Strain and Mark McAleese.

### CYO Golf Tourney Nets \$17,000

The CYO Golf Tournament – the yearly fundraiser for Youth and Young Adult Ministries – netted more than \$17,000 at this year's traditional Easter-Monday outing.

The top winners at the tournament, played at the San Jose Country Club Golf Course in Jacksonville, were Lynn Stoner, Dan O'Connor, Jo Namen and David Ray.

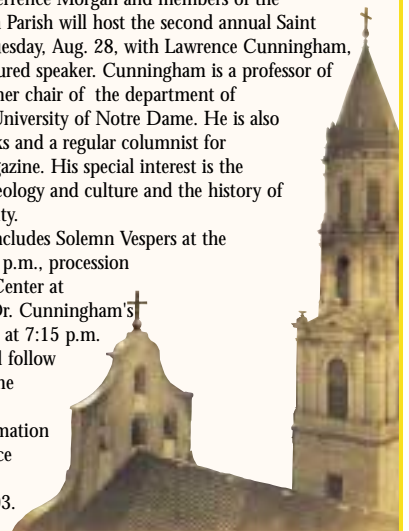
### Cathedral-Basilica To Celebrate Saint Augustine Day

Pastor Father Terrence Morgan and members of the Cathedral-Basilica Parish will host the second annual Saint Augustine Day Tuesday, Aug. 28, with Lawrence Cunningham, Ph.D., as the featured speaker. Cunningham is a professor of theology and former chair of the department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. He is also author of 16 books and a regular columnist for *Commonweal* magazine. His special interest is the relationship of theology and culture and the history of Catholic spirituality.

The schedule includes Solemn Vespers at the Cathedral at 6:30 p.m., procession to Bishop Baker Center at 6:50 p.m., with Dr. Cunningham's address beginning at 7:15 p.m.

A reception will follow and all are welcome to attend.

For more information call Father Terrence Morgan at (904) 824-2806, ext. 303.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Blessings and Sendings: We Will Miss Them



After 25 years of service to the San Jose Parish Community in Jacksonville, **Sister Eithne Lowther, RSM**, will be leaving her position as principal of San Jose School, where she has served for 19 years.

Sister Eithne has been elected assistant provincial of her religious order, The Irish Sisters of Mercy United States Province in California. *Godspeed.*

**Dottie Klein** will step down as community leader of Harbor House this June.

She had left Harbor House before, in 1985, because her husband, Karl, had been transferred. Leaving was difficult for her then, she says, but her four-year absence prepared her for the role of community leader upon her return in 1989.

"This time," she says, "the letting go is peaceful. My 'letting go' is simply stepping down in order to enter a new role as friend to my sisters and brothers in L'Arche." She says she'd like to thank the core members, the assistants, the board members, the friends, the benefactors.

It goes without saying that all of them thank her.



*Dottie Klein and Harbor House Core Member Andy Doyle*

## "Dutch" Scholtz "Retires" ?

**F**rancis N. "Dutch" Scholtz, who brought sacrificial giving to the diocese 16 years ago, is retiring in June as Director of the Stewardship Office.

Jose de Jesus, executive director of The Opportunity of a Lifetime Capital Campaign will be the new diocesan stewardship director.

But don't think that Dutch and his wife, Barbara, are really retiring from stewardship. They will be speakers this summer and fall at an international conference in San Diego and workshops in Hershey, Pa. and Reno, Nev.

Dutch was born in Michigan, served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He met Barbara when they were both at Lawrence College in Wisconsin. Both were music majors.

In 1965, when Dutch was teaching music at St. Joseph Elementary School in Appleton, Wisc., he and Barbara helped introduce tithing into the parish.

Three years later, he served as director of education for the the Diocese of Sioux Falls, S.D. Then in 1974, he served the

Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, as director of education. While there he and Barbara became volunteer presenters, promoting sacrificial giving and stewardship. This activity acquainted them with Msgr.

Joseph Champlin and with him they produced videotapes on sacrificial giving.

Dutch came to the Diocese of St. Augustine in 1986 as director of the Office of Stewardship.

