

## Family Life



**Sr. Joanne Bauer, CSC  
Coordinator**

Retrouvaille  
June 12, 13, 14  
559-589-9657

Beginning Experience  
June 26, 27, 28  
559-786-6407

Weekends for the Engaged  
Engaged Ministry in Spanish  
July 10, 11, 12  
559-875-2024

Rachel's Vineyard in English  
July 10, 11, 12  
877-629-6626

Catholic Engaged Encounter  
July 24, 25, 26  
559-265-3365

**B**ishop Steinbock has been in the forefront of support for Marriages in the United States, with his Annual Anniversary Mass for Couples. Sr. Clara Ann Budenz, OP, Director of the Office of Ministries at the time Bishop Steinbock initiated this event, implemented the Bishop's Anniversary Mass, which continues to grow in popularity. Thus far, the Anniversary Mass has been held at St. John's Cathedral or Holy Spirit Church, thanks to the generosity of these two parishes.

There is a process and structure for this event:

Individual couples wishing to attend the Anniversary Mass register with their parishes. Parishes register their couples with Sr. Joanne at Family Life Ministries. Parishes will be encouraged to register their couples on-line at our website:

[www.dioceseoffresno.org](http://www.dioceseoffresno.org)

The Bishop's Anniversary Mass

this year will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 10:00 am at Holy Spirit Church. Those celebrating 25 years, and every 5 years thereafter; and 50 years, and every year thereafter, qualify to receive a special anniversary certificate. **August 15, 2009, is the parish registration deadline.**

Qualified couples, registered by their parishes by August 15, will receive certificates at the reception following the Mass. This deadline gives Sr. Joanne time to send out invitations to individual couples, prepare certificates for the above-mentioned years, and order refreshments. The Anniversary Mass is the weekend following Labor Day, September 12, 2009!

Bishop Steinbock's prophetic voice creating the Annual Anniversary Mass echoes one of the five priorities of the United States Catholic Bishops to guide their pastoral mission to the Catholic Church in the United States

through 2011: strengthening marriage. The bishops will be asked to approve the entire plan in November 2009. Already in its fifth year of existence, the U.S. Catholic Bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage (NPIM) calls attention to the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society. Draft #1 of a pastoral letter, "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan", is being circulated among Church ministers. Also part of the Pastoral Initiative is the "For Your Marriage" campaign of public education. See the website:

[www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

Each of us might follow the example of the Catholic Bishops in strengthening the sacrament of marriage by asking ourselves, "What can we do to strengthen the meaning and value of marriage today?" The answer might be by participating in Bishop Steinbock's Annual Anniversary Mass!

### 2009 Diocesan Congress Speaker

#### Lightening Up: Called to Live in the Light



Pat Livingston is an award-winning author and speaker who has been giving workshops, lectures, retreats, and parish missions around the United States for twenty-five years. She is best known for her story telling style illuminating the presence of God in everyday life. For seven years she was the Associate Director of the Center for Continuing Formation in Ministry at the University of Notre Dame. Pat is a frequent contributor to *Liguorian*, *Living With Christ*, *Living Faith* and other publications, and has appeared on Catholic television. Her books, *Lessons of the Heart*, *This Blessed Mess*, and *Let in the Light – Facing the Hard Stuff with Hope*, are published by Ave Maria Press/Sorin Books, Notre Dame. She lives in Tampa, FL - she is a wife, mother and grandmother of nine.

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### Upcoming Events

June 5-6

Young Adult Retreat  
St. Anthony Retreat Center,  
Three Rivers

Thursday, June 11  
9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Bishop's Appreciation Day for  
Parish Catechetical Leaders  
Diocesan Pastoral Center

July 21 - 24  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

High School Leadership Camp  
Diocesan Pastoral Center

Saturday, October 10  
and Sunday, October 11  
21st Annual Diocesan Congress  
and Youth Day  
Visalia Convention Center



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## Office of Ministries

*Newsletter - The Grapevine*



*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4*

*this issue*

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**T**he Spirit of Pentecost was certainly at work this month. On May 30, seventy-seven (56 in English, 21 in Spanish) students graduated from our New Wine / Vino Nuevo Program bringing our total number of graduates to 332.

