

## **FATHER, WHY DON'T YOU EVER TALK ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE IN SOUTH AMERICA?**

First, I'm not sure how many people know that from 1986 through 1991 I was "on loan" to the Maryknoll Missionaries working in Chile. And, in some ways, that is "ancient history" for me and for the country of Chile. Be that as it may, those were important years for me and very important years for Chile which moved, precisely during those years, from the end of a bloody sixteen year military dictatorship to the beginning of a transitional democracy.

Since then the country has moved into full democracy and its economy is perhaps the strongest in Latin America. In addition, the Church, which was already quite strong and developed by the late 80's, probably sends more missionaries than it receives.

During those five years I served in the parish "Nuestra Señora de los Pobres" (Our Lady of the Poor). It was a parish of 85,000 people in an urban ghetto on the northern outskirts of Santiago. Like many South American parishes this one was divided into twelve "chapel communities" or "Church-base communities". These were groups of people organized to carry on all of the Church's ministries right in their own neighborhood. They were the presence of the Church in their neighborhood. There were twelve communities because there are twelve distinct neighborhoods as a result of twelve different land take-overs organized over the period from 1970 thru 1973.

I lived at one end of the parish alongside of a nutrition and educational enrichment center for children. The other priest lived next to the parish center which included the principal church, large meeting rooms, etc. The area itself is in the "foothills" (read mini-mountains) of the Andes. This part of Chile has a temperate climate with summer temperatures on occasion reaching into the mid-nineties and winter temperatures falling close to freezing. Almost all the rain falls during the winter (June to September). This makes for some pretty miserable weather, especially since the poor have no central heat. I had kerosene stove but not everyone is so fortunate.

All ministry, no matter where, has an individual, "one-on-one" dimension and a larger more systemic one. In terms of my ministry with individuals, my ministry in Chile was not so different from what I had been doing before and am doing now at St. Julie Billiart. On the other hand, I could say it was a whole different world. Certainly, the poverty and the socio-political environment were like nothing I had ever experienced before. In Chile 50+% are "working poor". Their lives were severely affected by the Pinochet dictatorship and the draconian economic measures imposed by it. I obviously never before lived under a dictatorship. To say the least, it gives one a whole different way of looking at things. Even though I no longer keep in touch with those folks, they are still very dear to me. They welcomed me, a stranger.

Chile is more different than Mexico as the U.S. is different from Scotland. The language in both places is Spanish, but very different expressions. The cultures and histories are different. Chile's educational and economic structures are probably better developed. And Chile is certainly a much smaller country.

I share this little bit of my personal history with you in the hope that, in the year to come, as we prepare to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Catholicism in Butler County, you might be willing to share a bit of your own and your family's history.

## THIS AND THAT FROM HERE AND THERE

### FREE VIOLIN, PIANO AND VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM

At 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 29th, at the Oxford Presbyterian Church, the Midday Music in Oxford series presents a program of music by Franz Schubert performed by Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra violinist Gerald Itzkoff, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra keyboardist Joshua Nemith, and soprano Alma Jean Smith. Call 513.523.6969 for information about this last program of the 2007-08 season.

**RSVP** is a new program of Catholic Social Services and is part of **Senior Corps**, a network of national service programs that provides Americans age 55 and older the opportunity to apply their life experience to meeting community needs. RSVP volunteers serve in a diverse range of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and faith-based groups. Activities include mentoring at-risk youth, tutoring elementary school age children, teaching English to immigrants, and lending their business skills to community groups that provide critical social services. To enroll as a volunteer, or to learn more about RSVP, call Mike Dute at (513) 241.7745 or email [rsvp@cssdoorway.org](mailto:rsvp@cssdoorway.org).

### The Donut Man is Coming - Family Concert

**Date:** Sunday, April 6th at 3:00 PM

**Location:** St. Henry PAC  
6666 Springboro Road  
Dayton, Ohio 45449

**Contact:** 866.1432 See [donutman.com](http://donutman.com)

Bring the whole family to see Rob Evans, aka the Donut Man, and find out why "Life without Jesus is like a donut, 'cause there's a hole in the middle of your heart!"

Come and hear **Rob's conversion story** Sunday evening and rediscover the great gift of our Catholic Faith.

**Time and Location:** 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Good Hope,

6 South Third Street, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

**Contact:** 866.1432 See [lateforsupper.com](http://lateforsupper.com)

*A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Cincinnati on April 25 – 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Milford Retreat Center. The confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside from abortion. For more information, please call Peggy at (513) 588.0080 or email Peggy at [pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com](mailto:pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com). You can also visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call a national toll-free hotline at 800.HOPE-4-ME.*

**COME AND SEE** - Are you questioning what God is calling you to? Have you considered religious life? Would you like to learn about how the Sisters of Mercy serve the needs of our world? Are you a single Catholic woman 18 to 45 years old? If so, you are invited to a "Come and See" day Saturday, April 12, 10 AM to 4 PM, in Regina Hall, 2319 Grandview Avenue, Cincinnati, OH. For more information or to register, please contact Sister Carolyn [cbrinkrsm@aol.com](mailto:cbrinkrsm@aol.com) or (513) 221.1800 x 239... registration deadline is April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

Laudate is a four day, three night intensive experience for youth involved or seeking to be involved as music ministers in Catholic parishes or campus ministries. Participants will interact with peers from around the Archdiocese, honing their musical skills in a particular area (voice, keyboard, guitar, brass, winds, percussion or strings) and learning principles of liturgy and music ministry. They will participate in a variety of forms of liturgical prayer, engage in dialogue with local liturgical experts, and enjoy social activities.

