

Diocese of Las Vegas

DESERT CLARION



Catholic Schools Week January 27 - February 2



Washington, D.C. - Catholic Schools Week, the annual celebration of Catholic schools and their contribution to their communities and the nation, is set for Jan. 27 through Feb. 2, 2008. For more than three decades, the nation's Catholic schools have spent the last week of January recalling what makes Catholic education special.

The 2008 theme is "Catholic Schools Light the Way," which highlights the mission of Catholic schools to provide a faith-based education that supports the whole child academically and spiritually and prepares students for future success.

"As a result of the excellent, multifaceted education they are receiving today, our students will 'light the way' to a brighter future through their leadership in our communities, government, businesses and families," said Dr. Karen M. Ristau, president of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Across the country, schools will observe the week with special Masses, community service projects, academic and artistic showcases, and athletic and family events. Many schools will hold open houses so that community members can learn more about the value of Catholic education.

On National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools on Jan. 30, delegations of students, faculty and parents will visit Washington, D.C., and many state capitals to promote awareness among government leaders of the contributions of Catholic education. Nearly 2.4 million students attend the nation's 7,800 elementary, middle and secondary Catholic schools.

"With their emphasis on academic excellence and moral values, Catholic schools enjoy high satisfaction among students and parents and high achievement rates, including high school graduation rates of

more than 99 percent," said Marie Powell, executive director of Catholic Education at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. "This is a message we want to share with our nation's leaders."

Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association, the world's largest private, professional education association, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the national public policy organization of U.S. bishops.

For more information, visit www.ncea.org/news/CatholicSchoolsWeek.asp.

Established in 1904, the NCEA is the largest private professional education organization in the world, representing 200,000 Catholic educators serving 7.6 million students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools, in religious education programs, in seminaries and in colleges and universities.

Top Ten Ways for Parents to Observe Catholic Schools Week

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS NOT JUST FOR KIDS. HERE ARE 10 WAYS FOR PARENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

WRITE A NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO YOUR CHILDREN'S TEACHERS. THANK THEM FOR THE ATTENTION AND ENERGY THEY GIVE YOUR CHILDREN EVERY DAY, AS WELL AS FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR PARISH PRIEST, THANKING HIM FOR SUPPORTING THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL THAT IS PREPARING YOUR CHILDREN FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE.

WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE U.S. CONGRESS AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO LET THEM KNOW WHY CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY. SEND A COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, WRITE A THANK-YOU NOTE TO THAT SPECIAL TEACHER FROM YOUR OWN CATHOLIC SCHOOL DAYS WHO HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE.

DONATE BOOKS OR OTHER LEARNING MATERIALS TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY. IF YOU CAN, ASK THE LIBRARIAN IF THE SCHOOL NEEDS BOOKS ON CERTAIN SUBJECTS OR FOR PARTICULAR GRADE LEVELS.

SET ASIDE TIME FOR FAMILY PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL, INCLUDING STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS. ADD A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO CONTINUE THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRADITION IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP PLAN AND CARRY OUT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES. WHETHER YOU ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE A LITTLE TIME OR A LOT, YOUR EFFORT HELPS MAKE THE WEEK SPECIAL FOR ALL.

IF, THROUGH YOUR WORK OR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, YOU LEARN OF A NEED IN THE COMMUNITY THAT STUDENTS AT YOUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL CAN HELP FILL, RECOMMEND A CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OR ONGOING SERVICE PROJECT. BETTER YET, VOLUNTEER TO ORGANIZE IT.

JOIN IN THE FUN! GATHER THE ENTIRE FAMILY—FROM YOUNGER SIBLINGS TO GRANDPARENTS—AND PARTICIPATE IN THE WEEK'S EVENTS AT YOUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL.

EXTEND A SPECIAL INVITATION TO YOUR SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE AND OTHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO MIGHT WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VALUE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

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Bishop Gorman High School

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Las Vegas, NV 89148
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Fax: (702) 732-2856
School web site - www.bishopgorman.org

Phone: (702) 804-8328
Fax: (702) 228-8906
School Web site - www.edline.net/pages/seaslv

Our Lady of Las Vegas Elementary School

Established 1959
3046 Alta Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89107
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School web site: <https://www.edline.net/pages/OLLV>

**St. Francis de Sales
Elementary School**
Established 1964
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Las Vegas, NV 89108
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Fax: (702) 647-0284
School web site - <http://communitylink.reviewjournal.com/lvrj/st-francisdesales>

St. Anne Elementary School

Established 1954
1813 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89104
Phone: (702) 735-2586
Fax: (702) 735-8357
website: www.st-anne-sch.org

**St. Joseph's
Elementary School**
Established 1948
1300 Bridger Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89101
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Fax (702) 386-0249

St. Christopher Elementary School

Established 1955
1840 N Bruce St.
North Las Vegas, NV 89030
Phone: (702) 657-8008
Fax: (702) 642-2461

St. Viator Elementary School
Established 1965
4246 S. Eastern Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89119
Phone: (702) 732-4477
Fax: (702) 732-4418
Web site: <http://stviatorschool.org>

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Elementary School

Established 2000
1807 Pueblo Vista Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89128

**Catholic Charities Child Care
CHILDCARE / PRESCHOOL**
Established 1964
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Las Vegas, NV 89109
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BISHOP'S CORNER

JOSEPH A. PEPE

Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe
Bishop of Las Vegas

A New Year Letter from our Bishop

January 2008

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we begin the New Year, I thought it would be a good time to share some New Year's Greetings with you.

My prayer is that you have a healthy and spiritually fruitful 2008. The demands of your lives I pray will be a blessed as well as a challenging time.

After being in the East for a brief visit where many churches and schools have smaller and smaller numbers of people of attending, it is refreshing to have the great challenge of the growth of our diocese.

