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Catholic/Lutheran Pastoral Covenant pledges to work toward greater unity

On Sunday, May 3, 2009, at the Church of St. Mary in Sleepy Eye, MN, Bishop Jon Anderson of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and Bishop John LeVoir of the Catholic Diocese of New Ulm, signed a Pastoral Covenant during a 4:00 p.m. ecumenical prayer service.

This covenant not only cites areas of common belief between the Lutheran and Catholic Church, but also a pledge to work toward greater unity. According to Fr. Paul Timmerman, Director of Ecumenism and Inter-

religious Affairs for the Diocese of New Ulm, "The Covenant also focuses on evangelization and helping the faithful grow in their faith lives."

The Pastoral Covenant reads as follows:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that it is the will of the Lord Jesus Christ that we "all may be one" (*John 17:21*).

We also believe the words of Paul to the early Church: "Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness, and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds

you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all, and with all" (*Ephesians 4:2-6*).

Believing in the will of the Lord Jesus Christ that we "all may be one," recognizing our common baptism in the name of the Trinity, and being encouraged by our common witness in worship and service as our people come together in faith, we, Bishop Jon V. Anderson and Bishop John M. LeVoir, in the name of our members of our respective local communions solemnly enter into this covenant.

WE AFFIRM:
That the Triune God, Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit, whom we worship and praise, is the source of the baptismal unity we share and seek to manifest in our common life.

That Christ Jesus, "the first born of the dead" and the living center of our faith, is Redeemer and Savior of the world (*Colossians 1:18*).

That our common prayer is the prayer of Christ Jesus for the unity of the Church called by the Holy Spirit from the tapestry of peoples, tongues, and cultures.

That the life we share is a result of our common baptism into Christ's death and resurrection: "That as Christ was raised from the dead, we too might walk in newness of life" (*Romans 6:4*).

That led by the Holy Spirit, we acknowledge the Scriptures as authoritative for our faith and life in this world.

That we celebrate both "the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic" Church as the mystery of the presence of God in the world and the richness of the elements of sanctification and truth in the Roman Catholic and Lutheran traditions.

That the life of grace is nourished by the Word of God we receive through the Scripture, sacraments, and action of the Holy Spirit.

Our common mission to witness: to bear witness in word and deed to

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politics, as well as the popes, martyrs, and saints.

Cost for the day is \$12 per person which includes lunch. To register call (507) 233-5325 or email: cblickem@dnu.org. Information can also be found on the New Ulm Diocesan Web site, www.dnu.org.

Registration deadline is September 18, 2009.

About the Epic presenter



Steve Weidenkopf is a lecturer of Church history at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College, Alexandria, VA. He is author of study guides on Pope Paul VI's encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, and Vatican II's, *Lumen Gentium*.

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“Peace”



Bishop John M. LeVoir

On Friday, May 8, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI left Rome and flew on the papal plane to the Jordanian capital city of Amman. During his flight, he granted a brief interview to the journalists accompanying him.

The first question that a reporter asked the Holy Father was about the fragile peace that exists in the Middle East. The question was: “Do you think that you can contribute to the peace process that currently seems to be running around?”

Pope Benedict answered: “Certainly I intend to contribute to peace, not as an individual, but in the name of the Catholic Church, of the Holy See. We are not a political power, but rather a spiritual force, and this spiritual force is a reality that can contribute to the progress of the peace process.”

In his answer, the Pope makes the distinction between an organization that is a political power and one that is a spiritual force. This is a crucial distinction. With regard to the Church, many people confuse the two and this contributes to a

misunderstanding of the nature of the Church and the contribution she makes to culture in general, and to the peace process in particular.

The Church is a spiritual force. This means that with regard to the politics of the Middle East, the Church does not take sides with either the Palestinians or the Israelis. The Church is not involved in “spinning” the news to favor the political ends of one side or the other. Rather, the Church applies the teaching of Christ and the Gospel to the complex issues, such as peace, that are debated on the world stage.

Concerning the contribution that the Church, as a spiritual force, can make to the peace process in the Middle East, the Pope went on to say to the reporters: “I see [a contribution to be made on] three levels. As believers, we are convinced that prayer is a real power. It opens the world to God. We are convinced that God listens and that He can act in history. I think that if millions of people - of believers - pray, this really is an influential power that can contribute to the advancement of peace.”

The Holy Father is saying that the Church takes prayer seriously. That it is a real power for peace. It is not an imaginary power. Not many of the world’s political leaders would take prayer as seriously as does the Church and promote it as a powerful means for peace. Yet, the Holy Father does so because he speaks as the leader of a spiritual force, the Church. Prayer has real power because it opens hearts to God, Who is the world’s peace.

The second contribution that the Church, as a spiritual force, can make to the peace process in the Middle East is with regard to the formation of consciences. Pope Benedict said: “Secondly, we try to help in the formation of consciences. The conscience is the capacity of mankind to perceive the truth, but particular interests often block this capacity, and it is difficult to free ourselves from these interests, to open up to truth and to real values. One of the Church’s duties is to help us recognize true criteria, true values, and free ourselves from particular interests.”

In the political sphere, nations often oppose themselves to one another based on the ideologies that they hold and the particular interests that they have. By doing so, nations are sometimes blinded to reality and the larger picture. When a nation wants its side to be right, this blinds it to what is wrong about some of its positions and what is right about the positions of the other nation. This kind of thinking is a sure path to conflict.

Consequently, the Church’s mission is to bring the truth to the peace process. For example, the Church proclaims the truth about the dignity, rights, and responsibilities of each person, no matter what their nationality. The Church invites world leaders to form their consciences based on this truth. When both sides have consciences formed by the truth and seek to find common ground based on the truth in their discussions, then the blindness engendered by partisan interests

disappears and these discussions can lead to peace.

In addition to prayer for peace and the formation of consciences in the truth, the Church contributes to the peace process in a third way. The Pope concluded: “As for the third point, let us draw reason in as well . . . precisely because we are not a political institution it is perhaps easier for us, also in the light of faith, to see the true criteria, to help people understand what contributes to peace, to speak to reason, to support truly reasonable positions. This we have already done, and we want to do so now and in the future.”

In other words, disputing sides should ask themselves whether or not it is reasonable to make war, to kill, to stir up violence, and to spread terror. Is it reasonable and sensible for human persons to live this way? Does this make sense? The Pope is asking disputing parties to use their God given gift of reason in the peace process to arrive at reasonable positions.

It is within us, on the interior, that God speaks words of peace. Therefore, the Holy Father directs his answer to the journalist’s question to the minds and hearts of his listeners. He is really asking them to search their souls in making significant decisions such as those involving peace. He is proposing prayer from the heart, conscience formation according to the truth, and reason. This is a masterful contribution to the peace process by the Holy Father in the name of the Church.

Bishop’s Summer Calendar

June 2009

- 1 New Ulm: 1:00 p.m. Catholic Pastoral Center. Vocations Team Meeting.
- 3-4 Buffalo: 11:00 a.m. Christ the King Retreat Center. Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Board Meeting and Bishops’ Gathering.
- 5 Bloomington: 6:00 p.m. Hilton Minneapolis/Bloomington Hotel. Order of the Holy Sepulchre Bishops’ Dinner.

- 7 New Ulm: 9:30 a.m. Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Mass.
- 8 East Bethel: 10:00 a.m. Viking Meadows Golf Club. Knights of Columbus Golf Outing.
- Stillwater: 6:30 p.m. Church of St. Michael. St. Croix Catholic School Eighth Grade Graduation.
- 9-10 St. Louis, MO: Installation of Archbishop Robert J. Carlson.

