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June 2009 Newsletter



June is Sacred Heart of Jesus Month

Please join us every Monday through Friday in St. Sharbel Church at 6:30pm for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart

Hail! O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and quickening source of eternal life, infinite treasure of the Divinity, and burning furnace of divine love. Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary, O my amiable Savior. Consume my heart with that burning fire with which Thine is ever inflamed. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Thy love, and let my heart be so united with Thine, that our wills may be one, and mine in all things, be conformed to Thine. May Thy divine will be equally the standard and rule of all my desires and of all my actions. Amen.



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DAILY MASS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 AM **SATURDAY** MASS:5:30 PM ENGLISH
SUNDAY MASSES: 9: 30AM ENGLISH - 11: 00AM ARABIC | ENGLISH

Church Readies for a Renewal

VATICAN CITY— A renewal to be brought about through the sanctification of priests, according to a Vatican spokesman. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Vatican press office, affirmed this when he reflected on the Year for Priests, convoked by Benedict XVI, and starting with this Friday's feast of the Sacred Heart.

During the reflection, made on the most recent episode of Vatican Television's "Octava Dies, Father Lombardi noted how the Holy Father

often gives a rosary to priests who come to visit him, saying, "Even priests must remember to pray!"

"These words came to mind when the Pope announced the 'YEAR FOR

PRIESTS,' which is about to begin [and coincides with] the 150th anniversary of the death of St. Jean-Marie Vianney, the holy Curé of Ars, a splendid model for all priests of spirituality and zeal, above all if they are engaged in pastoral work," the spokesman said.

He went on to recall how the Pope has publicly warned against neglecting prayer for work or because of worries: "It is always easy to reduce prayer to superficial moments and rush it, letting yourself be overwhelmed by activities and human worries."

In this context, Father Lombardi cited words from the Curé of Ars: "There are some who seem to speak to the Good Lord in this way: 'I only have two things to say to you, so I will do it quickly and then be on my way.'"

"If the problem of union with God confronts all Christians, it especially confronts priests, who are sought after by everyone at all times and whose number is diminishing or remains small in the face of

all the demands," the Jesuit observed. "Obviously, the holiness of priests is first of all their responsibility, but it also concerns the whole community of the faithful. It only takes a few unworthy priests to profoundly harm the credibility of the Church.

"And on the other hand the spiritual solidarity of the community is a powerful support for their spiritual and apostolic life. In sum, the 'Year for Priests' is important not only for priests but for everyone."

FR NADIM

June Reflections

"The Christian tradition values laughter. The DICTIONARY OF BIBLICAL IMAGERY says "If there is a single person within the pages of the Bible that we can consider a humorist, it is without doubt Jesus."

Wit and humor were an integral part of Judaism. But the Desert Fathers, such as Anthony, Augustine, and Benedict condemned laughter as the enemy of the spiritual life. In Puritan times, laughter was considered a mortal sin and even smiling was prohibited. We have all heard that "He who laughs, lasts." Bob Hope reminded us of this: "I have seen what a laugh can do. It can transform almost unbearable tears into something tolerable, even hopeful." And Victor Borge added that "The closest distance between two people is a good laugh." Laughter is healthy spiritually and builds community. It has a way of renewing our soul and restoring our perspective. Humor lets us know its okay to be human." J Foley. Children and pets provide an endless source of amusement, maybe especially when they're quoted as talking to God.

Dear God, My dog, Bowser is getting really old now. He gets up slowly and doesn't keep up with me anymore when we run. Mommy says he's going to die one day. Could you just make him a puppy again instead?

Dear God, I play worse than anyone on my soccer team. I'm the smallest one, too. That doesn't seem very fair. Did you play a dirty trick on me?

* Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

You spend the first 2 years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 telling them to sit down and shut-up.

Web Site to mark the Year for Priests Celebration

The US Bishops' Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations has set up a Web Site to mark the Year for Priests, to be celebrated June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010 throughout the world. Pope Benedict XVI has designated the year long celebration to begin on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a day of prayer for the sanctification of all priests. The pope also has designated St. John Vianney as the Universal Patron of All Priests on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the saint's death. The saint, who also is known as the Cure of Ars, is the patron of parish priests.

The Year for priests Website can be found

<http://www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/index.shtml>

"In Solidarity With Our Priests"

UNITED IN PRAYERS

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St. John Vianney



Congratulations to the Hanash Family on their Family Reunion on May 31, 2009.

