

Good News

“Making All Things New”

April-May-June 2005

Celebration of **NEW LIFE**: *Easter 2005*

EASTER 2005: Celebration of **NEW LIFE** (insert 4 pics of Sunrise Celebration)

Many folks gathered at the Valley of Fire to join Father Leo Coughlin, Pastor and the parishioners St. John the Evangelist, Overton, NV. People began arriving at 5:15 a.m. for what has become a tradition — **SUNRISE MASS** at Valley of Fire. It was truly a gathering of Church sharing generously the joy of the resurrection. Through the words of the liturgy and Fr. Leo's homily you were assured anew that Christ conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life and that new life possibilities were within our reach each day! “How Great Thou Art” was the perfect closing song for such a perfect sunrise Celebration!

(Insert 2 pics of St. Thomas More)

As parishioners of St. Thomas More entered church on Easter to celebrate Resurrection the “little folks” handed empty plastic eggs to all. The “big folks” filled the egg with donations saved during Lent. At the time of the offerings each person came forward and placed their egg into large Easter baskets as gifts of “NEW LIFE” for some hungry persons. Money collected went to the seven departments of Catholic Charities responsible for feeding men, women and children everyday.

Celebration of **ETERNAL LIFE**:

(Pic of Pope)

Pope John Paul II
Born to Life May 18th, 1920
Born to Eternal Life April 2, 2005

An Excerpt from the poem “*Embraced by New Time*” By Karol Wojtyla:

“My life will no longer be weighed deep in my blood,
The road will no longer slip away from my weary steps.
New time now shines in my fading eyes;
It will consume me, and dwell with my heart....

IN ME IT WAS MADE FLESH, WAS REVEALED IN SONG WITH GRACE,
And came to many, and in them found its own space.”

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the commitment and energy of Pope John Paul's active love etched on all the world.

Thank you, Pope John Paul for bringing your song to all of us!

Good News! The Official Newsletter from the Department of Faith and Ministry Formation

Sr. Pat McGinley, SSJ, Vicar for Faith & Ministry Formation Linn Bautista, Associate Director, Office of Catechetical Ministries

OCM April Calendar of Events

- 21st Parish Leadership In-Service Gathering
Stillpoint Center for Spiritual Development
- 23rd Keenan Osborne O.F.M.
Retreat on Ministry 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
St. John Neumann Catholic Center
- 28th Youth Ministry Meeting
Mike Norman, LA Youth Director
- 29th St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church

OCM May Calendar of Events

- 5th Ascension of the Lord
- 8th Mother's Day
- 11th 2005 Conference Committee Meeting
Catholic Center 10:00 a.m.
- 14th Confirmation Retreat
Pahrump - 10:00 a.m.
- 15th Pentecost Sunday
City of Las Vegas — 100th Anniversary
- 21st Priestly Ordination of Steve Hoffer and
Ron Zanoni
Guardian Angel Cathedral — 10:00 a.m.
- 22nd Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
- 29th Solemnity of the Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
- 30th Memorial Day OCM Closed

OCM June Calendar of Events

- 6th—10th Retreat for Diocesan Priests
- 15th—16th Centenary Concert, Cashman Field
- 17th-18th Women's Retreat 2005
Directed by Joyce Rupp, OSM

Catechetical Sunday September 18th, 2005:

Theme: *"Life is Christ" - "La Vida Cristo"*

Appropriate materials are available through
the US Catholic Bishops website on
Catechetical Sunday

Call the Office of Catechetical Ministries Office
(702) 735-6044 to order materials.

Mark your calendars!! Diocesan Conference 2005 Green Valley Ranch Henderson, NV

**Friday, November 18th
6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 19th
9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**

**Www.dioceseoflasvegas.org
(click on Catechetical Ministries)**

**Diocese of Las Vegas
10th Anniversary 1995-2005**

Fall Faith FestivalSeptember 10, 2005

Speakers: Kate Ristow — Methodology
Katie Griffin — "Come Let Us Pray for Our
Children"

CONGRESS 2006 ANAHEIM

March 30th, 2006 Youth Day
March 31st—April 2nd, 2006

**SIGN UP TODAY!!!
WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH JOYCE RUPP
June 17th and 18th 2005**

Call Connie Clough at 361-8840

(Insert Picture)

Lenten University at the Catholic Center....one hundred forty people from around the diocese gathered at tables to gain deeper insights into the mystery of the Eucharist. This diocesan event was scheduled to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist as proclaimed by Pope John Paul II. Our visiting professors included Fr. Mugagga Lule, Fr. Pat Render and Fr. Steve Thoma.