- 14 Darwin: 10:30 a.m. Church of St. John. Farewell Mass for Fr. Patrick L. Casey.
- 15 Hutchinson: 6:30 p.m. American Legion. 50th Anniversary Banquet for the Knights of Columbus Council 4797.
- 16-19 San Antonio, TX: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) General Assembly.

- 23 Sleepy Eye: 11:00 a.m. Schoenstatt on the Lake. Mass for Schoenstatt Girls’ Hispanic Youth Summer Camp.
- Sleepy Eye: 1:30 p.m. St. Mary’s School. Meeting with School Leaders.
- 25-28 St. Paul: University of St. Thomas. National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM) Conference – “Becoming a Marriage Building Church.”

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Priest anniversaries

Rev. Stephen J. Adrian is a native of St. Paul, MN. Two of his three sisters became nuns, Sister Lois Adrian, taught in Catholic schools for 62 years in Mankato, MN. One brother became a deacon.

Fr. Adrian attended Nazareth Hall, St. Paul Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1939, for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul by Archbishop John Gregory Murray. He is the last surviving member of the twelve priests ordained that year. Following ordination, Fr. Adrian earned a degree from the University of Minnesota and began teaching. From 1942 to 1945 he was a Navy Chaplain in the South Pacific, New Guinea, and the Philippines. In 1946, Fr. Adrian was appointed Dean of Seminarians at Nazareth Hall.

In the archdiocese, he served in the parish communities of St. Mathias, Hampton; St. Mary of the Purification, Marystown; St. Mary,

Bird Island; and St. Mary, Sleepy Eye. On November 18, 1957, he entered the Diocese of New Ulm where he continued to serve at the Church of St. Mary, Sleepy Eye, before serving at the Church of St. Peter, St. Peter.

On April 15, 1978, he retired from active ministry, however, assisted in the Diocese of Superior, WI. Since 1985, he has resided in Sun Lakes, AZ, where he assists at the Church of St. Anne in Gilbert and the Mission in Queen Creek, AZ.

Fr. Adrian is known to have been a great influence on the erection of the present Divine Providence Community Home in Sleepy Eye.

Pastor of the Church of St. Mary at the time, Father worked closely with the mayor, Norbert Petrus, along with Dr. Goblirsch, to invite the Daughters of St. Mary Providence to staff the nursing home. The Sisters came to Sleepy Eye in 1960 and will celebrate 50 years of ministry at Divine Providence in 2010.

Rev. Michael M. Doyle, a native of New Prague, MN, attended Crosier Seminary Junior College, Onamia, MN;

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, MN; St. John Seminary, Collegetown, MN; Clinical Pastoral Education, St. Mary Hospital, Rochester; and Scripture Study in Jerusalem, Israel.

He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1989, at Hilltop Elementary School in Henderson, MN, by Bishop Raymond A. Lucker for the Diocese of New Ulm. Following ordination he served in the parish communities of Holy Redeemer, Marshall; St. Dionysius, Tyler; St. Genevieve, Lake Benton; and St. John, Appleton, where he also served as chaplain at the Prairie Correctional Facility. Fr. Doyle currently serves as pastor at St. Catherine, Redwood Falls, and sacramental minister at St. John, Morton.

Official appointments announced

Pastoral Leaders

Effective July 1, 2009



Rev. John C. Ekwoanya appointed parochial vicar of the Church of St. Mary, New Ulm.

Rev. Keith R. Salisbury appointed pastor of the Church of St. Joseph, Henderson and the Church of St. John- Assumption, Faxon Township.

Mr. Michael P. McNeil appointed pastoral administrator of the Church of St. Gertrude, Forest City.

Sr. Jodelle Zimmerman, OSB, appointed pastoral administrator of the Church of St. John, Morton.



Rev. John A. Pearson appointed sacramental minister at the Church of St. Gertrude, Forest City, in addition to pastor of the Church of St. John, Darwin.

Rev. Michael M. Doyle appointed sacramental minister of the Church of St. John, Morton, in addition to pastor of the Church of St. Catherine, Redwood Falls.

Diocesan Staff
Effective July 1, 2009

Mr. Dan Rossini has been hired as Coordinator of Staff for the Diocese of New Ulm. He replaces Mark Kemmeter, who began serving the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as Coordinator of Parish Mission last November. Rossini comes from the Diocese of La Crosse, WI, where he served as editor of the

diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Times*. In this position, he led a staff of seven in the biweekly publication of the paper, and was responsible for overseeing its circulation, advertising, production, and financial operations. He also served on the diocese's technology committee and pastoral planning communications subcommittee.

Rossini has a master's degree in philosophy from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, where he concentrated on the thought of Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas. While studying there, he also served as editor of the *Review of Metaphysics*, an international journal of philosophy.

A native of Eagan, MN, Dan and his wife Connie, who is a homemaker, have three young boys. His mother, the former Mary Jo Altman, is a native of New Ulm and grew up as a parishioner of St. Mary Church.

New leaders elected to SSND Provincial Council - Mankato



Mankato, MN - The Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (Mankato Province), elected a new Provincial Council on February 16, 2009. (Front row l-r) Sr. Helen Jane Jaeb, Provincial Councilor; Sr. Marjorie Klein, Provincial Leader; (back row) Sr. Janet Mallak, Provincial Councilor; Sr. Monica Wagner, Provincial Councilor/Vicar. Three of the four new council members have ties to the Diocese of New Ulm. Sister

Marjorie was born in Willmar and baptized at St. Patrick, Kandiyohi. Sister Monica currently serves as pastoral associate at Holy Rosary, North Mankato, and is a native of New Market, MN. Sister Janet is a native of St. Adalbert, Silver Lake, and Sister Helen Jane is originally from St. Michael, MN. The Sisters will begin their term as the Mankato SSND Provincial Council on June 14, 2009.



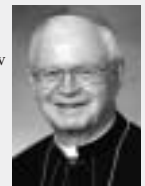
Zimmerman to observe 25th jubilee

Sr. Jodelle Zimmerman, OSB, will celebrate her 25th jubilee of monastic profession on August 1, 2009, at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton, SD. Sister Jodelle is currently serving the Church of St. John, Morton, as a pastoral administrator intern and effective July 1, 2009, has been appointed pastoral administrator. (See *Official Appointments on this page*.)

A native of Westphalia, IA, she earned a Bachelor degree in biology at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS. Sacred Heart Monastery in 1982. Her ministry has been in education and pastoral care in Nebraska and South Dakota prior to her current ministry in Morton.

Pope accepts resignation of Winona bishop, coadjutor succeeds

Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Bishop Bernard J. Harrington, 75, from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Winona, Minnesota, and has appointed as his successor Bishop John M. Quinn, 63, up until now Coadjutor Bishop of Winona. The appointment was announced in Washington, May 7, 2009, by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.



Bishop Quinn, a native of Detroit, was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit, March 17, 1972. He was named a monsignor in 1989, and an Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, July 7, 2003. Last October he was named Coadjutor Bishop of Winona. Bishop Harrington, a native of Detroit, was named an Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit in 1993, and Bishop of Winona, November 5, 1998.



No Tengas Miedo

La Paz

por Obispo John M. LeVoir

El viernes 8 de mayo de 2009, el Papa Benedict XVI dejó Roma y voló en el avión papal a la capital jordana de Amman. Durante su vuelo, les concedió una breve entrevista a los periodistas que lo acompañaban.

La primera pregunta que un reportero le hizo al Santo Padre se refería a la frágil paz que existe en el Medio Oriente. La pregunta fue: "¿Cree usted que puede contribuir al proceso de paz que en la actualidad parece estar encallado?"