This year Laudate will be held Monday evening, June 9<sup>th</sup>, through Thursday evening, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Bergamo Retreat Center in Dayton. More info can be found at

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/laudate/>.

St. Julie Billiart Parish is willing to help with the costs of the workshop for teens that are willing to commit to the parish liturgical music program, especially in voice and choral. If interested, contact Fr. Mike Pucke.

## TO GET YOUR BABY BAPTIZED

Classes for parents of infants to be baptized are held the second Monday of each month at the parish office at 224 Dayton Street. The next class will be Monday, April 14th, at 7:00 PM.

Classes must be taken before baptism of the first child, and again, if two years has elapsed since the last child was baptized. Families must be registered parishioners and actively practicing the Catholic faith at St. Julie's.

If you are expecting a child or have an infant to be baptized, please call the office to register for the class at 863.1040.

The "Jewels of St. Julie" is printed once a month, 12 times a year. Comments, inquiries and articles may be submitted to the parish office. No anonymous articles will be printed, but names may be withheld on request. Please mail or drop off articles by the 4<sup>th</sup> of each month to: Donna Weisenberger  
[sjbreceptionist@bizcinci.rr.com](mailto:sjbreceptionist@bizcinci.rr.com)

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## IMPORTANT APRIL DATES AT SCHOOL

8th - All School Mass at Church

17th - Market Day Pick-Up

25th - End of 4th Interim Period

26th - Dance-n-Chance "Last Chance to Dance Vegas Style"

## STEWARDSHIP:

As a parish we have spent a great deal of time and energy thinking about Catholic School education for our children. That's as it should be. I am grateful to Alison Smith and the PREP catechists who dedicate Sunday mornings to the religious education of our children. The first person our teachers and catechists serve is God. I think next in line are the parents of these children. For the Church has traditionally taught that the primary catechists of children are their parents.

A dimension of Christian formation is gratitude expressed in good stewardship, recognizing that all we have, even life itself, is a gift from God. Every parent wants to raise children who share and give generously. When our children someday meet God face to face we want to know that they will hear Jesus say to them the same words the master said to those who used their talents wisely, "*Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy.*" (Matt 25:21)

However, raising a generous child is a challenge in a society that constantly teaches children to want more and more things for themselves. Happiness is frequently presented in terms of possessions. One of the key factors in teaching children to be generous is to let them see you giving. After all, children mimic what they see, *not* what they hear. Many elements of the faith are "caught" and not "taught".

Financial experts suggest that children should be taught to divide their allowance into three or four sections – to spend, to save, to invest and to donate. **Spending** covers basic needs and wants. **Saving** teaches patience and planning. **Investing** looks to the future. For children this might mean future educational needs. **Donating** gives kids satisfaction by allowing them to be a part of sometime important, like the Offertory.

We encourage parents to use weekly envelopes themselves. If you make electronic donations to St. Julie or other charities, talk with your children about why you do that. The Rice Bowl project was an excellent family activity that included learning and family participation. Finally, we have sets of **yearly envelopes for children** available in the vesting sacristy in the back of church. We'd be happy to make them available to any interested family.

## WELCOME TO RCIA /RCIC EASTER 2008

### Those who received Sacraments of Initiation

Kayla Marie Bowlin

Brandon Donahue

Eric Kimbrell

Abigail Lechuga

Brandon Lechuga

Jennifer Lechuga

Alfredo Ortiz

Francisco Ortiz

Laura Ortiz

### Those who received Baptism and Eucharist

Johnathan Donahue

Katelyn Donahue

Joey Sackenheim

Kaleb Sackenheim

Mason Sackenheim

### Those who received Baptism

Kayla Bowlin

Megan Bowlin

Seth Bowlin

### Those who received Full Communion With the Catholic Church

Renda Cathryn Combs

George Combs

*The printing of this monthly newsletter and our weekly bulletin is provided at no extra cost to our parish through those who advertise on the back of our bulletin.*

*If you use any of their services, please take a moment to thank them for their support of St. Julie's.*