Our first group of M.A. students are now half-way through their program this month offered by Holy Names University while youth ministers, chaplains and campesino ministers also had opportunities for formation.

We have been quite blessed with several sponsors for our 2009 Diocesan Congress (see below). We have many dreams for our Fall Congress and their Sponsorship will make it possible to fulfill them. Thank You!

Our list of speakers is just about finalized and we will be highlighting a different Congress speaker each month to begin enticing your participation (see page 6). We are still looking for volunteers for the event.

Now that we are fully staffed, many new programs and ideas have surfaced. We are also beginning to plan for the use of video-conferencing for our formation events starting this fall. Hopefully our staff will find some time for vacation this summer. Our office knows this is one of the busiest months for parishes, schools and families. We hope that all of you find the needed rest to restore your spirits.

*Patty*

Thank You to our 2009 Diocesan Congress Sponsors

Platinum – Knights of Columbus  
Gold – Renovación Carismática  
Silver – Oración y Vida & Federación Guadalupana  
Bronze – Group Publishing

*We are still in need of Sponsors in the following areas:*

Tote Bags, Banners, Morning Hospitality, Speaker Hospitality Room, Youth Day T-Shirts, Audio Visuals, Scholarships for attendees. Know of a potential sponsor? Contact Alejandro Barraza.

## Detention Ministry



**Claude Muncey**  
Director

Some prison inmates have family on the outside that can help supply some of the needs that the corrections system does not provide -- however many do not. The Fresno Center for Nonviolence collects items and donations for Christmas goodie bags for women incarcerated at Central California Women's facility. They hope to gather 70,000 items this year so that each of the 4,400 women will receive about 15 or 16 little gifts -- often the only Christmas gifts the women will receive.

### What do they need?

- No foods, no candies, no edibles, no drinkables at all
- Small, travel size hygiene items such as bath gel, body wash, soap, lotion, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste
- Correspondence items such as all kinds of greeting cards in Spanish

and English, for all occasions -- "regular" cards with no shiny metal musical or mechanical parts.

- Pencils – wood, full size, eraser top (no "mechanicals")
- Pens – clear, colorless barrel, no "clickers" (i.e., Bic)
- Paper scratch pads, glued, 5" X 7" or smaller

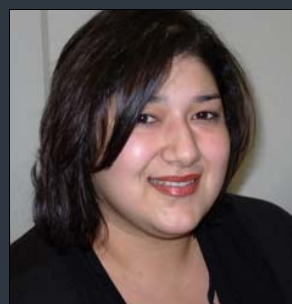
For more information, or to make contributions, contact:

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1584 N. Van Ness  
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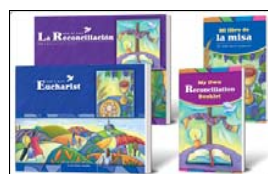


## Media Center

Special thanks to Luis Ramirez, Educational Consultant for Loyola Press. While visiting the Office of Ministries he shared the many resources available through Loyola Press. He also listened to the various needs of our Diocese. One of the great aspects of their resources in Spanish is that they are not just literal translations but they are culturally appropriated to the Hispanic/Latino context in the U.S. Please come and view these useful resources listed below.



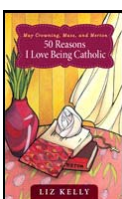
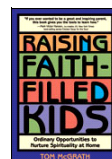
**Rosie Navarro**  
Bilingual Secretary



### God's Gift: Reconciliation and Eucharist

Offers meaningful experiences that help children and their parents understand, prepare for, and celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. These fully integrated sacramental-preparation programs, are available in English and bilingual versions.

*Raising Faith-Filled Kids*, written by family faith expert Tom McGrath, offers a generous collection of easy tips and tools to help Catholic families realize a spiritual path, and to help parents inspire virtue, discipline, and hope in their children. (Also available in Spanish).