El Papa Benedicto respondió: "Ciertamente, tengo la intención de contribuir a la paz, no como un individuo, sino en nombre de la Iglesia Católica, de la Santa Sede. No somos un poder político, sino más bien una fuerza espiritual, y esta fuerza espiritual es una realidad que puede contribuir al avance del proceso de paz".

En su respuesta, el Papa hace la distinción entre una organización que es un poder político y otra que es una fuerza espiritual. Esta es una distinción crucial. Con respecto a la Iglesia, muchas personas confunden los dos, y esto contribuye a una interpretación errónea de la naturaleza de la Iglesia y de la contribución que hace a la cultura en general, y al proceso de paz en particular.

La Iglesia es una fuerza espiritual. Esto significa que con respecto a la política del Medio Oriente, la Iglesia no va a tomar partido ni por los palestinos ni por los israelíes. La Iglesia no interviene en la "manipulación" mediática a favor de los fines políticos de un lado o del otro. Por el contrario, la Iglesia aplica la doctrina de Cristo y el Evangelio a las cuestiones complejas, como la paz, que se debaten en el escenario mundial.

En cuanto a la contribución que la Iglesia, como una fuerza espiritual, puede hacer al proceso de paz en el Medio Oriente, el Papa dijo a los reporteros: "Veo [una contribución que se realiza en] tres niveles. Como creyentes, estamos convencidos de que la oración es un poder real. Abre el mundo a Dios. Estamos convencidos de que Dios escucha y que él puede actuar en la historia. Creo que si millones de personas - de los creyentes - oran, esto sería realmente de un poder de influencia que puede contribuir al progreso de la paz".

La segunda contribución que la Iglesia, como una fuerza espiritual, puede hacer al proceso de paz en el Medio Oriente es en lo que respecta a la formación de las conciencias. Papa Benedicto dijo: "En segundo lugar, tratamos de ayudar en la formación de las conciencias. La conciencia es la capacidad de la humanidad de percibir la verdad, pero los intereses particulares a menudo bloquean esta capacidad, y es difícil para liberarnos de estos intereses, para abrimos a la verdad y los valores reales. Una de las funciones de la Iglesia es ayudar a reconocer criterios reales, valores reales, y liberarnos de los intereses particulares".

En consecuencia, la misión de la Iglesia es llevar la verdad al proceso de paz. Por ejemplo, la Iglesia proclama la verdad sobre la dignidad, derechos y responsabilidades de cada persona, independientemente de su nacionalidad. La Iglesia invita a los líderes del mundo para formar sus conciencias sobre la base de esta verdad. Cuando ambas partes tienen conciencia formada por la verdad y tratan de encontrar un terreno común sobre la base de la verdad en sus debates, entonces la ceguera generada por intereses partidistas desaparece y estos debates pueden conducir a la paz.

Además de la oración por la paz y la formación de las conciencias en la verdad, la Iglesia contribuye al proceso de paz en una tercera vía. El Papa concluyó: "En cuanto al tercer punto, déjenos plantear a la razón también... precisamente porque no somos una institución política es quizás más fácil para nosotros, también a la luz de la fe, ver los verdaderos criterios, ayudar al pueblo entender lo que contribuye a la paz, hablar a la razón, apoyar las posiciones verdaderamente razonables. Esto ya lo hemos hecho, y queremos que se haga ahora y en el futuro".

Es dentro de nosotros, en el interior, que Dios habla palabras de paz. Por lo tanto, el Santo Padre dirige su respuesta a la pregunta del periodista a las mentes y los corazones de sus oyentes. El realmente les está pidiendo que busquen su alma en la toma de decisiones importantes como las relacionadas con la paz. El está proponiendo la oración del corazón, la formación de conciencia de acuerdo con la verdad, y la razón. Esta es una magistral contribución al proceso de paz por el Santo Padre en el nombre de la Iglesia.

Migrant workers; a harsh life but an economic necessity



Fr. Jeff Horejsi, pastor of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer, blesses a migrant worker family and their vehicle before the long journey back to Texas at the end of the migrant season.

by Sr. Anna Marie Reha, SSND
Hispanic Ministry, diocesan director

Since the early 1900's, migrant workers, persons that travel from one place to another following the local need for seasonal labor in fields, orchards, and canning factories, have been coming to Minnesota. The majority of migrant workers first came to Minnesota in order to work in the sugar beet industry in the Upper Red River Valley. Today, in south-central Minnesota, migrant farmworkers also work in seasonal canning and vegetable processing companies. Migrant farmworkers provide work that is critical to the success of Minnesota's agricultural industry. These workers are at times actively recruited by Minnesota companies and their crew leaders to work in farm fields and the food processing factories. Most migrant farmworkers in Minnesota are U.S.

citizens that have a "home base" in south Texas, are legal permanent residents, or are Mexican citizens with permission to work in this country.

Many workers and their families return to Minnesota annually and work with the same companies and farm owners. Their journey begins as early as April to work rock-picking in the fields and then they continue hoeing and weeding and/or detasseling with local farmers. Others come to the canning companies to work only during the pea and corn season. By the end of October, migrant workers head back home after a long and exhausting season of work.

Migrant workers come to Minnesota due to several factors. One major pull factor is the regional need for temporary laborers. Some

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July 2009

6 Sleepy Eye: 11:00 a.m. Schoenstatt on the Lake. Mass for Schoenstatt Girls' Youth Summer Camp.

21 New Ulm: 6:00 p.m. Way of the Cross. Stations and Mass.

27 Manannah: 12:00 p.m. Church of Our Lady. Retired Priests' Gathering.

August 2009

2 Silver Lake: 9:30 a.m. Church of the Holy Family. School Reunion.

2-6 Duluth: Meeting of the International Federation of Priests.

7 Sleepy Eye: 10:00 a.m. Schoenstatt on the Lake. Discernment Retreat.

10 Buffalo Lake: 11:00 a.m. Oakdale Country Club. Diocesan Priest Golf Outing.

12 Willmar: 6:00 p.m. Church of St. Mary. Catholic Aid Association Fraternal Night Out.

15 New Ulm: 9:00 a.m. Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Mass for the Assumption.

18 Sleepy Eye: 12:30 p.m. Church of St. Mary. New Ulm Diocesan Council of

Catholic Women (NUCCW) Board Meeting.

20 Minneapolis: 6:00 p.m. DeLaSalle Hall of Fame Award Banquet.

22 Buffalo: 9:00 a.m. Christ the King Retreat Center. Deacon Retreat.

Hutchinson: 4:30 p.m. Church of St. Anastasia. 125th Anniversary Mass.

23 Lamberton: 10:30 a.m. Church of St. Joseph. Parish Festival Mass.

24 New Ulm: 8:30 a.m. New Ulm Area Catholic Schools. Teacher Inservice.



Winthrop native to be ordained Jesuit priest



Last October, Ben Osborne was ordained, along with six other Jesuits, to the diaconate at Boston College by the Most Reverend Pietro Sambì, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. Pictured are: (back row, l-r) Ben Osborne, SJ, the Most Reverend Pietro Sambì, STD, JCD, Roger Osborne (Ben's father); (front row) Dorothy Osborne (grandmother), Abby Osborne (sister), and Mary Rosenau (aunt). Osborne will be ordained of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in June.

Rev. Mr. R. Benjamin (Ben) Osborne, SJ, son of Roger and Pam Osborne of Winthrop, and the late Wanda Osborne, will be ordained a priest of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) on June 12, 2009, at Gesu Church, Milwaukee, WI. The Most Rev. Richard Sklba will preside.

Osborne will celebrate his first Mass in the Three Holy Companions Chapel at Marquette University High School, Milwaukee, on Saturday, June 13.