The coming year will call all of us to a deeper commitment to support our Church in Las Vegas in its mission to make Jesus more present to those who live and will come to live in the metropolitan area: to welcome in a sincere way those who seek our Loving Shepherd.

I was home for several days and during my visit east and it occurred to me that you, like me, may have family out of state. You should take the time to visit and share yourself and your love with them. During my visit with my sister and my Mom, I realized how blessed family is to strengthen the psyche and spirit. Home has a healthy affect of offering a secure and warm environment for relaxation and evaluation of where we are in ourselves and with the grace of God where we hope to be.

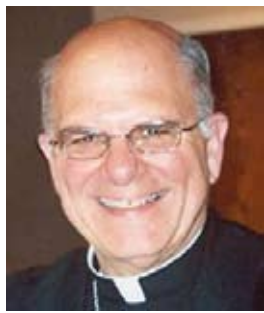
The spirit is lifted by the unselfish love of family for one of its members. It seems almost like a retreat to be home for a few days.

There is a familiarity at home that gives a balance and security to any future challenges and a brake on any anxieties or worries that have been generated in the past. On the other hand one's past always gives rise to some clear and prudential meaning for one's future and you get in touch with your past quickly at home.

May you have a grace-filled year in the Lord's Peace and His true Happiness.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Las Vegas



CATHEDRAL HAPPENINGS

By RICK MINCH

Christmas Midnight Mass Telecast

Many thanks to everyone who participated in, attended, watched or listened to the third LIVE telecast of the Christmas Midnight Mass. Special thanks go to Station Casinos, the Ferritta family, KLAS Channel 8 and Tsunami Studios. The mass was heard in 174 countries on AllTalkRadio.net, thanks to an additional sponsorship from the Knights of Columbus. Portions of the mass are available for viewing on the diocesan website: www.dioceseoflasvegas.org. Those who would like a DVD copy of the mass, it is available for \$25.00 from Tsunami Studios: 101 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 28-206, Las Vegas, NV 89145, or call (702) 525-2451. Work will begin shortly on the 2008 telecast. If you wish to join the committee, the next meeting is Wednesday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. All are welcome.

Original Painting of Guardian Angel Cathedral Raffle Winner

The winner of the original painting of Guardian Angel Cathedral is Carol Paris from Phoenix, Arizona. The artist, Mark Brandvik, personally delivered the painting to Carol in late December. More than \$2,000 was raised for the Christmas Midnight Mass Telecast. Thanks to all for your generosity!

Bishop's Dinner Meeting
Please contact the Chairman, Edgar Valazquez, at (702) 813-2657 to serve on the committee. The 2008 Bishop's Dinner will be held on Friday, October 24, 2008 at Palace Station. Proceeds from the dinner benefit Music, Media and the Arts for Guardian Angel Cathedral.

St. Joseph's Table
Those wishing to help with or participate in the annual St. Joseph's Table are asked to please contact Julie Andriaccio at (702) 735-1065. The 2008 St. Joseph's Table will be held on Saturday, March 15th, beginning with mass at 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral and continuing until 8:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Join A Cathedral Ministry
As the mother church of our diocese, all liturgical ministries at Guardian Angel Cathedral are

open for participation from any member of any parish in the Las Vegas Diocese (providing it does not interfere with your current participation at your home parish.) If you have one Sunday a month available to serve at your Cathedral we would welcome your participation. Training sessions are held three times per calendar year in the Cathedral Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will not exceed three-hours. The next sessions are as follows: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist - Tuesday January 20, 2008 / Lectors - Wednesday January 21, 2008 / Adult and Young Person Altar Servers - Thursday January 22, 2008. To reserve a spot at the workshop please contact Michael La Rocca at (702) 735-5241 ext. 2249.

Upcoming Important Dates at GAC

All Schools Mass: Tuesday, January 29th at 9:30 am

Ash Wednesday: February 6th; Masses at 8:00 am, 12:10 p.m. with Bishop Pepe, & 5:00 p.m.

Rite of Election: Sunday, February 10th at 2:30 p.m.

Married Couples Mass: Sunday, February 17th at 2:30 p.m.

Signed With Ashes: The Beginning of an Incredible Journey

By VERY REVEREND JOHN ANDREW SULLIVAN, JCL, JUDICIAL VICAR DIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS

Several years ago a PBS series aired an episode called: Yellowstone on Fire. It was an account of the fires that swept through the park in the summer of 1988. One fascinating observation told of the high level of nutrients contained in the ashes. The plants that flourished in the days and weeks immediately following the fires found life in the layers of ashes that covered the ground.

Each year we celebrate Palm Sunday, Jesus' triumphant entrance into his city, Jerusalem. However, last year's palms have dried and cracked-a sign perhaps of our own disappointed hopes and dreams. Like the dried palms we may be feeling dry and brittle.

These palms of last year have been burned to give us the ashes we will receive on Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday a cross of ashes becomes a sign that we acknowledge the death of last year's hopes and disappointments, that we commit ourselves to God's challenge for new hopes, new dreams and new life. To the Christian new hope and new promises come sharply into focus in the experience of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is in the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, that we find ourselves in journey once again. It is in the baptism that we are configured with Jesus. The ashes with which we are signed signal for us the promise of life in Christ.

How did the Church come to such a powerful understanding of ashes? The liturgical use

of ashes originates in the Old Testament. Ashes symbolized mourning, mortality and a spirit of penance. In the Book of Esther, Mordecai put on sackcloth and ashes when he heard of the decree of the King of Persia to kill all Jewish people in the empire (Esther 4:1). Daniel in a prophecy concerning the Babylonian captivity of Jerusalem wrote, "I turned to the Lord, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes." The story of Job recalls how he repented in sackcloth and ashes.

Jesus made reference to ashes in referring to towns that refused to repent even though they had witnessed the miracles and heard the good news. Jesus declared: "If miracles worked in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have reformed in sackcloth and ashes long ago." (Matthew 11:21).