### May Crowning, Mass, and Merton

There are so many reasons to love being Catholic, and thirty-something Liz Kelly—a successful writer and jazz singer—eagerly shares those reasons.

## School of Ministry

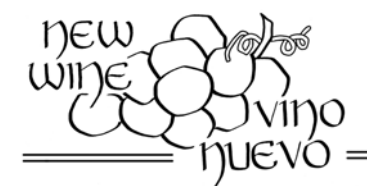
Two exciting events took place May 30<sup>th</sup> in our diocese. One was at Holy Spirit parish, Fresno and the other at St. Mary's church, Visalia.



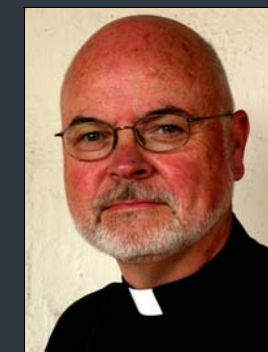
The Day with St. Paul was our diocesan celebration for the Year of St. Paul and was held at Holy Spirit church and co-sponsored by the Holy Family Institute and the Office of Ministries. Special presentations in English and Spanish highlighted this day in honor of the great Apostle to the Gentiles. A Friday evening youth event on May 29<sup>th</sup> featured a movie discussion, also at Holy Spirit church.

The three-year *New Wine / Vino Nuevo* program for lay ministry formation concluded with a special Mass and ceremony/reception also on May 30<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Catholic Church of Visalia at St. Mary's church. Seventy-seven dedicated lay persons from all over the diocese were recognized for their completion of this cycle of classes, retreats, discussions, prayer and ministry projects, benefiting our parishes and other diocesan ministries.

Bishop John T. Steinbock presided on this special day asking



God's continued blessings on these men and women who are equipped for lay ecclesial ministry in our diocese. We congratulate them, and thank all the teachers and spiritual directors who have guided their journey of formation over these past three years. We especially thank Rosa Maria Guembe, formerly of the Office of Ministries, for her outstanding work in directing both of these programs and forming the first series in Spanish for the *Vino Nuevo* portion of this formation.



**Fr. David Norris**  
Dean



HOLY NAMES UNIVERSITY

## Social Justice

Lobby Day was a great success! April 28 saw almost 700 Catholics from all over our fair state gathering in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. We met one another, listened to a brief program, prayed together in a Eucharist concelebrated by seven of our Bishops, and then we marched to a loud, boisterous rally on the west steps of the Capitol, relaxed on the lawn with our turkey or ham sandwiches. We had our first visit with freshman Assemblyman Danny Gilmore and then with Assemblymen Juan Arambula and Michael Villines and Senators Florez and Cogdill. Everything was satisfactory: we were able to get in our ideas on AB 1057, hoping that they would extend the frequency of reports from three to six months, making it easier for our

poor to get the help they need; and on AB 1048, extending from three days to thirty days the period of safe-surrender of a newborn, for the sake of the mother and the child; and on SB 399 which would permit a juvenile, sentenced to life without the possibility of parole, to have a hearing after ten years; and on the budget to make sure that the poor were not the ones hurt. All four of our messages had to do with social justice for our people. We can only pray that politics does not get in the way of fair-mindedness.

The following Saturday I was off early in the morning to traipse up to St. Joseph's in Mariposa and a wonderful day of reflection on social justice with a dozen parishioners and their pastor, Fr. Steve Bulfer. We discussed much, including the Church

teaching that social justice is just as essential a part of our parish life as the Word and the Sacraments. The people there certainly were proof of the importance of social justice in their lives. As I said, it was a wonderful, encouraging day.

There were other moments, as with Faith in Community to talk with Congressman Jim Costa's staff about immigration, and with Center for Non-Violence to prepare for a rally against the death penalty and with Bill Simon of Newman to co-sponsor a talk at the Islamic Center (on June 26) of Fr. Louie Vitale, the Franciscan who lovingly commits civil disobedience against immoral war games, and whose topic that night will be "Non-Violent Responses to Terrorism." He's going to be good. See you there?