Returning to Minnesota the next weekend, Osborne will preside at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church, Winthrop, on Sunday, June 21.

Osborne graduated from GFW (Gibbon, Fairfax, Winthrop) High School in 1993. He attended Marquette University in Milwaukee where he received a Bachelor of Arts in history, the history of philosophy, and theology.

After entering the Jesuit Novitiate in St. Paul in 1997, Osborne pronounced perpetual vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience in August 1999. His formation continued at Creighton University in Omaha, NE; Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO, where he received a Master of Arts in American History; teaching theology at Creighton Preparatory School in Omaha; and attending

both Weston Jesuit School of Theology and Boston College in Boston, MA.

Last October, Osborne was ordained, along with six other Jesuits, to the diaconate at Boston College by the Most Reverend Pietro Sambì, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. Following his priestly ordination, Osborne will spend one more year at Boston College completing a Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

Manderfeld honored for 74 years of music ministry



(L-r) Mary Pauluk, Rev. Dennis Labat, and Bishop John LeVoir congratulate Bernice Manderfeld for 40 years of music ministry to St. John Lutheran Home in Springfield. For 74 years, she served the Church of St. Raphael in Springfield as organist and many years as choir director.

Editor's note: Bernice Manderfeld passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2009, shortly before The Prairie Catholic went to press. May she rest in peace.

At the age of 97, Bernice C. Manderfeld was recently recognized for her forty plus years of service to the residents of St. John Lutheran Home, Springfield, MN.

Manderfeld was honored following Mass in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd on Wednesday, April 1, celebrated by Bishop John LeVoir and concelebrated by Fr. Dennis Labat, pastor of St. Raphael, Springfield.

Mary Pauluk, chaplain at St. John Lutheran Home, served as lector. Manderfeld played prelude music and the gathering song *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*. Lori and Brett Mathiowetz provided all the other service music.

Following the Mass, Bishop LeVoir thanked Bernice for her faithfulness, dedication, and ministry to the Catholic residents of St. John Lutheran Home for over 40 years. Manderfeld was presented with an engraved silver jewelry/music box fashioned in the style of a grand piano with an inscription of gratitude.

Manderfeld admitted that she originally volunteered to play music at St. John's because they didn't have anybody to play at Mass. "I knew they should have music. The people liked my music and I loved to play," she said. She would come early and play a wide variety of songs before Mass and encourage everyone to sing.

Manderfeld was the parish organist for 74 years at St. Raphael, Springfield. She also served many years as choir director.

Bishop's Service Award presented to six Light of the World Area Faith Community members



Bishop John LeVoir recently presented the "Bishop's Medal for Service" to six members of the *Light of the World* Area Faith Community for their dedicated service within their parish. Pictured are: (front row-l-r) Bob and Janet Rohlik (St. Mary, Seaforth), Lorena Jenniges (St. Mathias, Wanda), and Audrey Prokosch (St. Anne, Wabasso); (back row) Annette and Mike Rohlik (Our Lady of Victory, Lucan) and Bishop LeVoir.

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Post-abortion counseling and reconciliation discussion of recent Catholic Charities workshop

by Tom Keaveny and
Lois Byrne, PBVM

Vicki Thorn, internationally recognized resource on post-abortion healing and founder of Project Rachel, a healing ministry of the Catholic Church for those who have been involved in abortion, shared a powerful and compelling message during a Catholic Charities sponsored workshop entitled "Hope and Healing." The workshop, which covered post-abortion counseling and reconciliation, was held at the Church of St. Mary, Willmar, on Friday, May 8.

Conference attendees included pastoral leaders, diocesan staff, and Catholic Charities counselors from the Diocese of New Ulm, as well as counselors and staff from mental health centers, county human service agencies, sexual assault/domestic violence advocates, and representatives of pregnancy counseling resources from central Minnesota.

At the core of Thorn's message was Section 99 of Pope John Paul's 1995 encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), in which the Holy Father says, "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a



Last month in Willmar, Catholic Charities of the diocese hosted a day-long workshop covering post-abortion counseling and reconciliation. The presenter was internationally recognized resource on post-abortion and healing, Vicki Thorn.

photo by Christine Clancy

result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life."

Thorn further detailed Pope Benedict's recent letter emphasizing the need for forgiveness for all that are involved with abortion and its aftermath. Included in this circle of affected persons are not only the unborn child and his/her parents, but also: grandparents, relatives and friends, health care providers and staff involved with the abortion procedure (and referral), and members of the communities and faith life of the people whose lives an abortion has touched.

Abortion is a death and in this context all of the primary elements of grief (anger, denial, bargaining, forgiveness, acceptance, etc.) can come to the surface. With forgiveness as the centerpiece of this healing mission of the Church, it is imperative that pastoral staff, religious education staff and teachers and counseling personnel are trained and prepared to offer compassionate and informed physical, emotional, and spiritual counseling and healing to anyone affected (and at whatever point in time they may be coming forth to address this issue in their life journey).

Major components of Thorn's presentation included: Protocols for dealing with newly aborted women; manifestations of abortion's aftermath in women; the impact of abortion on others; and treatment suggestions for various persons and populations (teens, young adults, people in mid-life, and the elderly). Her theme, "Understanding the Truth Will Set Us Free," clearly identified what to do (and not to do) in response to abortion and in our efforts to stop abortions now and in the future. Thorn encouraged the Diocese of New Ulm to commit to the following course of action:

- Establish a Project Rachel resource within the structure of the diocese.
- Clearly identify methods to reach a network of support and utilize the resources and training established.
- Emphasize that someone is available and responsible to respond to any request for help in a confidential and non-judgmental manner and setting.

If you or anyone you know wish to speak in confidence about an abortion issue, or would like further information about Project Rachel, contact Lois Byrne, PBVM, c/o Catholic Charities of the Diocese of New Ulm, 1-866-670-5163; email: willouis@dnu.org.

Catholic Charities Counseling Services is offered in four regions in the diocese: Hutchinson, Marshall, New Ulm, and Willmar.

You CAN make a difference

by Wayne Pelzel
Development, diocesan director

There are so many easy, inexpensive, and well-established ways that you can give or leave gifts to your favorite parish, school, or the diocese. The gift you give could be set up to be given now or provisions could be made in your will to do the gifting at your death. Charitable gift annuities allow you to make provisions for the gift, but still benefit from the interest from the funds during your life time. Almost all gifting options provide you with notable tax savings which often go a long way toward offsetting the actual gift amount you give to the charity. Most significantly, these charitable gifts do a tremendous amount of good and make a major difference in the world.

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, a visit with a Gift Planner could be very helpful to you. A phone call or note to the Development Office at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (507) 359-2966 will get you assistance in lining up a free and confidential meeting with a Catholic Community Foundation Gift Planner. The Gift Planners are not sales people and do not work on a commission. They are simply available to assist people who have a charitable intent. The Gift Planner will help you sort through the

SHOULD I MAKE THE COMMITMENT? ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Is there a favorite cause that you would really like to help?
2. Do you simply wish that some of your accumulated investments could make a real difference?
3. Have you planned to leave the bulk of your estate to your children, but they are now established and don't really need the help any more?
4. Is there no real close family that you would like to leave a portion of your estate to?
5. Would you like to see ways that you could save taxes as you make a charitable gift?
6. Are you curious about the various options open to you to make a charitable gift?

questions you have and provide you with sound tax advice. They will advise you of different products that are available to help you make the most of your charitable gift and help you contact an attorney if one is needed.

As with doing a will, gift planning is best done now. This planning is not something you want to put off. The time to have the ability to control and plan where your assets will go and who will benefit from them is today. Give the Gift Planner a call.