It was Pope Urban II in 1091 who ordered the imposition of ashes on the heads of all the faithful on the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent, thereafter known as Ash Wednesday. The custom of distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday became a liturgical tradition connected with the entrance of the order of penitents. It is the penitential aspects of this season that recall the particular focus and structure surrounding the very baptismal nature of the season.

The feast of Easter prepared for by fasting represents a unique opportunity for initiation of Christians through the sacrament of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. The entire cycle was the cycle of life celebrated by the community. The liturgical seasons allow an ongoing transformation into the life of Christ. It would appear that the liturgical seasons have been

heightened through the growth of the RCIA. Lent becomes a gateway to Easter.

The double focus of baptism and penance in the season of Lent was restored with the reforms of Vatican II. The constitution of the Sacred Liturgy (1963) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (1973). Through these documents the Church reminds the faithful of the original baptismal character of Lent.

Again what is the importance of fasting during the Lenten season? Our Catholic tradition of Lent allows a time when we look hard at all that we consume and all that consumes us. It allows a time to practice discipline in areas we may very well need to do battle. Pope John Paul II, commenting on the meaning of Ash Wednesday stated, "Authentic conversion implies doing all those works which belong to the Lenten season: almsgiving, prayer and fasting. However, these must not be performed only as an external fulfillment, but as an expression of an intimate encounter with God Himself. Conversion involves a new discovery of God." (Ash Wednesday, February 12, 1997, during Mass at the Basilica of St. Sabina on the Aventine Hill).

On Ash Wednesday, we receive a cross on our foreheads-a sign of our willingness to follow Jesus more closely. The ashes we receive, the waters of our baptism and the Eucharist enrich us on our Lenten pilgrimage to Jesus Christ.

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Bishop blesses reflection area at SVS

Our Corner of the Lord's Vineyard

On Sunday, October 21st -- the Feast of St. Viator -- Bishop Pepe blessed St. Viator School's "Our Corner of the Lord's Vineyard." The new desert landscaping included benches and a brick walkway of tributes.

This was Bishop Pepe's blessing:

"On this feast of St. Viator, patron of the religious men known throughout the world for their dedication to education, we gather at this corner of the Lord's vineyard which welcomes us to St. Viator Parish School.

Let us pray . . .

Loving God --

Make Our Corner of the Lord's Vineyard a source of unity and



Bishop Pepe sprinkles Vineyard as Fr. Bill Haesaert, CSV, Associate Pastor at St. Viator, Left and SVS Principal Mrs. Kathleen Daulton, Center look on

friendship, where your people may gather to rest and refresh, certain in your love.

May this be a source of remembering loved ones honored here as well as a source of reflection, bringing us closer to you.

Bless all those who have worked or contributed to pro-

vide this place of remembering and reflection.

May those who spend time here be reminded of the Viatorian mission and the rich 40-year history of St. Viator Parish School.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord."

St. Viator School students report Saints to Internet

Remember when doing a report used to mean writing a certain number of paragraphs and maybe finding a picture to go along with it?

Well, that's so last millennium . . . St. Viator School 8th Graders recently took a giant leap further, designing their reports for the Internet.

Jr. High Religion teacher Mrs. Joy Davies always does an assignment with her classes for All Saints Day. This year, Computer Instructor Mrs. Karen Garner came to her with the idea of putting such a project on the Internet. The result is a look at the 33 Doctors of the Church.

The students were put into teams to work on their final presentation. Each student was able to work on their segment from home. The

groups had to come up with basic information on each saint, as well as including pictures and at least one external link to another Internet source.

Both teachers were impressed with the results. "They did a great job," said Mrs. Davies. "They liked working together." Mrs. Garner said "I did not have to teach them some of the stuff they came up with-- they went above and beyond . . . I was really thrilled with the kind of work they did."

You can view the results of each classroom at <http://stviatorra.wikispaces.com> and <http://stviator.wikispaces.com>.

(And next time you need help getting around your computer, ask one of these whizzes!)

BGHS outreach Matthew's Closet is "Changing Spaces"



...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

By MRS. NAN SULLIVAN

God is so good!!!!

As many of you may have heard recently, Catholic Charities has expanded their facility to accommodate more of our Las Vegas homeless population with additional shelter space which is good news. Unfortunately, this affected us here at Bishop Gorman and our Matthew's Closet program.

Matthew's Closet, one of the greatest outreach programs in Las Vegas which was started at Bishop Gorman by a group of

students along with several key adults, services the homeless directly and personally by distributing free clothing, toiletries and many useful items. Matthew's Closet has been reaching out to the homeless now for 12 years and has been housed at Catholic Charities.

Because Catholic Charities needed the space Matthew's Closet was utilizing each week, we were asked to find a new place to continue our ministry. After much prayer and several phone calls, we are happy to announce that Matthew's Closet

will continue its operations on the grounds of Christ Episcopal Church at 2000 South Maryland Pkwy.

One of the major concerns in finding our new Matthew's Closet home was the need to be near our "patrons." This need is overwhelmingly being satisfied by the choice of this location. Christ Episcopal Church presently has a very successful food pantry which services over 100+ patrons daily. Now these individuals will be able to receive not only food provided by the Church, but clothing provided

by Matthew's Closet as well.

Christ Episcopal Church, along with Bishop Gorman will build a permanent shed with shelves and racks. What a gift! To help defray the cost of this shed we're planning a couple of fundraisers. If anyone feels led to donate to this project, let us know!

We continue to need help with both donations and volunteering. Please contact Mrs. Nan Sullivan in Campus Ministry at nsullivan@bishopgorman.org or 732-1945 if you would like to get involved. God bless.

Scouts help St. Nick, St. Therese and St. Rose with gifts

Entering the Catholic Center just prior to Christmas the site of Salvation Army Boxes gathered by the local Boy Scouts in their "Scouting For Food" program were stacked high. Busy workers organized the Christmas donations of food and toys.