**Fr. Jim Rude, SJ**  
Director

## Catechesis



**Madeline Loiacono  
Coordinator**

**B**elated Happy Mother's Day to our wonderful mom's who are a part of our catechetical ministries! You bring so much to our programs and model how a parent is the primary catechist for their children, primarily through the example of living your faith. Thank you!

Speaking of "thank you" I'd like to take the opportunity to remind all of our Parish Catechetical Leaders (DRE, CRE, DFF, DCM, etc.) to make sure you get your RSVP in for the annual Bishop's Appreciation Day which is fast approaching. This year's special day is June 11 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Harcourt Publishing is sponsoring this day and our speaker will be JoAnne Paradise. Flyers have been sent out to parishes and reservations are due by June 6. It seems that each year we have some confu-

sion regarding participation in this event. Let me help to clarify things. This special day is for those of you in leadership roles. Catechists are the backbone of any catechetical program, but they are not in leadership roles as far as administering parish programs. Each PCL and Pastor should be recognizing the catechists at their parish with their own appreciation event to say "thank you" for their work in the parish. The Diocesan Appreciation Day is the Bishop's way to say "thank you" to those in *leadership* who run the many programs in the parishes. Catechetical leadership includes those coordinating faith formation programs (all ages), RCIA (all ages), and sacramental prep programs. Although catechesis is a part of youth ministry, our gifted youth ministers are recognized at an appreciation event sponsored by

the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry/Young Adult Ministry. I wish it were possible to invite all catechetical persons to this event, but space does not allow this. This is always a delicate issue and one I hope you can all appreciate - you are all gifted and special - you make a difference in our Diocese and I can't thank you all enough!

Thank you to our Vino Nuevo "graduates" who have stepped up to help facilitate summer BCC programs. The schedule for Spanish sessions will be out in June (hopefully) with classes in August. We still need persons to help run English sessions - give me a call or e-mail me if you can help!

THANK YOU for all you do and I pray for continued peace and blessings.

## KNXT-TV

Introducing: "Live On The Air" with Monsignors Perry & Scott



**K**NXT-TV, the only full-power Catholic broadcasting station in the nation, is the only station in the valley that brings viewers such unique programming as Pope Benedict XVI's trip to the Holy Land, coverage from the Vatican, Masses from around the world, not to mention remarkable local productions.

Continuing in KNXT-TV's long tradition of being the only local station where you can find this kind of inspi-

ration, educational, and wholesome programming on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm KNXT-TV will be debuting a new local special "Live On the Air" with Monsignors Perry and Scott. Starting in July, and the second Wednesday of every month following, at the same time, KNXT-TV will be host to this unique call in show. Monsignor Perry Kavookjian and Monsignor Scott Daugherty will answer your calls about religion, life, and the Diocesan community.

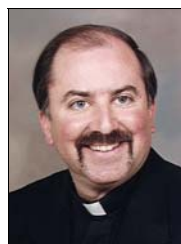
Monsignor Perry is the Pastor at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Monsignor Scott is the Pastor at St. Anne and Holy Cross. Through their many years of Pastoral service, these two men have gained a wealth of knowledge they would like to share with the community beyond their congregations.

If you have a question about your faith and you want to speak to a

Priest directly concerning catechism, marriage, or ministry call (559) 488-7454 to ask the Monsignors. So tune in July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to speak "Live on the Air" with Monsignors Perry and Scott.

For a program guide or more information, contact KNXT-TV at (559) 488-7440, or check out our website at [www.knxt.tv](http://www.knxt.tv).