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workers are attracted to the work offered by farmers because it not only provides work for the entire family, but also offers enough additional income just to survive throughout the year. Others are second or third generation migrant workers that have followed the steps of their parents and grandparents. Migrant workers who come to the United States only do so out of economic necessity because in reality, this way of life is very difficult. The school year is disrupted for children, low rent housing conditions are limited and are often inadequate, and the labor can be backbreaking under harsh conditions.

A Catholic response
The Diocese of New Ulm has responded to the pastoral needs of farmworkers over the past decades. The Church of St. Clara in Clara City, MN, continues to be a migrant ministry site with an extra Sunday liturgy added during the months of June and July. Also, extra Sunday Masses are offered on site at the Seneca Cooperation in Glencoe during the months of August and September in order to accommodate those who do shift work and cannot attend the late mid morning parish Mass. Mass schedules are listed on the diocesan Web site at www.dnu.org.

Summer camps - a fun way to deepen your faith

by Sr. Margaret McHugh
Youth Ministry, diocesan director

Looking for something to do this summer? Want to meet new friends and have fun? Think you'd like to grow deeper in your faith? Why not do all four and check out a summer camp! We still have a few openings for the diocesan summer camps and a few camps right in Minnesota offer some great faith and friend building opportunities.

Upcoming Summer Camps

Sword of the Spirit, a Diocesan Young Men's Discipleship Camp, June 18-19, 2009, held at the Center for Youth Ministry in Renville (junior and senior high). Registration and permission form can be down-loaded from www.dnu.org/word/youth.html.

Outrageous Love, a Diocesan Young Women's Discipleship Camp, June 11-12, 2009, held at the Center for Youth Ministry in Renville (junior and senior high). Registration and permission form can be downloaded from www.dnu.org/word/youth.html.

Catholic Youth Camp held in McGregor, MN (all ages). www.cycamp.org

Consecrated Life Vocation Camp sponsored by Diocese of Duluth, June 28- July 1, 2009 (ages 11-16) \$125 held at Camp Vanasek in Baxter, MN. Call (218) 568-8226 or (218) 724-9111 to register.

Priesthood Vocation Camp sponsored by Diocese of Duluth, June 25-27, 2009 (ages 12-16) Cost: \$90. Held at Camp Vanasek in Baxter, MN. Call (218) 569-8226 or (218) 724-9111 to register.

Discipleship Week, sponsored by NET Ministries (ages 13-18) www.netusa.org.

- Crookston: June 8-11
- Duluth: June 16-19
- St. Paul: June 15-18
- Victoria, TX: June 22-25
- Redlands, CA: June 22-25

DEP: Discipleship and Evangelization Program sponsored by NET Ministries June 20-28, 2009, at NET Ministries, 110 Crusader Avenue W, West St. Paul, MN 55118 (geared for juniors in high school to young adults in their mid-twenties). For more information or to apply, contact Susan Spiegelberg at susan@netusa.org or (651) 450-6833 ext. 31.



Third grade visitors

Marshall, MN - The 3rd grade class of Holy Redeemer School in Marshall, has spent the school year showing service to the residents of Morningside Heights Nursing Home. The students have visited many times to pray the rosary with the residents. In April, they also went to visit and play games.

St. Peter School in Canby makes 20!

Bishop completes scheduled visits to all schools in diocese



Last month, Bishop LeVoir reached another goal of his since becoming a bishop - to make a visit to all the Catholic schools in the diocese! On May 20th, he did just that when he traveled to St. Peter's School in Canby to meet the students and teachers and celebrate an afternoon Mass. St. Peter's School educates grades K-6; Sandra Kollar is the principal. Pastor of St. Peter's Parish is Fr. Anthony Hesse.

Holy Rosary mission trip; a personal reward



During Holy Week, eighteen youth and chaperones from Holy Rosary, North Mankato, journeyed to St. Bernard's Mission School in North Dakota. Pictured: (front row l-r) Jake Collins, Jennifer Gish, Erica Morgan, Angie Nolan, Brent Friedrichs, Sr. Julie Brandt, SSND, and Sr. Monica Wagner, SSND; (back row) Paul Ahearn, Jack McGowan, Anna Veroeven, Britta Sturm, Ashley Mettler, Elizabeth Schmidt, Ashlie Morgan, Scott Wersal, Kevin Mettler, Sid McGee, and Cody Brunick.

North Mankato - God is Good - All the Time was the theme for the 4th annual Holy Rosary, North Mankato, youth trip to St. Bernard's Mission School at Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota. Participants included eighteen youth and chaperones, led by youth ministers, Kevin Mettler and Paul Ahearn.

While at the Mission School, the Holy Rosary team assisted in cleaning the church and school, had a day-long retreat with students, attended gym classes and recess with the students, and were given a tour of the Lakota/Dakota Tribal Headquarters in Ft. Yates. Holy Rosary parish recently held a

breakfast and special collection and were able to give a large donation to St. Bernard's Mission School as well.

The experiences, both religious and cultural, left a feeling of personal reward and accomplishment with each Holy Rosary team member.



Natural Family Planning - a holistic approach to family planning

by James J. Joyce, MD
Springfield, MN

Based on common complaints in healthy relationships, most people do not want to be used. If we think about our relationships that we choose, and those that we don't (family), we realize that gratitude and appreciation are the feelings we seek. Being taken for granted, or being used for someone else's gain or pleasure, is demeaning and we all naturally oppose this feeling. The Catholic Church has been engaged in a dialogue with our culture to communicate this.

Pope Benedict XVI in his letter, *Deus Caritas Est*, says erotic love is from God. Self-giving love is also from God. We are challenged to crown the erotic love within us with self-giving love that wants the best for the other person who is the object of our erotic love.

The Catholic Church teaches a consistent message of married love which promotes self-giving love. Family planning, based on self-giving love, bonds a couple together and remains fruitful within a couple's



John Kippley, a dean of the Natural Family Planning movement, co-founder of Couple to Couple League, and NFP International, (www.nfpandmore.org), will speak at St. Anastasia Church, Hutchinson, on Thursday, June 18, 2009, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Call (507) 233-5338 for further information.

plan with God. Methods of detecting a couple's natural fertility have been developed that simply allow this plan to be carried out with more accurate knowledge.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) allows each person in the marriage to express self-giving love by giving the whole self for the good of the other, without reservation, each time the sacred marital embrace takes place. This embrace is tremendously fulfilling and is blessed by God with abundant fruitfulness of respect,

reverence, love, and on particularly special occasions, new life. This kind of embrace is satisfying beyond words and allows couples to appreciate each other and the blessings that overflow from the embrace to others.

If you think you would like your marital love to be like this, the Catholic Church has time-tested, accurate, safe, effective ways to improve your marriage, your love, and your spiritual life.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 19-25, 2009. Won't you join in the celebration?

NFP Resources

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides resources in regard to NFP. Visit www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp/nfpweek/index.shtml.

For NFP classes available in your area, contact the diocesan Office of Family Life, (507) 359-2966; email: cloetscher@dnu.org.

24th annual MCCL State Oratory Contest held *Ubl places first; will advance to national contest*

Brett Ubl, son of Bill and Wanda Ubl of New Ulm and a junior at St. Mary's High School, recently won the 24th Annual MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) State Oratory Contest. His powerful oration on the abortion issue explained the magnitude of the evil of abortion and the necessity for pro-life action. The Ubls are members of the Church of St. Mary, Sleepy Eye.