St. Nicholas and his helpers surely are grateful to the helping hand that was given by so many. From that young Cub Scout placing bags on front doors, to the Boy Scouts collecting and packing food boxes, to the Salvation Army and St. Therese Center with Fr. Joe O'Brien, his staff and volunteers distributing, and to the

recipients of each item, a circle of Christmas caring is placed in motion. The needs of the many will be eased with this the supportive circle of service.

This one gathering and distribution benefits families in both Las Vegas and Pahrump. From that front door of the donor, families of St. Therese Center and St. Rose Dominican Hospital terminally ill ward will be offered a gift of sharing in the truest spirit of this holy season. The many unknown names who have given of their time, talents and treasures will have in their hearts the unseen gift of a grateful smile.



Las Vegas spiritual fitness coach pens book about Jac



Amosson of Las Vegas, Nevada.

December 24, 2007 -- PublishAmerica is proud to present Special Angel: Through the Eyes of Jac by Tammy

This heartwarming journey is for anyone who has ever experienced the unexpected in their life only to find the mosaic of God's plan unveiled. Inspired with hope, joy and compassion this book is a treasure you will want to share.

"Special Angel gives the reader a gift with unbound genuineness, clarity, tenderness, and,

most of all, love. It brilliantly reviews for us life's most important lessons, separating the trivial from meaningful, the glitter from essence, and the ephemeral from eternal. You will find yourself reviewing and reaffirming all that you know to be worthwhile in this gift of life." - Andrew Penziner, MD

Tammy Amosson is an author

and speaker passionately inspiring messages of hope and compassion.

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Five tips for making those New Year resolutions stick



The end of the year has passed. At that time we tend to reflect on what we would like to see in the coming year.

During this time of transition, many people feel that they should make changes for the better. Taking advantage of this momentum in society can help us get motivated to better ourselves. We need to be careful setting goals. If you do not structure those goals in a certain way, you can be setting yourself up for failure. With this feeling of failure comes a blow to the self esteem and sometimes even depression. It's difficult to continue to be motivated when you are feeling frustrated with yourself. Remember, if it gets extremely

difficult to feel positive or motivated, you might actually be experiencing depression and should seek the help of a professional mental health provider. Following are five tips to make those resolutions stick!

1. **PERFORMANCE VS OUTCOME** This is very important. You should take care to set goals over which you have as much control as possible. Goals based on outcomes are extremely vulnerable to failure because of things beyond your control.

For example, you might achieve a personal best time in a race, but still be disqualified as a result of a poor judging decision. If you had set an outcome goal of being in the top three, then this will be a defeat. If you set a performance goal of achieving a particular time, then you will have achieved the goal and can draw satisfaction and self-confidence from its achievement.

2. **TEAM UP!** Recruit a couple

of friends or family members to work on a goal with you. Coordinate how and when you will be communicating about your goal. Working as a team will help ensure that you will stay committed longer than if you were working on the goal alone.

3. **BE REALISTIC** When setting your goals, be realistic about what you can achieve. Take into consideration your lifestyle, your physical limitations, any unexpected changes that might occur and then set the goal limits. Many people base their goals on their best performance, however long ago that was. This ignores the inevitable backsliding that can occur for good reasons, and ignores the factors that led to that best performance. It is better to set goals that raise your average performance and make it more consistent. You should set goals so that they are slightly out of your immediate grasp, but not so far that there is no hope

of achieving them: no-one will put serious effort into achieving a goal that they believe is unrealistic.

4. **MAKE IT OBSERVABLE AND POSITIVE** Many times people set goals that are just concepts. For example: "I am going to be nicer to people this year". How can you see if you are succeeding at that? When you set a goal, be clear about what you are working on. Figure out how you are going to rate yourself to see if you are succeeding at the goal. Another important part of goal setting is framing the goal in a positive way. Instead of saying you are going to STOP doing something, frame it in a way in which you will START doing something healthy.

5. **BE SPECIFIC** To feel as if you are achieving your goal, it is helpful to make the goal as specific as possible. For many people losing weight is their resolution. Instead of saying that

you want to be skinny this year, how about being really specific and making a goal to eat a salad at least once a day.

Don't forget to reward yourself! Everyone needs a motivator and rewards tend to help when we are trying to achieve our goals. Set aside time to reward yourself for your hard work. Keep the reward one that does not go against the goal you are trying to achieve. Time for yourself is a great reward. An hour doing an activity that you enjoy once a week can really keep the motivation going!

With these points in mind you can set the goals that will start you moving in that healthy and positive direction. Use these tips and success will definitely be in your future!

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Associate Director

Stillpoint: Center for Spiritual Development invites applicants for the position of Associate Director. The position begins May 1, 2008. Stillpoint is a non-profit center devoted to spiritual development in Las Vegas, Nevada. It is directed by a Board of Trustees. Founded by a group of Roman Catholic women, its focus is interfaith and ecumenical. Programs provide opportunities for spiritual development, personal growth and social transformation.

Responsibilities of the Associate Director include but are not limited to:

Administration of the Center, supervision of clerical staff, maintaining records, coordination of programs and events, managing in-house publications, networking and development opportunities. The Associate Director reports to the Executive Director.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate will embrace the mission of Stillpoint and be able to communicate it with confidence; be able to work independently in a contemplative ethos and embrace the culture of Stillpoint as a small non-profit organization; have a gracious, hospitable and affable disposition, accompanied with excellent written and verbal communication skills; possess strong leadership, organizational, and relationship building skills; expect to take care of his/her own administrative/clerical needs; possess excellent computer skills (Word, Excel, Publisher, Power Point). Qualifications should include a college degree and significant administrative experience.