The Meaning of Family

I ran into a stranger as he passed by,
'Oh excuse me please' was my reply.
He said, 'Please excuse me too;
I wasn't watching for you.'
We were very polite, this stranger and I.
We went on our way and we said goodbye.
But at home a different story is told,
How we treat our loved ones, young and old.
Later that day, cooking the evening meal,
My son stood beside me very still.
When I turned, I nearly knocked him down.
'Move out of the way,' I said with a frown.
He walked away, his little heartbroken.
I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.
While I lay awake in bed,
God's still small voice came to me and said,
'While dealing with a stranger,
common courtesy you use,
but the family you love, you seem to abuse.
Go and look on the kitchen floor,
You'll find some flowers there by the door!
Those are the flowers he brought for you.
He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue.
He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise,
you never saw the tears that filled his little eyes.'
By this time, I felt very small,
And now my tears began to fall.
I quietly went and knelt by his bed;
'Wake up, little one, wake up,' I said.
'Are these the flowers you picked for me?'
He smiled, 'I found them, out by the tree. !
I picked them because they're pretty like you.
I knew you'd like them, especially the blue.'
I said, 'Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today;
I shouldn't have yelled at you that way.'
He said, 'Oh, Mom, that's okay.
I love you anyway.'
I said, 'Son, I love you too,

and I do like the flowers, especially the blue.'

FAMILY

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days.

But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives.

And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think?

So what is behind the story?

Do you know what the word FAMILY means?

FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU

A Recipe for a Happy Family

Take a matching pair of human individuals.

Prepare well by tenderizing and molding into shape.

Settle securely in a cozy nest and allow to propagate.

Bond the growing mess together with endless patience and acceptance until it is bubbly

Adding countless cups of the beverage of choice

Laced with spoonfuls of sugar to make the medicine go down.

Mix in lashings of common sense and the occasional dollop of healthy pride.

Measure out a good helping to each of generosity and kindness using a level head and a two-way memory to be used as a sieve or storing facility.

Blend all together with the oil of gladness

Using a strong wooden spoon and keeping a purposeful sense of direction.

Pepper with words of wisdom and let the salt of tears strengthen the flavor.

Keep a bucket of cold water handy for emergencies

and celebrate in harmony the unity and togetherness

as the peace and joy of God's Spirit permeate the broth.

And remember... no matter who takes the cake, it is good to invite God to the party.

1. Give God what's right.....
not what's left.

2. Man's way leads to hopeless end
God's way leads to an endless hope .

3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in
good standing.

4. He who kneels before God can stand
before anyone.

Humor of the month

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.' The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

2009 First Communion and Family Celebration Party Income

Thanks for all the hands that prepared and the volunteers that offered their support (Event photos on next page)

							Total
Tickets							\$3,785
Total Income							
Expenses Cost							
Beverages							
Food/Paper Goods							\$270.87
Kitchen							\$140
DJ							
Baby Sitters							
Raffle Material							
Miscellaneous							\$194.45
Decorations							
Total Expense Cost							
Total Income for the Church							\$3,180.13

First Communion and Family Celebration on June 7, 2009





Fr. McGivney Declared Venerable
Pope Benedict XVI declared Father Michael J. McGivney venerable March 15, approving a decree of "Heroic Virtue" for the parish priest who founded the Knights of Columbus. This step significantly advances Father McGivney's cause for sainthood.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!
PLEASE JOIN ST SHARBEL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW COUNCIL.
OUR KNIGHTS HAVE DONE THEIR FIRST DEGREE
ON THURSDAY 4TH OF JUNE, AND DOING THEIR 2ND AND 3RD
DEGREE ON SATURDAY 20TH OF JUNE .
WE WELCOME ALL BUSINESS MEN IN OUR CHURCH TO GET INVOLVED
WITH THIS FANTASTIC ORGANIZATION OF BROTHER KNIGHTS.
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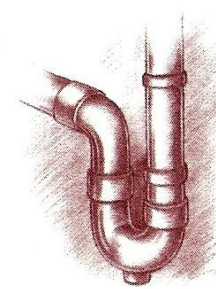


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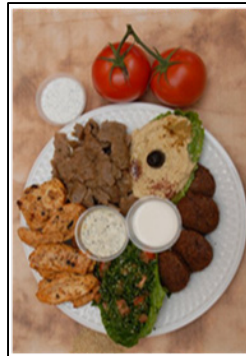
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