"By the time I finish this speech, approximately 13 lives will be lost to the injustice [of abortion] in the 'Land of the Free and Home of the Brave,'" Ubl stated. "It is certainly no 'land of the free' for all of the innocent unborn babies aborted every day. It is certainly no 'home of the brave' for all the citizens too scared to stand up for what they know is just

and right in fear of being politically incorrect." The MCCL Oratory Contest is designed to develop young people for future leadership. MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach offered the following words of support to the contestants: "It is so encouraging to see these young people taking a stand for innocent human life in their schools and communities. We are proud of these students. They are tomorrow's pro-life leaders."

From the Diocese of New Ulm, two other speakers also made the final round. Jenna Surprenant, a member of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Marshall, placed third for her oratory



Ubl



Surprenant

about euthanasia and the value of life from conception until natural death.

Ubl will now advance to the National Right to Life Oratory Contest on June 20, 2009, in Charlotte, NC. This is a part of the 37th Annual National Right to Life Convention. MCCL awarded Ubl with an expense-paid trip to the contest. The winner of the national contest receives a \$1,000 prize.

Catholic social teaching on economic life

Editor's Note: In 1996, the U.S. Catholic bishops issued "A Catholic Framework for Economic Life," highlighting ten key principles to help Catholics reflect on the values that should shape our participation in economic life. The principles, listed below, have abiding relevance and should guide our reflection and action in response to the current economic crisis.

As followers of Jesus Christ and participants in a powerful economy, Catholics in the United States are called to work for greater economic justice in the face of persistent poverty, growing income-gaps, and increasing discussion of economic issues in the United States and around the world. We urge Catholics to use the following ethical framework for economic life as principles for reflection, criteria for judgment and directions for action. These principles are drawn directly from Catholic teaching on economic life.

1. The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy.
2. All economic life should be shaped by moral principles. Economic choices and institutions must be judged by how they protect or undermine the life and dignity of the human person, support the family, and serve the common good.
3. A fundamental moral measure of any economy is how the poor and vulnerable are faring.
4. All people have a right to life and to secure the basic necessities of life, such as food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, safe environment, and economic security.
5. All people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions, as well

as to organize and join unions or other associations.

6. All people, to the extent they are able, have a corresponding duty to work, a responsibility to provide for the needs of their families, and an obligation to contribute to the broader society.

7. In economic life, free markets have both clear advantages and limits; government has essential responsibilities and limitations; voluntary groups have irreplaceable roles, but cannot substitute for the proper working of the market and the just policies of the state.

8. Society has a moral obligation, including governmental action where necessary, to assure opportunity, meet basic human needs, and pursue justice in economic life.

9. Workers, owners, managers, stockholders and consumers are moral agents in economic life. By our choices, initiative, creativity and investment, we enhance or diminish economic opportunity, community life, and social justice.

10. The global economy has moral dimensions and human consequences. Decisions on investment, trade, aid and development should protect human life and promote human rights, especially for those most in need wherever they might live on this globe.

According to Pope John Paul II in *Centesimus Annus*, the Catholic tradition calls for a "society of work, enterprise, and participation" which "is not directed against the market, but demands that the market be appropriately controlled by the forces of society and by the state to assure that the basic needs of the whole society are satisfied." All of economic life should recognize the fact that we all are God's children and members of one human family, called to exercise a clear priority for "the least among us."

50th annual DCCW convention held; *Woman of the Year* announced



by Jeane Appel
NUDCCW President

Approximately 300 women, priests, and religious attended the 50th annual Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention held April 25, 2009, at the Church of St. Raphael in Springfield, MN. The convention theme was *Be Steadfast in Faith* (1 Peter 5:9).

The day began with registration and a continental breakfast; the General Assembly convened at 8:30 a.m. during which time the Girl Scout Troop #154 presented the colors. Opening prayer was given by Mary Braun, DCCW Church Commission Chairperson. Welcome greetings were given by Theresa Beckman, Church of St. Raphael DCCW President; Rev. Dennis Labat, St. Raphael pastor; and Malcolm Tilberg, City of Springfield. The convention's keynote was Dr. Edward Sri who gave an inspirational presentation on "Praying the Rosary Like Never Before: Mary, the Rosary and the New Mysteries." Bishop John LeVoiir celebrated Mass with Msgr. Gene Lozinski, the CCW Diocesan Moderator, and area priests concelebrating. Audrey Prokosch,

President Elect; Mary Schmitz, 2nd Vice President and Lottie Kottke, Treasurer were installed as new officers of NUDCCW.

The overwhelming generosity of the attendees provided ten very large boxes of items to be donated to various domestic abuse shelters. Convention attendees enjoyed a day of enrichment, renewing friendships, taking in many displays and silent auction items.

A heartfelt "thank you" goes to the Vine and Branches Area Faith Community of St. Raphael, Springfield; St. Joseph, Lamberton; and St. Michael, Morgan, convention hosts.

(photos by Rev. Eugene Brown)



Nancy Hanna chosen 2009 Woman of the Year!

Nancy Hanna, of Morton, MN, and a member of the Church of St. Catherine, Redwood Falls, was named the 2009 Council of Catholic Women "Woman of the Year." The presentation was made by Bishop John LeVoiir during the 50th annual DCCW Convention held April 25 in Springfield.

In her parish, Nancy is a song leader and member of the choir. She also serves as a lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and has taught religious education for 20 years. She and her husband, Robert, have chaired the parish fall festival and are usually found helping out at parish events. They worked for a week at the diocesan parish mission of San Lucas Toliman and shared their experience at the Council of Catholic Women and United Church Women meetings.

Nancy has attended National CCW Conventions numerous times and seldom misses region and diocesan



gatherings and conventions. She served DCCW as the New Ulm Diocesan President, Vice President, Historian, and Organization Chair. She has served on the Region Board for several terms and has held most of the parish positions and is currently the parish Historian. She is one of the Funeral Committee cooks that prepares lunch for families who have lost a loved one, has co-chaired the Father/Son Banquet and Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers.

As a mother, she has instilled upon her children strong Catholic values, hard work, and love of family. She is also there for her parents and her younger handicapped brother. Her family was honored as Farm Family of the Year.

Resource and guidance opportunity offered in June

The New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women officers, commission coordinators, and leadership team invite all Catholic women of the diocese to a resource and guidance meeting. The theme of the meetings is *Be Steadfast in Faith* (1 Peter 5:9) - "As Women United in Prayer, Study and Service."

This opportunity will be held on two separate evenings:
- Tuesday, June 16, 2009, Church of St. John, Hector
- Monday, June 29, 2009, Church of St. Peter, Canby

The cost to attend is \$8.00. Sign in will begin at 5:30 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and information.

Registration is necessary and should be made through your parish Catholic of Catholic Women president.

National CCW Convention scheduled for September *two from diocese nominees to hold offices*

Want to deepen your spirituality, increase your knowledge of the Church, and strengthen your leadership skills? Why not consider attending the National Council of Catholic Women Convention.

This year's theme is *Moving Forward with Faith and Joy*. The convention is scheduled for September 23-27, 2009, in Jacksonville, FL.

Early bird registrations must be postmarked by July 6, 2009, and all registrations must be received by August 17, 2009.

We are honored to show support for our two candidates for National Office from the diocese: **Donna Sanders, Cottonwood, MN**, nominee for National President; and **Joanne Pohland, Glencoe, MN**, nominee for National Region 1 Vice President.

Scholarships are available through NUDCCW Scholarship Fund to help defray expenses.

Additional information about the National Convention is posted on the NCCW Web site at www.nccw.org, and is also in the March/April issue of Catholic Woman magazine.