More information about Stillpoint can be found at www.stillpointcsd.org. Deadline for applications is February 11th, 2008. Applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest addressing the requirements listed above, a resume, and three references to: Search Committee, Stillpoint: Center for Spiritual Development, 8072 West Sahara Avenue, Suite D, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117. E-mail: stillpoint.mark@gmail.com.

"A Time to Build"- A Dream of the Campus Ministry at UNLV

By FR. ALBERT FELICE-PACE, OP, DIRECTOR

After serving as Campus Minister at various universities in California, Oregon and Arizona, in 2004, I was asked to come to Las Vegas to serve the Catholic community at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. This was not my first time to the city. I was one of three Dominican Friars who visited with Bishop Walsh and Msgr. Patrick Leary when we were invited to come to the Diocese of Las Vegas. One of the ministries that were offered to the Dominicans was the Directorship of the Newman Center. Little did I know then that one day I would be the Director of the Newman Center.

For many Catholics, Campus Ministry is a well kept secret even though it started in 1893 in Madison, Wisconsin. Many people who attend universities or colleges are not aware of the presence of the Church. In the three and a half years that I have been at UNLV, I am amazed that students, faculty and staff, who have been on campus for many years did not know that we have a Catholic Center on campus. Fortunately having our name painted in huge letters on the outside of our center has helped to spread the word a lot in these last couple of years. The university community is more aware now of our presence because of our involvement with university life. One example is our "Table of Plenty" biannual food drive for the St. Therese Center, the Diocesan Ministry for those infected and affected by HIV. One of our professors is allowed to

send an e-mail on behalf of the Newman community to all the departments advertising our food drive. Many departments are now participating in the drive.

Because we are getting to be known, our community is getting bigger. We have increased participation of students, faculty and staff. Many Sundays the attendance at the 7:00 p.m. Mass is standing room only. I am delighted to see the Spirit alive at UNLV when so many students attend Mass. This sentiment has been expressed by many visitors and members of the senior community. Because of our growth, our present facilities are too small. We also lack space for social events that take place after the Sunday liturgy. Recently we had an "end of the semester" dinner. The weather was cold, so we had to have the dinner inside. The only way we can accommodate the size of our community is to change the worship space into a dining hall. That is what we had to do. Yes our place is too small!

So the Newman community has a dream - a dream that has been hovering since the Dominicans came to UNLV. We want to build a chapel and a center on campus. When completed, it will be great to see the Cross on top of the chapel. This will be a sign that the Church cares for the spiritual needs of the university. Our new building will be the first Catholic Center in the State of Nevada to be on campus, surrounded by the university residence halls and other school facilities.

On Sunday, October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosa-

ry, during the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we launched our \$10 million capital campaign. Dr. Richard Facciolo, the Chancellor and Superintendent of Schools in the Diocese, made a few encouraging remarks supporting our efforts. At that time, we unveiled a new sign depicting an image of our future home that is now posted on the entrance of the parking lot.

It is going to be a long haul, but we have to start sometime and someplace if we want our dream come true. As Director of the Newman Community and with the help of David Zeamer, the Development Director, we want to invite people to become involved in our mission "to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the University community." By giving us financial support, and by praying for the success of our capital campaign you will become a partner in our ministry. Your support makes a significant impact on the future of our Church and the lives of the students we serve now and in the future. Would you accept this invitation?

It is "A Time to Build". You can help us by making a pledge or a donation. Pledge forms are available from the Newman Center. Please call David Zeamer at 702-736-0887 for a form or you may send a donation to "A Time to Build", Catholic Newman Center, 4765 Brussels St, Las Vegas, NV 89119. All donations are tax deductible.

Let us partner together to see a Catholic chapel and a center on the campus of UNLV.

Fr. Albert is the Director of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Newman Center at UNLV.

St. Joseph Husband of Mary goes green with solar panels

By BETH DICKMAN

A Las Vegas parish has gone solar, the first church in Clark County to do so under Nevada Power Co.'s SolarGenerations program.

St. Joseph Husband of Mary Roman Catholic Church received a rebate check of \$88,359 from Nevada Power on Dec. 12 during a press conference to mark the event.

"We're hoping we can set an example for the entire diocese of Las Vegas," said Father Robert Stoeckig. "Hopefully more churches will follow our example of using solar power to be more energy-efficient and that these techniques can be used in

future building projects."

The church installed 30 kilowatts of photovoltaic panels on a standalone canopy in the parking lot to qualify for the rebate from Nevada Power. The canopy doubles as covered parking for 22 spaces.

"This isn't just something for the church or for public buildings," said Greg Kern, Nevada Power's director of energy efficiency and customer strategies. "Solar energy and conserving energy is for everyone."

Stoeckig wouldn't say how much the solar panels cost. However, a Nevada

Power spokeswoman said a 30-kilowatt system would cost between \$270,000 and \$330,000,

not counting any special structures that might be required. St. Joseph had to build the canopy because its roof wasn't suitable for solar panels. Kern said the church's monthly electric bills could drop by as much as \$500 during peak seasons.

The church also has switched from incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs.

"If you want to be green or start trying to be green, the first thing to do is change out the lighting in any building," Kern said. "It's incredibly cost-effective and it pays itself off in a matter of months."

The SolarGenerations program offered by Nevada Power is available to commercial and

residential properties. Depending on the number of panels and the amount of energy used, a rebate is given to the participants after installation.

The solar modules have a warranty of 25 years and are estimated to last about 40 years.

"SolarGenerations has been a successful program for those who have taken part in it," Kern said. "What the church has bought into is a fixed stream of energy that will be used for decades to come."

The program started five years ago with more than 250 homes and businesses installing the photovoltaic panels.

SolarGenerations was changed by the state Legislature in 2007

from a pilot program to a permanent program to encourage more homeowners to install solar panels, Kern said.

For more information, go to www.solargenerations.com.