He and Barbara have brought the message of sacrificial giving to about 300 parishes and over 65 dioceses in North America and the Caribbean.

The Scholtzes' children are Gregory and Clare Ann. They credit Gregory with starting them on the path they've been pursuing ever since.

Gregory became a born-again Christian and challenged his parents, says Dutch. "To be able to talk to Greg, we had to read the Bible, because that's mainly what he wanted to talk about."

And today, what Greg wanted to talk about, the Scholtzes are still talking about.



*Barbara and Dutch*



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### May He Rest In Peace

In early spring, the diocese was saddened at the loss of one of its faithful servants. Grover Bruce Tipton of Gainesville died Friday, March 23. He was 64.

Father Tipton had been recently named administrator for Holy Family Parish in Williston.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Bishop John J. Snyder on March 29 at Holy Family Church. Burial was at Memorial Park Central in Gainesville.

Father Tipton was ordained Sept. 14, 1996 at St. Patrick Parish in Gainesville. He had served as an Episcopal priest, ordained on June 18, 1969, and was the first married priest to be ordained for the diocese.

Born in Adrian, Mich., he moved from Savannah, Ga., to Gainesville six years ago. His first assignment was at St. Patrick Parish in Gainesville. He was formerly involved with the Prison Ministry for the Greater Gainesville Area. Father Tipton also served on the board of House of Hope and he was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Secular Franciscans.

Survivors include his wife, Lois E. Tipton of Gainesville; four daughters, Emily Jean Funk of Chatmanville, W.Va., Janis Nadine Smith of Decatur, Ind., Melanie Anne Vieth of Bradenton, and Aimee Lynn Tipton of Gainesville; a son, Matthew Robert Tipton of Stuart; a sister, Wilma Joyce Ruppel of Jackson, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.

## calendar of *events*

### JUNE

#### 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 Soul Rests in the Lord"

*Leader: The Loving Lord*  
Friday, 7:30 p.m.-Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 287-2525

#### 17- Deep Calls to Deep: A Retreat on Contemplative Living

*Leader: Sr. Evelyn Jegen, SC*  
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.-Friday, 11 a.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 287-2525

#### 22- Women's Weekend Retreat

*Authentic Living*  
*Leaders: Sr. Mary Steves, SFCC and Sr. Mary Sferre, SFCC*  
Friday, 7:30 p.m. - Saturday, Vigil Mass, 4 p.m..  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 287-2525

#### 22- Engaged Encounter

*A marriage preparation program*  
Friday, 6 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 308-7474  
online at [www.dclf.org](http://www.dclf.org)

#### 22- Retrouvaille/Rediscover

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

### JULY

#### 13- Mysticism In St. John's Gospel

*Leader: Sr. Elizabeth Hillman, rc*  
Friday, 7:30 p.m.-Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 287-2525

#### 14 Pre-Cana

*A marriage preparation program*  
Saturday, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m.  
St. Vincent's Medical Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 308-7474  
online at [www.dclf.org](http://www.dclf.org)

#### 14 Families With Loved Ones In Prison (FLIP)

*Re-establish, Repair Broken Family Ties*  
Saturday, 5-7 p.m.  
Holy Rosary Catholic Church,  
4920 Brentwood Ave., Jacksonville  
Call D. Stephens (904) 358-7410  
or email [peace@cxp.com](mailto:peace@cxp.com)

#### 16 SPLUNGE

*Inner-City Week of Service for Youth*  
Based at Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Jacksonville  
To register call Linda Knight  
(904) 733-1630

#### 23- Biblical Studies Seminar-2001

*Survey of Biblical Studies:*  
*Leader: Fr. Cletus C. Watson, TOR*  
Monday-Thursday, 7-9 p.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 287-2525

#### 25 Adventure Retreat

*Friendship & Trust, Ocoee, Tenn.,*  
Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.-  
Saturday, 10 p.m.  
Call Trish Kee (904) 641-5838

#### 26 CALIX

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

**30- YouthLeader**  
**3 Five-Day Institute**  
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 To register call Pete Blay at (904) 355-1136

**AUGUST**

**3- Marriage Encounter**  
**5 A marriage enrichment program**  
 Friday, 6 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.  
 Gainesville  
 To register call (904) 308-7474  
 online at [www.dcf.org](http://www.dcf.org)