LENT AT ST. JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY

The St. Joseph Husband of Mary Youth Ministry recently re-enacted the Stations of the Cross. The Living Stations of the Cross is a freeze frame portrayal of the last steps of our Lord. Our parishioners who experienced the Living Stations of the Cross reacted with the following statements. "You don't watch this you live it, very dramatic, I was moved to tears". And "this highly moving portrayal is deeply enveloped in religious tones and very well acted out by the youth of our parish. It is a performance that should not be missed". The Youth Ministry at St. Joseph Husband of Mary would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave of their time to allow us to give this to the Church.

(Insert Pictures)

Scout Religious Emblems Mass

22nd Annual Catholic Scouting Religious Emblems Mass held on Feb. 26, at Holy Family. Bishop Joseph Pepe with Fr. Tom Gallenbach presented medals of recognition at the mass to honor young men of the Diocese who completed the Catholic Scouting workbook of their age and rank. Adults who have given greatly their time and talents were also recognized. Mrs. Betty Hiller of Our Lady of the Skies and SEAS Troop 99 was presented the NCCS St. George Emblem. Sr. Pat McGinley and John Bongiorno were recognized for their service to youth of the Diocese and give the Diocesan Bronze Pelican medal.

(Insert Pic)

Pictured are youth of St. Joseph, HOM Pack 700 being given the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) Emblem.

WELCOME NEOPHYTES

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.



18 young catechumens from St. Thomas More parish community participated in the Rite of Initiation for Children. At the Easter Vigil, they received full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, along with 4 adults of the parish.



The Diocese of Las Vegas congratulates the **230 catechumens** and the many candidates for full communion who became one with us at the various Easter Vigils beautifully celebrated around the Diocese.

Net Team Visits the Diocese
Confirmation students from St. Christopher's exchange a hand of friendship during the Net Retreat held February 15th -18th at the parish.



From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

THE NATIONAL DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS IS HERE!

National Directory for Catechesis After years of collaboration, study and writing, the *National Directory for Catechesis (NDC)* is now in production. A companion to the *General Directory for Catechesis (GDG)*, it builds on some of the core themes of the GDC like catechesis' relationship to evangelization and worship, and provides practical tools for doing catechesis well. The NDC and its related products will be available in May 2005.

Call the Office of Catechetical Ministry to place your order (702) 735-6044

Price: \$19.95 Resource Member Price \$11.97

Leaders Guide TBA

Summary 40 pp.

Bulletin Inserts TBA

Genesis 8:22....There will always be cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night....

VACATION

In my head I hear a humming:
Summer, summer,
summer's coming
Soon we're going on vacation
But there is a complication:
Day by day the problem's growing—
We don't know yet where we're going!
Mother likes the country best;
That's so she can read and rest.
Dad thinks resting is a bore;
He's for fishing of the shore.
Sailing is my brother's pick;
Sailing makes my sister sick;
She says swimming's much more cool,
Swimming in a swimming pool.
As for me, why, I don't care,
I'd be happy anywhere!
In my head I hear a humming:
Summer, summer,
summer's coming
Soon we're going on vacation
But there is a complication:
Day by day the problem's growing—
Where oh where will be going?
Mary Ann Hoberman



"FAITH is putting all your eggs in God's basket, then counting your blessings before they hatch"....Ramona C. Carroll

SUMMER

May the openness that Summer brings be a gift to us—
To open the windows of our lives to other people,
To open our homes to share the hospitality of table and church.
Open our minds and revel in the beauties of nature—
The smell of newly mown grass
The morning dew on the rosebud
The scent of honeysuckle on the evening air
The open spaces offering relaxation and a change of pace.
Open our hearts to your love and may your Spirit rest with each one of us.
Rosemary Wass, England



In Memoriam

Third Fatima Visionary Dies....

Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos had apparitions of the Virgin Mary in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. Sister Lucia dos Santos the last of the three Fatima visionaries, died on February 13th at the age of 97.

When she was 10 years old, Sister Lucia and her two younger cousins Francisco and Jacinta claimed to have seen the Virgin Mary at Fatima. The apparitions occurred over six months in 1917. Francisco and Jacinta were beatified in 2000. Sister Lucia was buried temporarily at the Coimbra convent, while preparations were made for her to be buried alongside her two cousins at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.

Let us remember in prayer Sister Dorothy Slang who was murdered on February 12, 2005. Sister Dorothy was an American nun working for nearly 40 years in rural Brazil, defending the rights of the poor peasants.

Please remember Father Frank Yncierto, Pastoral Administrator of St. John the Baptist, Laughlin and his family in your prayers. They recently lost three members of their family, Julius Romas and daughter Julianne (age 6) and Priciliano Roma due to a car accident.

Wherever you might be headed even if it is home, may it be a time for your spirit to be enlivened and refreshed!

Happy are they who serve the Lord....Congratulations to our Jubilarians!

50 years

Rev. Caesar Caviglia
Sister Molly Nicholson, OP

25 years

Rev. Innocent Anyanwu
Rev. William Haesaert, CSV
Rev. Reginald Nwauzor
Rev. Anthony Vercellone