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VERY REVEREND FRANCIS TIMONEY RETIRES

After over thirty-eight years of joyful priestly service to the Catholic people of Nevada, Fr. Francis Timoney announced his intention to retire at the end of November 2007. The announcement was made on the 13th of September, the very anniversary of his entering the seminary to train for the priesthood many years ago.

During his very Catholic education in Glasgow, Scotland, Fr. Timoney always felt an attraction for the priesthood. This tug persisted through college. When Archbishop Robert Dwyer, then Bishop of Reno, wrote to him to invite him to enter the seminary to study for the priesthood for Nevada his destiny was clear to him. He was to have a very distinguished academic college career at St. John's College; he won many prizes including a gold medal for debating. His essay on the beliefs and practices of the first Christians achieved first place in the National Biblical Essay competition of Ireland. The London School of Dramatic Art awarded him a silver medal with honors for public speaking.

After five years of intensive preparation, Fr. Francis Timoney was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend James Scanlon, Archbishop of Glasgow on the seventh of June, 1969. After the ceremony, newspaper reporters were amazed that the new priest was assigned to St. Anne's church in Las Vegas: "Are there churches in Las Vegas?" they asked.

At St. Anne's church, Fr. Timoney relished his new pastoral role in the church. Saying Mass, preaching sermons, hearing confessions, baptizing converts, anointing the sick was his delight. This joy would continue as he served at Little Flower Church in Reno and then as Pastor in Hawthorne, Nevada.

After only a year in Hawthorne, Bishop Norman McFarlane was to give Fr. Timoney a new challenge - to take over, as pastor, the very troubled parish of St. Albert the Great in Reno as of October 1st, 1975. This parish was crippled by two enormous debts that were to balloon in 1980. As neither the parish nor the di-



ABOVE— Pope John Paul II receives Fr. Timoney at the Vatican, RIGHT —Fr. Timoney's Chalice was consecrated and used for the first time at the Holy Father's Mass in his private chapel in the Vatican.



ocese was in any position to pay off these debts, foreclosure was a looming reality. But by 1978 Fr. Timoney had amortized the debts as well as the accrued interest. He went on build and pay for a beautiful new church of St. Albert the Great

Noting this achievement Bishop Daniel Walsh assigned Fr. Timoney back to Las Vegas to build a new church for Prince of Peace parish. After he purchased a much-needed rectory, Fr. Timoney went on to galvanize the parish by setting sights on the new church. This beautiful edifice was opened on March 25th 1993, the Feast of the Annunciation, and paid off in less than three years later. Fr. Timoney's vision for a sorely needed school and administration offices were soon to be constructed and paid for. A new parish hall was then planned. A transfer to St. Annes would leave his vision in the hands of another.

As well his pastoral work Fr. Timoney served on various diocesan boards and committees. Known to have the gift of the gab his sermons and talks were regarded as inspirational, informative and enlightening. Because of his flair for language

he contributed columns to the old Nevada Register, wrote a couple of children's books and took part in a Catholic radio show. He was state chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters and the Legion of Mary. The Notre Dame Club honored Father with its Humanitarian Award and so joined other groups in so recognizing his support for their organizations.

Fr. Francis Timoney was created a papal Knight of the Holy Sepulcher in 2002. He was received by His Holiness Pope John Paul II who not only consecrated Fr. Timoney's chalice but used it for the first time at the Holy Father's Mass in his private chapel in the Vatican.

Although retired from the day to day running of a parish, Fr. Timoney intends to remain active in priestly ministry in Nevada. He is very grateful for all the encouragement and support given him over the years by so many, many good people. And last but certainly not least, he is grateful to Almighty God for so many blessings, Blessings galore!

The Light Shined Bright at the Red Rock

Dr. MARC GONZÁLEZ,

DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF FAITH AND MINISTRY FORMATION

Often as I cross the southern end of the Strip I see the light beam from the Luxor going up into the night sky. To be sure, it is a wonderful sight to behold. However, at the Red Rock Casino in mid-November a beam of light shined down over 800 Catholics at the annual Diocesan Conference. The source of this light is the Lord Jesus who told that where two or three gather in his name, he is present. And was the Lord present!

The weekend started with young mariachi musicians from J. D. Smith Middle School and El Dorado High School sharing their talents and drawing the participants into the exhibit hall. The young men and women provided an added festive note to begin the Conference. The Conference opened with a concert by noted liturgical composer Meredith Augustin. Her joy and love of the Lord was contagious, so much so that more than just a few toes were tapping and hands clapping.

The Conference theme, Choose the Light, was apt because Nov. 15 was the anniversary of the slaughter of six Jesuits priests in Central America along with their housekeeper and her daughter. This sad day provided an opportunity to remember and celebrate those who went before us to the light: the previous bishops of Nevada, the Adrian Dominican sisters, the Vitorian Fathers, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Dr. Martin Luther King, just to name

a few. Bishop Pepe led our prayer by blessing water to remind us we were baptized into the Light.

The first keynote by Fr. Mark Francis, CSV, the superior general of the Vitorians and former teacher at Bishop Gorman High School, reminded us of the riches our liturgical practices contain and how these practices enrich our faith. These practices also lay the foundation for our spirituality. The evening closed with a wine and cheese reception where we re-connected with friends.

The Conference's second day, Saturday, was centered on learning. The day opened with the blessing and recognition of those who completed catechist certification. Bishop Pepe presided as catechists are his co-teachers of the faith. The morning keynote by noted columnist and educator, Fr. Ron Rolheiser centered on being missionaries to our children. He encouraged us to love the world as God loves it and to witness to a new maturity of faith.

From the keynote everyone moved onto the workshops. Topics varied from adolescent catechesis, moral theology, healthy living for God's service, scripture, and being light to the world. After the two workshops sessions, we gathered for a panel discussion to bring the day together.