**3- Icons And Stained Glass:**  
**5 A Spirituality of Light, Color**  
*Leader: Sr. Diane Couture, SSI*  
 Friday, 7:30 p.m.-Sunday, 11 a.m.  
 Marywood Retreat Center, Jacksonville  
 To register call (904) 287-2525

**5- Survival School: "A Vision Of Ministry In The Church Today"**  
**10**  
*Leaders: Survival School Team, Diocese of Phoenix*  
 Sunday, 3 p.m.-Friday, 3:30 p.m.  
 Marywood Retreat Center, Jacksonville  
 To register call (904) 287-2525

**10 Journey To Justice Retreat**  
**12 Living Your Faith in Everyday Life**  
*Sponsored by Office of Justice & Peace*  
 Friday, 7 p.m.-Sunday, Noon  
 Marywood Retreat Center, Jacksonville  
 To register call (904) 287-2525

**10 Engaged Encounter**  
**12 A marriage preparation program**  
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**24- Marriage Encounter**  
**26 A marriage enrichment program**  
 Friday, 6 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.  
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**26- National Catholic Singles Cruise - Western Caribbean**  
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*For recovering alcoholics*  
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# Spiritual Sanity

Robert J. Wicks, Ph.D.

**S**piritual sanity seems rare today and maybe we shouldn't be surprised at this state of affairs. After all, it was back in the fourth century when Abba Anthony, the father of the desert movement, said: "The time is coming when people will be insane and when they see someone who is not insane, they will attack that person saying: 'You are insane because you are not like us.'"

Spiritual sanity today requires that we ask direct questions of ourselves about our life and values. Such questioning allows us to embrace the words of sacred scripture and the tenets of our faith, so when we are called to offer a perspective on life to others we are not lost, nor do we become enmeshed in a secular framework similar to theirs.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, a favorite spiritual writer of mine, once wrote: "We teach children how to measure, how to weigh; we fail to teach them how to revere, how to sense wonder and awe. The sense of the sublime, the sign of moral greatness of the human soul and something which is potentially given to [everyone] is now a rare gift."

Why is this so? Maybe it is so because we fail to prepare our children for their spiritual adult years in the correct way. We do not set the stage for our children to become spiritually sane wisdom figures later on in life. Maybe we fail to see the path of holiness ourselves and therefore feel inadequate to help them at an early age to seek it. And so, we need to break through the routines of secularism with the real meaning of life so that this becomes more possible.

My wife was, at one time, a religion teacher for primary grades. During this time she told me there was a time-honored tradition in her school. It was this: Students from kindergarten and the first grade would, on occasion, with their teachers' encouragement go into another class and interrupt the lessons in progress. They did this for a very special purpose that they boldly announced through the use of a sign atop a stick which one of the group held. The sign said: Poetry Break.

Once they entered the room, they stood in front of the class and

waited for silence. After all was quiet, together they recited a piece of poetry, thanked the class for their attention, and left. Would that we could have some of these poetry breaks in our businesses, at faculty meetings in universities such as mine, or even in some of our churches at times to remind all of us of what is truly important and valued in life!

Spiritual sanity requires us to question the voices that are guiding our lives. It asks us to determine what inner and world values are



leading us to believe, think, feel, and act the way we do. If we are to do this, we need a strong interior life fed by poetry, art, good music, prayer, reflection, a sense of justice, and an appreciation for the value of deep compassion. No longer must these elements of life be seen as extras or interruptions to the real, practical and important parts of the way we live. For if we cannot see the importance of these elements, we will continue to postpone the spiritual - and the peaceful sanity that comes with having

a strong inner life.

If this is a serious problem for us as adults, it certainly is even worse for our children. Once again, in the words of Rabbi Heschel: "The problem of our youth is not youth. The problem is the spirit of our age; denial of transcendence, the vapidness of values, emptiness in the heart, the decreased sensitivity to the imponderable quality of the spirit...The central problem is that we do not know how to think, how to pray, how to cry, how to resist the deceptions of too many persuaders." Amen.

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