CHANGES in the LITURGY are coming!

by Brenda Lenertz
Faith Formation/Music Ministry
Church of St. Mary, New Ulm

Stirrings of liturgical reform began in Belgium in the early 1900s. As early as 1903, Pope Pius X called for greater participation in the liturgy, and in 1910 lowered the age for First Communion to age seven, the "age of reason." The European liturgical movement spread to the United States and Brazil. Liturgical education at the pastoral level grew, permission for special dispensations from the Holy See were granted, and experiments such as evening Masses and shorter Eucharistic fasts occurred. To encourage greater participation and understanding of the liturgy, some missals used for Sunday Mass were written with both Latin and English. Throughout the 1950 liturgical reform continued, setting the stage for the Second Vatican Council.

The Second Vatican Council brought about many changes in the Church's life; but ordinary Catholics were most immediately touched by those in the liturgy. Vatican II has become the definitive line that for many separates the past from the present. For some, Vatican II is "ancient history." Others view it as an end to an era of awe and reverence they once cherished. Still others saw it as a chance to experiment on many levels to make worship "relevant." But careful study of the documents and the liturgical history of the Church shows that Vatican II was the inevitable and dynamic work of the Holy Spirit breathing new life into a liturgy which called each person to active participation and life in the Church.

To facilitate the implementation of this liturgical renewal, the Office of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has subsequently published five documents, each successively numbered as an "Instruction for the Right Application of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council." These documents provided principles and directives for the liturgical renewal. The most current document - A Fifth Instruction - came in 2001 after years of study that began in 1988. In 1997, the Holy Father asked for a codification of the conclusions of their study regarding the question of liturgical translations. This current document, entitled *Liturgiam Authenticam*, is the official instruction on liturgical translation (i.e. applying the provisions of article 36 of the Liturgy Constitution regarding the vernacular translation of the texts of the Roman Liturgy).



Editor's Note: For many years the *Sacramentary* (the red book which includes the texts of the Mass) has been going through a process of revision. Throughout the coming months, with the assistance of the diocesan Office of Worship, *The Prairie Catholic* will offer articles to explain the textual changes in the Mass that will be forthcoming.

So...what does all of this mean?

In 1963, bishops from English speaking countries attending the Second Vatican Council set up a commission to prepare English translations of each of the Latin liturgical books and any individual liturgical texts in accord with the directives. This commission is called the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, or ICEL. (Currently eleven Conferences of Bishops throughout the world from countries where English is the primary language used in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy according to the Roman Rite are members of ICEL, including the United States). In 2003, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of Sacraments formally established ICEL as a mixed commission in accordance with the instruction, *Liturgiam Authenticam*.

Two approaches to translation are commonly used, often called dynamic and formal equivalence. Dynamic equivalence attempts to distinguish or understand the thoughts of the original; formal equivalence attempts to translate by finding reasonably equivalent words and phrases (sometimes known as "literal translation"). In translating the Latin texts into English, dynamic equivalence was used. With the instruction, *Liturgiam Authenticam*, the national conferences of bishops throughout the world have been asked to revisit the translation of the liturgical texts to assure that they are in conformity with the Latin originals. ICEL has been working these last five years on revisions to assure that they are in conformity with the Latin original. It should be noted that *Liturgiam Authenticam* does not mandate a strictly literal translation of the Latin, but only stipulates that the translation must render "the original texts faithfully and accurately into the vernacular language" (par. 20).

How will this affect the Mass?

The most noticeable changes will be in the people's responses within the liturgy. There will also be changes in music, since our

current settings are not aligned with the approved wording (e.g., the Gloria and Sanctus).

This will not happen overnight and changes have to occur in union with the rest of the English speaking countries. As members of the universal Catholic Church, we recognize that the liturgy is a sign of unity in the church. In that spirit of unity, we await the changes!

Some significant changes include:

- Greeting: "The Lord be with you. And with your spirit."
- Penitential Rite (Form 1): The current "I have sinned through my own fault" will become "I have greatly sinned ... through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault."
- Gloria: There will be a different translation; the structure of the prayer will have changes from the current text. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father..."
- Nicene Creed: the current "We believe in one God..." will now begin "I believe in one God..."
- Preface: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right and just."
- The Sanctus will begin "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts."
- "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

Source: USCCB Missal Formation Study Guide

Pastoral Covenant

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Jesus Christ and his work, and to strive for the common good of all the world.

THEREFORE WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO:

Strive toward the removal of impediments to the cause of unity; pray for each other and for complete reconciliation of our communions as we celebrate the Eucharist in our respective communities; confess to God and to each other our past and present prejudices against each other's traditions, practices and beliefs, and allow God to forgive our sins against each other and God; work together for the common good and for peace and justice as an essential response to the Gospel; actively collaborate in planning for effective ministry at the synodical, diocesan and parish levels through joint programs, training and use of facilities; encourage our pastoral leadership to cooperate on common matters of pastoral care; jointly listen to the Word of God and pray together in joint services for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; encourage our families to read Scripture and pray together in their homes; urge our families to attend church services weekly to worship and praise God; give spiritual support to those who live a Lutheran-Catholic marriage covenant; protect the dignity of marriage, promote and protect life, work to maintain the dignity of the Lord's Day, and protect time set aside for religious education; encourage our parishes to carry out this Covenant with each other; celebrate, review and renew our covenant commitment each year.

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES to these objectives and ask the blessing of our loving God on this covenant that we may be faithful to it to the honor and glory of God.

Bishop John M. LeVoir
Diocese of New Ulm
Roman Catholic Church

Bishop Jon V. Anderson
Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Buen Apetito! Traditional Guatemalan dinner benefits San Lucas mission



(photos by Christine Clancy)

(Left-second from front) Chona Ajcot Sosof, and Ana Davis (front) prepared and served traditional Guatemalan food to the approximately 190 dinner guests.

Msgr. "Padre" Schaffer

Mankato, MN - On Saturday, April 25, 2009, Msgr. Greg Schaffer, pastor of the Diocese of New Ulm Mission Parish of San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala, since 1963, was guest speaker during an authentic Guatemalan dinner held at Loyola Catholic School in Mankato. The dinner, attended by approximately 190 people, was prepared and served by Chona Ajcot Sosof, head cook at the San Lucas Mission along with Ana Sajquiy de Davis and her husband Dave of Hewitt, MN. Ana is originally from San Lucas prior to her marriage to Dave.

The traditional food served was chuchitos (corn meal with a small piece of pork in a tomato sauce in the center with several spices), arroz con pollo (chicken and rice with vegetables / vegetables are cut by hand), pepian (beef stew with grilled tomatoes & spices such as chile pasa, chile pimiento, ajajolin, pepitoria, & others), frijol voltiado (refried black beans), tortillas de maiz, chile picante (salsa), guacamole, horchata (a cool rice drink), and fruta (fresh fruit). The Juan Ana coffee from the mission was also served. Several items from San Lucas and Guatemala were available for purchase.

The fundraising dinner was organized by several people from

the St. Peter-Mankato area who have visited the mission, as well as a group from the Church of St. John Neumann in Eagan, MN.

The event also honored the School Sisters of Notre Dame of Mankato who started the community's educational system in 1964. Several sisters were present that evening who had been at the mission throughout the years.

Following dinner, Msgr. Schaffer spoke about his forty-five years of ministry at the mission. He reflected on how his work at the mission has been to build the necessary infrastructure to allow the Mayan people to grow out of the cycle of poverty and his devotion to developing and enhancing the whole person of the Mayan people by defending their basic human rights to food, shelter, health care, education, and their right to be employed. "Overall, the approach of the mission is one of promoting self-dignity, self-respect, human rights, and development of the people served in San Lucas and surrounding areas," he said.

To learn more about San Lucas Mission, contact Kathy Huebert at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, (507) 359-2966; khuebert@dnw.org; Web site: www.sanlucasmision.org.

