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Salt & Light of the World

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Sometimes I ask myself why I do the work I do. I usually ask myself that after a day of bad meetings, people not showing up and late nights. Most of the time I love my job. I get to talk about our faith, how it liberates or confines us; I meet with pastors, parishioners, city officials and try to bring us all together around issues and values.

My role at the Office of Public Policy & Social Concerns at the Archdiocese of San Francisco is to visit with pastors, parishioners, and groups in a parish to understand the experience of that church and how we could use our faith, relationships, and knowledge to affect change for our community. When I

took this position a year ago our office began looking at Faithful Citizenship as a tool we could use to engage parishioners in the outside world without separating ourselves from our faith.

So far, we have been successful in bringing together hundreds of people from nearly 20 different parishes to begin relating to one another. It may seem like a small thing: relating. But it gives us energy and energy is what gives us hope and vision for something better in our City. Catholic Lobby Day that was held May 26th is just one of the tools we've used to help us relate to one another at a local and statewide level with other Catholics, but also with our legislators.

Working in the parishes, I see and hear a lot of pain coming from our communities and I ask myself, "Who is

benefiting from our pain and isolation?" The situations we find ourselves in as a society are not by accident. Just like the situations in Galilee, Egypt, Israel, the Sudan, Central America, and San Francisco. If the Gospel were all good news and peace, what relevance would it have to us today? Power was abused then just like it is today. It is up

to our communities to continually use our rich tradition of the Gospel to take us out of Egypt. Our faith has everything to do with rising healthcare and housing costs. Our faith has everything to do with the lack of opportunities for youth and young adults. That is the

challenge that was presented to us at Pentecost. Before we set our sights on the outside world, we must look within. The first revolution is internal.

In the next weeks and throughout summer, the Office of Public Policy in collaboration with several parishes, will be holding local Town Hall meetings for your neighborhood. These meetings are developed as a starting point to begin to understand why situations in our neighborhood happen, how our faith informs our situation, and what we can do to change it as a community. Consider this to be your invitation. Look at what Jesus did with 12. Imagine what we could do!

Town Hall Meeting Info:

- **Sunset: June 1, 2005 7pm at St. Anne of the Sunset.**
- **Richmond, Western Addition, Castro: June 28, 2005 7pm at St. Ignatius Accolti Room.**



Bishop Wester with young adults at Catholic Lobby Day. (l-r) Joe Bernabe, Diane Barberini, Bishop Wester, Mary Jansen, Stephanie Wesolek and Tim Kortenkamp.

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Catholics from all over California join together at the steps of the state building to have their voices and songs be heard in Sacramento.

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Campus Ministry Corner

The University of San Francisco Ministry Looks Back on a Very Good Year by Don Crean

Over 1500 graduate and undergraduate students participated in Commencement Exercises at the Jesuit University of San Francisco May 19-22 in St. Ignatius Church. These graduation ceremonies marked the end of a very exciting academic year for the Office of University Ministry.



Students working at the SF Food Bank.

On Monday, May 16, University Ministry hosted its eighth annual Justice Lecture Series with a passionate address by 2003 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Shirin Ebadi. A devoted advocate of the fights of families, children, and women in and outside Iran, Ebadi tied together the rights of women, access to health care, and educational opportunities as fundamental rights to be recognized nationally and internationally.

University Ministry sponsored nine retreats this last academic year. They included an Outdoor Adventure Retreat, two university-student Kairos retreats, and two contemplative retreats. Two very successful Spring Break retreats were powerful experiences for students. One group visited a L'Arch Community in Seattle where students were invited into community with persons with special needs. Another retreat was in Death Valley where students were led through a desert sacred quest.



Two USF tree jumpers at the adventure retreat last August.

In November, sixteen USF students traveled to Ft. Benning, Georgia to participate in a nonviolent protest against the School of the Americas

(WHISC), a military training facility whose graduates have been convicted over many years for human rights abuses. Twelve students attended this year's winter intersession immersion program for two weeks in Dangriga, Belize where they taught grammar school students. Over 30 students participated in University Ministry's Arrupe Immersions programs during the March Spring Break. One group worked with "street kids" in Peru, while another worked with people from the local community to build homes in Tijuana, Mexico.