## WE PRAISE GOD WITH THE WORD

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

4:30 Dorothy Herrlein and Frances Janz

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

8:30 Jerry Gordon and Mike Wolf

11:00 Phyllis Tuley and Jim Reboulet

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

4:30 David Bonner and Carl Necaïse

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

8:30 Cleo Ketay and Lori Dowd

11:00 Peg Wooten and Diane Miller

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

4:30 Chris Buelter and Pam Long

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

8:30 Dick Dowd and Pamela Andorn

11:00 Pat Engels and Andrew Richter

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

4:30 Bill Groth and Rick LoBuono

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

8:30 Jack Weisenberger and Jerry Gordon

11:00 Jeri Brennan and Phyllis Tuley

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

4:30 Frances Janz and Dorothy Herrlein

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

8:30 Bonnie Whittlesey and Scott Whittleseny

11:00 Jim Reboulet and Peg Wooten

## WE GIVE THE LORD TO OTHERS IN COMMUNION

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

4:30 Jean Rhoten, Tom Weber, Carl Necaïse, Charlotte Kuhl, David Bonner, Bill Groth, Liz Maus, Lynn Isaacs

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

8:30 Sue Coning, Jennifer Maggard, Pamela Andorn, James Coning, Kathy Hennekes, Donna Weisenberger, Merle Ferry, Diana Ferry

11:00 Norbert Rolfsen, Julie Joyce-Smith, Andrew Richter, Nancy Elliott, Linda Pate, Linda Reboulet, Phyllis Terry, Millie Kuth, An Coombs, Irwin Mercer

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

4:30 Mary Ann Shaver, Mary Jo Briggs, Frances Janz, Jean Rhoten, June Fening, Tom Fening, Tony Schutte, Tom Weber

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

8:30 Susan Delp, Chris Urbanek, Dick Dowd, Earl Scheidler, Gladys Scheidler, Emily Scheidler, Connie Riegert, Jeri Brennan

11:00 Betty Cunningham, Catherine Brink, Hazel Zeis, Wyvonne Sandlin, Melissa Brown, Norbert Rolfsen, Julie Joyce-Smith, Andrew Richter, Linda Pate, Linda Reboulet

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

4:30 Carl Necaïse, Charlotte Kuhl, David Bonner, Bill Groth, Liz Maus, Lynn Isaacs, Mary Ann Shaver, Mary Jo Briggs

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

8:30 Nick Hosmer, Jennifer Hosmer, Jerry Gordon, Pat Gordon, Sue Coning, Jennifer Maggard, James Coning, Kathy Hennekes

11:00 Diane Miller, Peg Wooten, Phyllis Terry, Millie Kuth, Ann Coombs, Irwin Mercer, Betty Cunningham, Catherine Brink, Hazel Zeis, Wyvonne Sandlin

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

4:30 Frances Janz, Jean Rhoten, June Fening, Tom Fening, Tony Schutte, Pat Cepluch, Tom Weber, Carl Necaïse

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

8:30 Donna Weisenberger, Merle Ferry, Diana Ferry, Susan Delp, Chris Urbanek, Dick Dowd, Lori Dowd, Connie Riegert

11:00 Melissa Brown, Norbert Rolfsen, Julie Joyce-Smith, Andrew Richter, Nancy Elliott, Linda Pate, Linda Reboulet, Phyllis Terry, Millie Kuth, Ann Coombs

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

4:30 Charlotte Kuhl, David Bonner, Bill Groth, Liz Maus, Lynn Isaacs, Mary Ann Shaver, Mary Jo Briggs, Tony Schutte

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

8:30 Earl Scheidler, Gladys Scheidler, Emily Scheidler, Jeri Brennan, Nick Hosmer, Jennifer Hosmer, Jerry Gordon, Pat Gordon

11:00 Irwin Mercer, Betty Cunningham, Catherine Brink, Hazel Zeis, Diana Miller, Wyvonne Sandlin, Melissa Brown, Norbert Rolfsen, Julie Joyce-Smith, Andrew Richter

## WE SERVE GOD AND PARISH AT THE ALTAR

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

4:30 Adam Ingram, Nick Ingram, Noah Rich, Sophia Rich

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

8:30 Alex Randall, Alex Moulvi

11:00 Sam Brink, Matthew Jeffries, Elizabeth Brink, Jack Brink

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

4:30 Rosemary Mignery, Becca Creed, Grace Mignery, Lynn Schutte

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

8:30 Joseph Wolf, Marie Adkins, Alex Niehaus

11:00 Tommy Shumate, Jonathan Shumate, David Paul Shumate, Elizabeth Shumate

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

4:30 Tommy Richter, Abby Krabacher, Matthew Krabacher, Josh Richter

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

8:30 Sadie Schwarz, Amanda Schwarz, Steven Randall, Christopher Randall

11:00 Ben Motley, Carson Hampton, Susan Gillespie

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

4:30 Stephanie Lutz, Natalie Lutz, Kennedy Wright, Andrea Schuler, Grant Geigle

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

8:30 Alex Randall, Alex Moulvi

11:00 Maurene Daniels, Wallis Daniels, Cody Smith

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8:30 Joseph Wolf, Marie Adkins, Alex Niehaus

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**APRIL SHOWERS  
BRING  
MAY FLOWERS!**