To close the day, Bishop Pepe blessed us and sent us forth to be light to the world, especially in Las Vegas.

Mark your calendars now for the 2008 Diocesan Conference: November 14 & 15 at the Green Valley Ranch Casino & Hotel in Henderson.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Our Lady of the Valley Pahrump

February 1st First Friday Adoration and Day of Prayer 8:30 AM - 7 PM. Fish Fry Dinner 4 PM - 7 PM

February 3rd Blood Drive in the Parish Hall from 10 AM - 1 PM, call for an appointment.

February 6th Ash Wednesday Masses 9 AM & 7 PM (Bilingual)

Fish Fry Dinners will be held every Friday during Lent from 4 PM - 7 PM.

Beginning February 8th we will have Stations of the Cross at 7 PM during Lent

February 14th Valentine's Day Dinner Dance (call for details)

February 16th Stillpoint's Father Serna will give a presentation from 9 AM - 11 AM

February 24th Family Mass 9 AM

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Southern Nevada Retreat
A Rachel's Vineyard retreat will be held in Boulder City from Friday, February 29 - Sunday March 2, 2008. For registration and information call Kathleen Miller 702-212-6472

Arizona Retreat
A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for women & men struggling with the psychological &/or spiritual pain of abortion will be offered April 4-6, 2008 at The Nautical Resort & Conference Center, Lake Havasu City, AZ. Cost is \$200.00. Early registration discount & some scholarships available. For more information about the symptoms of post-abortion trauma visit Rachel's Vineyard at www.rachelsvineyard.org. Then contact us for local information

or to register, Lisa 928-713-9504 or leexavc@cableone.net. All communication & participation are strictly confidential.

St. Therese Center Needs

Preparation for 2007 Scout Retreat "Symbols of Our Faith" includes a service project. The youth leaders of Crew 453 and 1199 of the DCCS and Our Lady of Las Vegas are undertaking a collection of items that will benefit the St. Therese Center.

Fr. Joseph O'Brian said that the St. Therese Centers now assist clients from infants to mature adults into the ninety's today. With three centers located conveniently throughout the Las Vegas area, the items always welcomed are personal hygiene and paper products, which benefit in daily necessities.

Members of the Scouting Community and the Diocese of Las Vegas who wish to contribute to the program may find more information on the diocesan website www.lasvegasccs.com, the Scout Center, within their parish or contact the DCCS through the Catholic Center 735-3500.

Scholarships offered by Regis University

Regis University, a Catholic University, is offering 15 scholarships each semester for Catholic students in mission focused programs such as Religious Studies, Teacher Education and Marriage and Family Therapy. The Scholarship are offered on a first come basis.

Call Regis Admissions at 702-990-0375 ext. 226 for more information.

Marriage Encounter for Good Marriages

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The scheduled weekends for 2008 are:

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August 8-10

November 7-9.

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Theology on Tap

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Newman Center is sponsoring Theology on Tap which is open to all young adults and young at heart. First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Ellis Island Casino and Brewery, 4178 Koval Lane (Koval and Flamingo) at the private room in the cafe. For more info call 736-0887 or 274-3734.

Vocations

Serrans of the diocese met at SEAS to plan a program that would provide information for men and women who are interested in answering their call to a religious life.

Fr. Muggaga, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Las Vegas, has asked the local Serrans to volunteer to distribute information at select parishes. The Mass will be attended by the Serrans and Fr. Muggaga to identify the need for vocations and ask for consideration of men and women to fulfill God's call in the church today.

Fr. Muggaga is pleased with the

way the presentations have gone thus far. He wants to have a meeting with all the people involved, the Serrans, Knights of Columbus, Scout Representatives and other volunteers to discuss any improvement to the presentation that we can suggest. Such a meeting will be held after the first of the year.

More information may be found by contacting John P. Foley, Chair for the Serra West at 386-2214 or the diocesan vocations office 735-3500.

Priesthood Sunday

Nationally, Serrans, Scouting and other organizations plan and promote one day for all to show appreciation to the religious men and women throughout the world. This day is referred to as "Priesthood Sunday". On Priesthood Sunday 2007 Our Lady Of Las Vegas and St. Peter the Apostle priests, Fr. Peter Romeo and Fr. Steve Hoffer, focused with humility and gratitude on the emphasis of the day to those gathered at their services.

Serrans, Scouts, Scouters and laity at OLLV were given an important message from Fr. Romeo when he told of his calling from God. When the Lord wants you it is important to listen and allow the soul to be nourished with the word.

"First," said Fr. Peter "you must pray. Then read the word and write the word." All were ask to "pray for the youth that they will hear the call and know that we are never alone."

Planning for Scout Mass with Bishop 2008

The 25th year of Catholic Re-

ligious Emblems Ceremonies to Scouts and Scouters of the combined Diocese of Reno/Las Vegas will be celebrated the morning of Saturday, February 23, 2008 at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary's parish. The mass with Bishop Pepe will honor Catholic Scouting Youth of the Boy Scouts of America and adults who have provided ministry through the scouting program.

Advance preparation will include recognition for competition of age related Emblems programs, service to and past awards for the present and throughout the past 25 years. The religious, scouts and adults who were involved in any of the planning and execution of this event are invited to attend this event.

Bishop McFarland and Bishop Walsh brought us to the present day in what is now the Diocese of Las Vegas and Bishop Joseph Pepe.

History of the past combined dioceses is needed to enrich the day.

Persons involved with the Awards Ceremony are ask to share pictures, stories and names of recipients both youth and adults. Information may be sent by visiting the Catholic Scouting Website www.lasvegasccs.com where webmaster Dave Haag with his committee the information will be compiled and displayed at the 2008 reception that will proceed the mass.