Each evening throughout the academic year University Ministry's Community Action Program provided opportunities for students to volunteer with various organizations throughout the city. These organizations included St. Anthony's Women's Shelter, St. Boniface, Project Open Hand, Hamilton Family Shelter and St. John's Grocery Distribution. In October, 120 students volunteered to help clean up the AIDS Memorial Grove,

and in April students volunteered at a variety of non-profit agencies in San Francisco that serve people's needs around issues of food and security. On Sunday, May 15, the 9:00 PM student mass community gathered to celebrate its last mass of the academic year, giving thanks to God for all the good work that was accomplished. As USF looks forward to celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding in the Fall, University Ministry continues to build upon its programs and services and looks forward to another year of participating in the University's Mission of "Educating Hearts and Minds to Change the World."

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Fall Fest 2005

9th Annual Catholic Young Adult Conference
 9^a Conferencia de Adultos Jóvenes Católicos

Step Out and Trust
Sal y Confía en el Señor

Saturday, September 24, 2005
 Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
 Bringing Together Couples and Singles in their late teens, 20s and 30s
 To Register **Regístrate Hoy**
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All God wants is love. If you are bound by this love, you will do everything you can to be of service wherever you are. ~ St. Catherine of Siena

The Permanent Diaconate

Stephanie Wesolek

In the Archdiocese of San Francisco we have 79 permanent deacons serving our parishes. After June 19th that number will increase by 13. A deacon is placed in a parish to enrich and strengthen the many and various ministries at work in our communities. Permanente deacons aid in extending needed liturgical and charitable services to the faithful in both large urban and small rural communities and provide an official and sacramental presence of the Church in many areas of secular life.

"Becoming a deacon is a sacred and special task."

our society. Deacons can perform weddings, funerals, baptisms, preach and assist in the Eucharistic liturgy. Deacons also do many other things for their communities. Traditionally deacons have worked for charity agencies and justice advocacy organizations. They also run various formation programs such as marriage preparatory and RCIA programs. Many other deacons have decided to work in outreach programs such as convalescent homes, prisons and hospitals. Newly

Where few or no priests are available; deacons provide an impetus and source for creative adaptations of diaconal ministries to the rapidly changing needs of

ordained priests are first ordained deacons. Permanente deacons are a different vocational calling. Their calling is to serve the priests in liturgical ministries. Permanente deacons may also be

married. Married candidates must be older than thirty-six years old at the time of ordination and unmarried candidates older than twenty-five. Once you are ordained a permanent deacon you may not marry. Married couples attend the program together. From start to finish the program takes five years to reach ordination. Becoming a Deacon is a sacred and special task. It is not a position that anyone can fill.



Deacon Nate and wife Jenny. Ordained in 1999 at age 35. Assigned to St. Peter in SF.

Please join us for the ordination of the Permanent Diaconate on June 18th at 3:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.

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20th World Youth "Young Adult" Day August 11-22, 2005 Cologne, Germany



Top: Archbishop Levada at the WYD potluck on May 26th. Left: (l-r) Front row—Sergio Canjura, Marcella Yballe, Heather Kendrick, John Leibee. Back row—Mary Jansen, Stephanie Wesolek, Piya Wannachaiwong, Archbishop Levada, Bruce Perdomo, Earl Rivard. Pilgrims not pictured—Tony Bautista, Sr. Pat Farrell, Fr. Francis Goode, Megan Johnson, Eunice Park, Ben Rosado, Eileen Salinas, Anne Stricherz, Sr. Christine Wilcox.



The Cologne Cathedral



Please Pray for the Pilgrims that will be traveling to Germany.

Prayer before Starting on a Journey

My holy Angel Guardian, ask the Lord to bless the journey which they undertake, that it may profit the health of their soul and bodies; that they may reach its end, and that, returning safe and sound, they may find their families in good health. Do thou guard, guide and preserve us. Amen.

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In charity there is no excess. ~ Sir Francis Bacon



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2005 Upcoming Events

- June 11** NYAC 2006 Planning Retreat
- July 17-22** Social Action Summer Institute
- July 28-31** Third Annual Leadership Conference in Hispanic Ministry, San Antonio, TX
- August 6** YA Leaders' Forum
- September 24** Fall Fest, YA Conference
- October 13-16** Theology-on-Tap National Conference, Chicago, IL

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