Msgr. Perry  
Kavookjian



Msgr. Scott  
Daugherty



## Youth & Young Adult

**A**s we struggle through this financial crisis, many youth ministers have shared with me how this is impacting their youth groups and youth ministries. I would like to offer you a brief synopsis of the article entitled "Families Taking Charge: Helping Teens Cope with Parents' Unemployment" by *Michael J. Sporakowski, Virginia Cooperative Extension Specialist, Family and Child Development, Virginia Tech.*

"...Whatever the cause, unemployment affects everyone in the family. Unemployment may mean less money, more stress and schedule changes...parents may behave like a different person...parents are worried about paying the bills and finding new jobs. They also may be feeling angry about losing their jobs..."

Encouraging teenage family members to find jobs may be one way a family can increase its income during a period of unemployment. Many part-time jobs are available that fit into student schedules. Pay is often minimum wage, but can make a significant contribution to some expenses...Parents and teenagers need to discuss and determine hours that can be handled, how money will be used, transportation and other issues... Researchers have studied individuals who grew up during the depression and worked to help their families. As adults they were healthier psychologically and were better off for the experience."

Brief news: The **basic formation courses** in Spanish are underway. The next session will be (8:45 am - 3:00 pm), June 13 at

St. Patrick's in Merced and June 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Delano.

**Mass and Recognition dinner** for Youth Ministry Leaders will be held July 8 at the Pastoral Center in Fresno. Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Steinbock at 6:00 pm.

**Leadership Camp for High School teens** July 21-24. Plans are under way for our next Youth Day to be held at the Visalia Convention Center on October 11th. 10:00 am (Registration from 8:30 a.m.) to 5:00 pm. Mass celebrated by Bishop Steinbock. We will have speakers in English and Spanish. The cost is of \$20 per person. T-shirts are extra. For information call the office of youth ministry or visit our website. God Bless you and may Mary be your protection and bless all your efforts.



**Alejandro Barraza  
Coordinator**

June 3 - 10 am Youth Ministry Network Meeting, Pastoral Center

June 5-6 - Young Adult Retreat, St. Anthony Retreat, Three Rivers

June 13 - 8:45 am - 3 pm  
Curso Básico Spanish,  
St. Patrick's, Merced

June 20 - 8:45 am - 3 pm  
Curso Básico Spanish,  
St. Mary's, Delano

July 8 - 6 pm Mass and Appreciation Dinner for YM Leaders, Pastoral Center

## Multicultural/Campesino

### Defining Campesino Ministry

**T**here are different ideas of what "Campesino Ministry" is. It is a ministry that takes on the charisma of those ministering to the farmworker community. I've been told that I am following in the footsteps of a great man, Zeferino Gonzalez. His impact on campesino ministry three years after his death is impressive, but at times I think that there were two Zeferinos, saint Zeferino and troublemaker Zeferino. While I hear more praise than complaint, there are some who struggle with Campesino Ministry in its relationship with "ordinary" parish ministry. We need to refine our ideas of campesino ministry. It is the outreach of the church to those working in agriculture as opposed to simply a concern for the migrant worker. Fifty

years ago the face of the "campesino" was identified with the "migrant" who followed the crops from the South to the North and back to the South. It was easy to identify the migrants. They worked the fields. They lived in groups at camp housing or in tent cities on farms. They were in a community for a specific period of time. When the harvest ended, they moved on. Communities adjusted to the flow of workers during certain times of the year. There were priests, religious and lay ministers who followed some workers, but by and large the migrants were invisible to our church communities.

Changes in agriculture have reduced the number of people who live in the mobile manner of migrants in the past. Many temporary agricultural workers no longer travel in caravans

from one harvest to another. Some work "la corrida" (the circuit), but most live in homes on farms or in our communities. They work within 50 miles of their homes and appear to be served by the ordinary ministry of our parishes.

In the diocese of Fresno we need to see campesino ministry as more than "migrant ministry". As ministry to migrant camps, we set it aside as a "special ministry" that only gets the attention of a few people within the Church. We need to define, or re-define campesino ministry as the ministry of the Church for those working in agriculture. Agriculture is such an important part of the community in the diocese of Fresno that defining campesino ministry only as concerned with migrants, ignores the great need of the Church's outreach to all people involved in agriculture.



**Fr. Mike McAndrew, CSsR  
Coordinator**