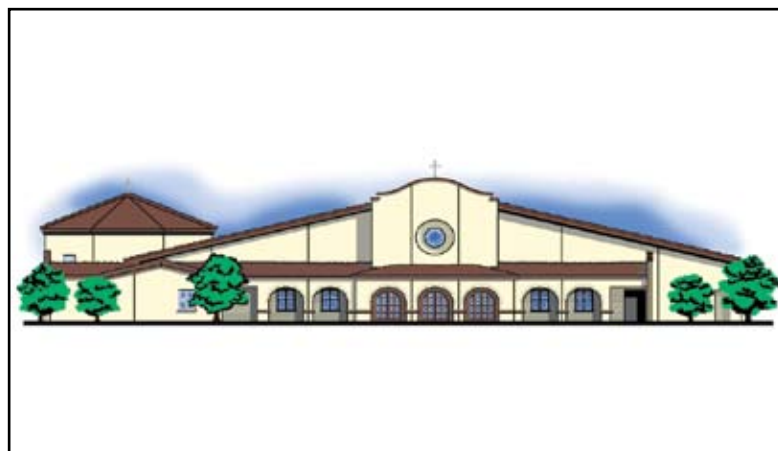
Members of the DCCS along with staff may also be contacted with or for more information. Marie Simons, Chair, Fr. Tom Galenbach, Chaplain, Betty Hiller, Liturgist, Christina Beecher, Reception Coordinator, Carmella Chris, Mistress of Ceremony

St. Bridget overcomes challenges through prayer & adoration

St. Bridget Church is located in one of the poorest areas of what is called downtown Las Vegas. The rumor was that it would eventually go the way of many other small, poor parishes and close down completely, but that did not happen.

When the new administrator, Father James Swenson, was assigned, the first thing he did was consecrate the church and parish to The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Then the praying for guidance began, The rosary was, and still is, recited four times a day by the pastor, his parishioners and visitors.

Even though this was a small parish, Father Swenson wanted his parishioners to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, and in a short time a priest speaker from the Missionaries of the Blessed Sacrament came to talk to the people of St. Bridget and the surrounding parishes. The call to adoration was very suc-



cessful. The chapel was dedicated in 1985, and adoration began. That was twenty-two years ago. When the numbers of adorers and interest started to decline about eight years ago, Father Robert Goedert, was invited to speak at the weekend Masses. His Eucharistic sermon stirred the people, increased the number of adorers and blessed the

resolve of the faithful.

The chapel is small, peaceful and inviting. The door is never locked so no one is every turned away from a visit with Jesus. The hours from midnight to six a.m. are secured by committed adorers some who stay for two and others for three hours.

They have never failed to have someone wit the Lord every mo-

ment of the twenty-four hours, seven days a week. And from this rich spring of devotion many blessings have flowed:

Vocations: A Carmelite Cloistered nun, a Benedictine Monk, an Augustinian Monk and an active Lay Carmelite Group

Conversions: Entire families have returned to the faith

Grateful responses: Hundreds of visitors from many denominations one of whom is an Islamic man who has been a steady adorer for several years

Devotions: The Two Hears Prayer Group and The Eight Days of Prayer to God Our Father (the last Sunday in July to the first Sunday in August.)

Donations: There are many. Recently an adorer left a gift of one million dollars to Father Swenson to build a new church for the poor, (soon to be constructed).

Prayers Answered: of every nature, but Father Swenson's prayer of many years for a new

St. Bridget church and mission center for the poor was answered. The site, the property, the money are all a reality. St. Bridget church will not close down, but thrive.

Father Swenson can relate to St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars, and he has a message for his brother priests who are reluctant to attempt Eucharistic adoration outside of the Mass. When people from the surrounding countryside parishes flocked to Father Vianney's services that were daily and long, the other pastors complained to him. He told them to make a Holy Hour every week and their people would return. The people did return to those who made the Holy Hour. Father Swenson understands the fears that many pastors have about having adoration outside of the Mass. To them he repeats the advice of the Cure of Ars, "Have a Holy Hour every week. Start praying. Pray for guidance and trust in God."



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Food Items Needed:

Peanut butter and jelly, cereal, oatmeal, crackers, canned fruits and vegetables,

dried pasta, rice, beans, instant mashed potatoes, canned meats, Jello, and boxed baking items. Pop top cans: Vienna sausages, beans/franks and fruits.

More than 100 bags of groceries are given to families each day.



Baby Goods Needed

Baby food, formula, baby diapers - all sizes, baby wipes, baby cereal, blankets, t-shirts, clothing, baby layettes and cribs.

Help and Hope during the Holidays

The 2007 holiday season brought help and hope to thousands of families. Special thanks to all who donated time, monetary donations, and donated food, clothing and toys.

- More than 2,000 families received Thanksgiving turkeys and food baskets.
- More than 3,000 children received Christmas toys.
- St. Vincent Lied Dining Facility served more than 5,000 meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Throughout the holiday months, thousands of individuals and families were provided help with shelter, employment, food, and clothing. **Thank you!**

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Starting with Mass with Bishop Pepe

Where? ➤

Place: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Summerlin)

1811 Pueblo Vista Drive

How
much? ➤

Cost: \$15.00 per person

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Pre-registration is REQUIRED!



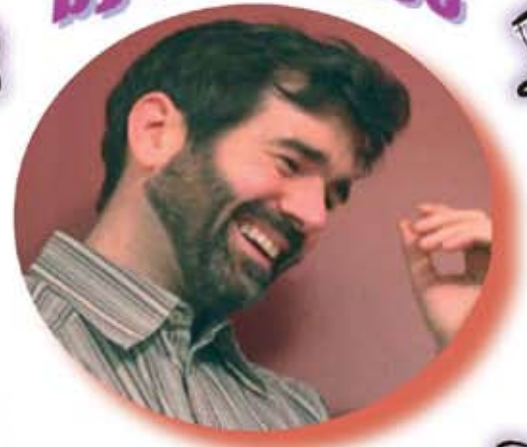
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