Upcoming Events

Good Shepherd SERRA Club meets Thursday, June 4, at Divine Providence Chapel and Marian Conference Room, Sleepy Eye, MN, beginning with Rosary and Mass at 7 p.m. followed by program and lunch. Come early for Eucharistic Adoration. Fr. Andy Michaels will share his vocation story. Everyone welcome. Call (507) 747-2181.

BECOMING A MARRIAGE-BUILDING CHURCH - June 25-28, 2009, at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul. Sponsored by the National Association of Family Life Ministers, in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Laity, Family Life & Youth. For more information, visit www.nacflm.org/displayconvention.cfm, or call (937) 431-5443. There is a discounted registration fee if you register before June 5.

RIVERBEND TEC (TOGETHER ENCOUNTERING CHRIST) WEEKEND - June 27-29, 2009, at Bird Island, MN, or August 1-3, 2009, at Winsted, MN. Anyone who is at least 16 years old or a junior in high school is eligible. Cost: \$60. Contact Fr. Dennis Labat, (507) 723-4141; or riverbendtec@newulmtel.net

5TH ANNUAL HIGH GROUND MUSIC FEST - August 14-15, in Winsted, MN. Visit www.hgmusicfest.com for ticket information or call Echo Ministries at (952) 924-3246.

NEW ULM DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM - September 12 at St. Aloysius Education Center in Olivia, MN. Program is designed specifically for engaged couples and is an opportunity to explore and strengthen relationships. Contact diocesan Family Life Office, 1400 6th St. N., New Ulm, MN 56073; (507) 359-2966.

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Discernment Retreat scheduled for young men

A Discernment Retreat with Bishop LeVoir, along with diocesan seminarians and diocesan Vocation Office staff, will be held Friday, August 7, 2009, at Schoenstatt on the Lake, Sleepy Eye, from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. This retreat is for young men in grades 7-12. Parents are welcome.

The day, intended to learn how to discern God's will, includes Mass, prayer, food, and fun. To reserve your spot, contact Fr. Todd Petersen, diocesan Director of Vocations, email: frtodd@mac.com; or Jeovana Michels (507) 359-2966; email: jmichels@dnw.org.

Televised Catholic Mass schedule for the Diocese of New Ulm

KEYC-TV, Ch. 12, Mankato
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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Sunday Mass Live, 7:00 a.m.
Daily Mass Live:
Monday - Saturday, 7:00 a.m.

Catholic Radio
Catholic Radio Weekly
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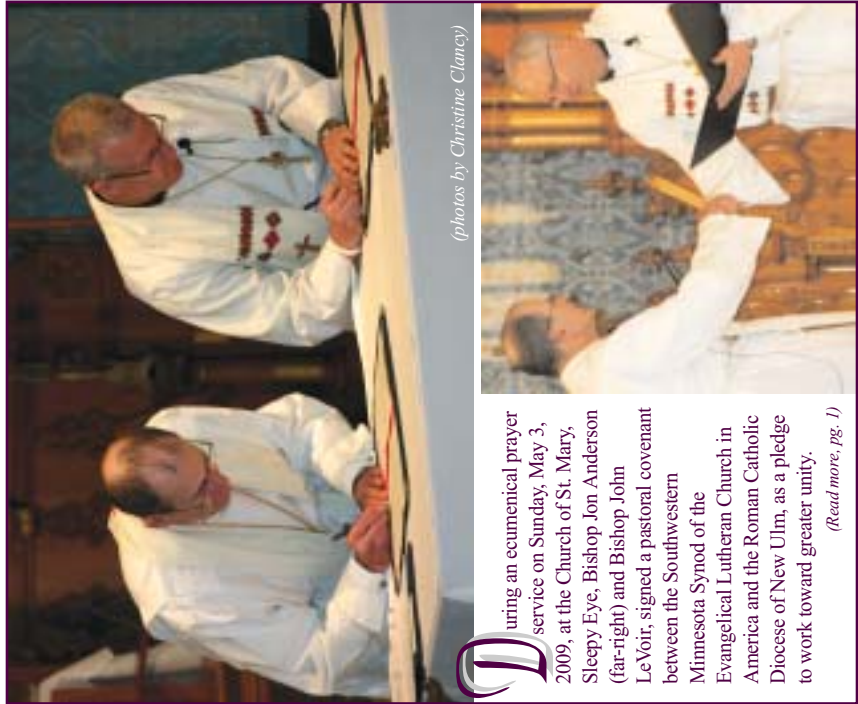


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During an ecumenical prayer service on Sunday, May 3, 2009, at the Church of St. Mary, Sleepy Eye, Bishop Jon Anderson (far-right) and Bishop John LeVoit, signed a pastoral covenant between the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Roman Catholic Diocese of New Ulm, as a pledge to work toward greater unity. (Read more, pg. 1)

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All the faithful are invited to attend a Eucharistic Congress on September 11-12, 2009, in Washington, DC, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Congress, entitled *Sacrifice of Enduring Love*, is sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR). There will be no charge for admission to the two-day event that will consist of: celebration of the Liturgy, conferences and catechesis, Eucharistic adoration and procession, and other activities focusing on the Eucharist. Within the universal call to holiness in which all the baptized share, three ways of life will be explored in-depth - the priesthood, religious life, and marriage. His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali, Episcopal Liaison for the CMSWR, will preside and offer the homily at the opening Mass. For a roster of

speakers and/or additional information visit www.cmswr.org.

The pilgrimage to the Holy Land by Pope Benedict XVI (May 8-15, 2009) was an event of historic proportions. During his farewell ceremony at "Ben Gurion" International Airport in Tel Aviv on the last day of his trip, the Pope shared some of his "powerful impressions" that his pilgrimage left with him. The Pope said he had fruitful discussions with the civil authorities both in Israel and in the Palestinian Territories, and witnessed the great efforts that both governments are making to secure people's well-being. "I have met the leaders of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, and I rejoice to see the way that they work together in caring for the Lord's flock," he said. The Pope also had the opportunity to meet leaders of the various

Christian Churches and ecclesial communities as well as the leaders of other religions in the Holy Land.

The pilgrimage also included a ceremony at the Presidential Palace followed by what the Pope described as one of the most "solemn moments of his stay in Israel," - a visit to the Holocaust Memorial at Yad Vashem. There, he also met some survivors. The Pope also visited the Berlin Wall in which he commented was "one of the saddest sights" during his visit. "As I passed alongside it, I prayed for a future in which the peoples of the Holy Land can live together in peace and harmony without the need for such instruments of security and separation, but rather respecting and trusting one another, and renouncing all forms of violence and aggression," he said.

Upon his departure, the Holy Father thanked the people of Israel for their warmth of hospitality. "I came to visit this country as a friend of the Israelis, just as I am a friend of the

Palestinian people," he said.

"No friend of the Israelis and the Palestinians can fail to be saddened by the continuing tension between your two peoples, he said. No friend can fail to weep at the suffering and loss of life that both peoples have endured over the last six decades.

Allow me to make this appeal to all the people of these lands: No more bloodshed! No more fighting! No more terrorism! No more war! Instead, let us break the vicious circle of violence. Let there be lasting peace based on justice. . . . Let it be universally

recognized that the State of Israel has the right to exist, and to enjoy peace and security within internationally agreed borders. Let it be likewise acknowledged that the Palestinian people have a right to a sovereign independent homeland, to live with dignity and to travel freely. Let the two-state solution become a reality, not remain a dream."

For a complete summary of Pope Benedict's pilgrimage to the Holy Land visit www.vatican.va/news_services/press/vis/vis_en.html.

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