

FROM FR. JOHN

From Our Jewish Brother

Jewish Sam Miller on Catholics

Excerpts from an article written by non-Catholic Sam Miller -- a prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman:

Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church?

Do you know -- the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to that Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. The graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%.

The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students.

The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people -- not just Catholics -- in the United States today.

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

Let me give you some figures that Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church; 41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed. Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic problem.

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States. Then remember what Jeremiah said: "Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls." Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions.

Be proud that you're a Catholic.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jul 12, 2010

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

+Slider Stuernol

(Becky and John Fletcher)

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Eve Braun

(Cecelia Halseth)

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Frances Wenner

(Cecelia Halseth)

Friday, July 16, 2010

+Cathy Rossetto

(Mary Fromwiller)

Saturday, July 17, 2010

+James Murphy

(Patty Murphy)

Sunday, July 18, 2010

8:30AM: +Rudolph Paluck

(Julian Paluck)

10:00AM: People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

7:00PM-KOC mtg-S.R.



Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Happy Birthday Father John

Welcome to Newcomers:

Anyone who is new to St. Joseph the Worker Church or who has never officially registered is invited to stop by the Parish Center during the week (Monday thru Thursday) or call Beth at the Parish Center - 503-761-8710 and request a registration form. Once completed it can be mailed back to the Parish Center or dropped in the collection basket.



CAN/BOTTLE Monthly Recycling is "ON VACATION" until Sept. No collection in July or August.

Altar Guild: We would like to extend big THANKS for those who helped set-up, serve, and donated great salads and desserts for Cathy Rossetto's funeral on June 28. Our special thanks to Joey and Bobby Anderson for their hard work in getting the tables ready.

Just Faith: Do you find yourself wondering how to live your faith in today's complex world? Responding to the world's needs takes reflection, study, prayer and community. All of these are offered in the Just Faith program. This intensive 30-week program includes weekly meetings in a small faith community, regular reading, retreats and immersion experiences. The program runs from September to May. For more information call Deacon Mike (503.761.8710)



Pro-Life Rosary

Procession: On July 24th, The World Apostolate of Fatima and St. Stephen Church are planning a Marian Rosary procession to bring Jesus through Mary to

Stop Planned Parenthood. The day will start with Mass at 9:00AM at St. Stephen on SE 41st and Salmon St. At 10:00AM we will meet at the SE 50th and Franklin Planned Parenthood to pray the Rosary and process. We will meet back at St. Stephens for lunch and final prayers. For more information call Kathi Nordlund 503-760-8429 or St. Stephens at 503-234-5019 or go to wafpdx.com



2nd Annual Fr. Chester Memorial and Multi-Cultural Family

Rosary: Everyone is invited to join in the Multi-Cultural Family

Rosary on Monday, August 2nd at 6:00PM. We will again be honoring Fr. Chester and saying the Rosary in several languages. The Rosary starts at 6:00PM with a potluck following. If anyone would like to help with this event please call Kathi Nordlund at 503-760-8429

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 7,932.56

Over/under: + \$ 900.56



Sign Up for Vacation

Bible School: July 26-30

(M-F), 9 AM to Noon

Enrolling children ages 4 -

11 Be a **Sonforce Kids**

Secret Agent Lots of fun

with music, songs, crafts, Bible stories, games and snacks. Invite your friends and neighbors. Call Mary Robinson, (503) 761-8710 for more info. We are also requesting a donation for our relay game:

2-4 pair of overalls/coveralls

2-4 pair of work boots

Helmets or hats with a thick brim

A special thanks to all who helped with Cathy's funeral, especially Father John, the Altar Guild, and Kathy Harris, with her beautiful music. Thank you everyone for all the prayers that were said. I am so proud to be part of this church community.

Richard Rossetto

WOWS Lunch July 22nd. This is a social activity open to all widows, widowers and those who are single for any reason. We will enjoy a 1:00 lunch at Multnomah Falls Lodge in the Gorge. We will have the bus, holding the first 14 callers, at the parish ready to leave at 12:30. The bus ride is \$2. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x105 by Tues. the 20th.

Ride Wanted: We have 2 new parishioners who would like a ride to the 10:30 Mass on Sundays. They live on SE 135th and Market. We also have a lady who lives off Division on 137th who would like a ride. She is willing to come to any Mass. Is there anyone willing to help, weekly, bi-weekly or even 1 time a month? Please call Becky at 503-761-8710x106.