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Newsletter of the NOVA Community September, 2007

Chair Notes

Dog days of summer? Late July and August may have lived up to that reputation by any number of standards in the Washington, D.C. metro area. But at Nova we have been refreshed, enriched, and inspired by the summer series on Catholic social teaching with Ken Himes, War and Peace (following the History of Catholic Social Teaching earlier in the summer); Bill Callahan, Liberation Theology; Ray Kemp, Biblical Justice; Jan Sullivan-Dockter, the Ministry of Money; and Joe McKenna, Racism: Psychological and Spiritual Implications. As you can imagine, we have just scratched the surface of these topics and look forward to exploring them further. We are deeply grateful to all of our presenters this summer, particularly to each of the very gifted members of the Padre Cadre who have been so generous with their time. If you missed any of these presentations or would just like to listen to them again, Ken Chaison has made them available to the Community on the Internet.

Indeed, some of our Community members may have missed at least part of the summer series as they traveled around the country and across the world...Africa, Europe and South America. Most notable among our travelers were our Affirmandi. Anna, Ben, Ilse, and Mali returned from their social action trip to El Salvador. Two continued their travels and we look forward to them all being back together in time to start school and to plan an opportunity to share their experiences with all of us who are eagerly waiting to hear about their journey.

Celebrations filled the August air as well. The women of the community celebrated Matthew

Cambridge's arrival with a baby shower followed a couple weeks later by a community celebration of Marcelline and the many gifts she has showered on the community. What an enjoyable evening.....and time to be together as well with some members who we don't get to see as often as we would like.... Godspeed to Marcelline as she returns to Richmond.

This summer obviously has not been one for taking it easy for many Community members. The retreat planners are finishing plans for our annual retreat weekend at Shrinemont.....look for more details inside. This is always a not-to-be missed opportunity for community members to come together in the beautiful Shenandoah to relax and have fun while supporting each other on our spiritual journey. The 40th Anniversary subcommittees are working away to bring the many pieces together for the Community's 40th Anniversary weekend in January....not just your ordinary anniversary celebration as they invite us not only to celebrate 40 years as an Intentional Eucharistic Community but also to look toward the future.

As we turn toward September, the beginning of school is the harbinger of our return to Kenmore. We also pray for blessings upon our many students and teachers returning to elementary, high school, and college classrooms.

Namaste,

~Nancy Veldhuis

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The NOVA Catholic Community Invites You To Celebrate The Eucharistic Liturgy With Us Every Sunday In Arlington, Virginia.

Note: Our Liturgy is usually celebrated at Kenmore Middle School, Arlington Blvd. and Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington, VA. Beginning Memorial Day Weekend up to our Fall Retreat weekend, we celebrate at Lacey Woods Park, George Mason Drive near Washington Blvd, unless otherwise noted.

[Lacey Woods]
 Liturgies begin at 9:30 am—Gather at 9:15 am

[Kenmore]
 Liturgy begins at 10:15 am—Gather at 10:00 am

September Birthdays, etc.

- 2 Bob & Helen Michie (Anniversary)
- 3 Brian Ferguson
- 6 Alida Yath
- 8 Barbara Formoso
Cathy Showalter
- 9 Gloria Mog
- 10 Karen Coale
- 13 Hetty Irmer
Adam Clarkson
- 14 Christopher Iskander
Joseph Kane
Jonie Whalen-Peck
- 16 Dave Gillmarten
- 18 John Michie
- 23 Bob Michie
- 24 Juliet Boyne
- 25 Nicco Mele
- 27 Daniel Cackley
- 28 Mike Chase
Richard Markey
- 29 Ted Miller

**Newsletter Deadline is
 September 23....**

Quote from Ministry of Money lecture:

We read the Gospel as if we had no money, and we spend our money as if we know nothing of the Gospel.
 ~John Haughey, S.J.

Year C — Cycle 1

Liturgies

SEPTEMBER MUSIC LIAISON

Victoria Robinson

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Victoria Robinson

September 2 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Francis DiSpigno, OFM – David Mog
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Psalm 68:4-7, 10-11
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 9 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Kenna — Marie Keefe
Wisdom 9:13-18
Psalm 90:3-6, 12-17
Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

September 16 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Note: No liturgy at Kenmore or Park

Bill Callahan — RETREAT
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
First Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

September 23 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

AT KENMORE—LITURGY AT 10:15 AM!

TBA — Catherine Loveless-Schmitt
Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113:1-2, 4-8
First Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

September 30 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Francis DiSpigno, OFM — Goldschmidts
Amos 6:1, 4-7
Psalm 146:7-10
I Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

October 7 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Quinn Conners, O.Carm -- Formosos
Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 14 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan -- Ormando Kanes
2 Kings 5:14-17
Psalm 98:1-4
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

October 21 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TBD -- Annunziatas
Exodus 17:8-13
Psalm 121:1-8
2 Timothy 3:14--4:2
Luke 18:1-8

October 28 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ray Kemp, SJ -- D. Carroll/ Social Justice Team
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalm 34:2-3, 17-19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

**Back to Kenmore,
Starting September 23....
Gather at 10am
Liturgy at 10:15am**

Meetings — Reports, Summaries...



NOVA is praying for ...

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We are continuing to pray for Tom & Margaret Hayes, who are battling several health issues.

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Please pray for Anne Passin who (with support of her family) is caring for aging parents in Baltimore.

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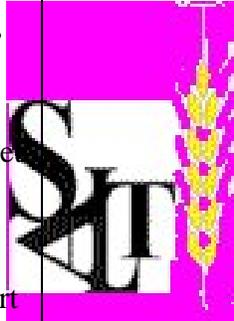
Pray for Joe Formoso, also caring for his aging father... in Florida.

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Pray for Marcelline Niemann, that she may have a peaceful, uneventful move and settling in, down in Richmond, VA.

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Continue to pray for Sonja Donahue, Goodwin House in Alexandria. Although Can't come? Her address is 4800 Filmore Street, #210, Alexandria, VA 22311... (703) 824-1246 Sonja continues to pray for us!



CANDIDATE MEET & GREET

SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

7:30 – 9:00 pm

GEORGE BRENT COUNCIL—
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS at
ALL SAINTS CAMPUS
9290 Stonewall Road
Manassas, Virginia
(703) 368-4500

With Special Guest Rev. Cornell Brooks
co-sponsored by:

Social Action Linking Together (SALT)
Virginia Organizing Project (VOP)
Virginia Interfaith Center/NOVA
Virginia Coalition to End Homeless (VCEH)
Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations
(VACOLAO), Virginia C.U.R.E., ASTRA-
COR, & NAT'L ASSOC. OF SOCIAL
WORKERS— Virginia Chapter

The social justice advocates of Prince William County and the surrounding area are hosting an evening social hour to meet and greet their legislators and candidates for state offices in the fall election. Save the date! Attend this event to meet the candidates & to network.

--All are welcome—

(Information: Contact John Horejsi at
jhorejsi@cox.net or visit the SALT
web site at www.S-A-L-T.org

IRAQ Casualty Toll

US Military Deaths	3,734
Suicides	118
Civilian Deaths	70,980—77,513
American Wounded	27,186
" " Returned to Service	15,166

Meetings — Reports, Summaries...

Retreat — Shrinemont

September 14, 15, 16

Etymology: Middle English *retret*, from anglo-French *retrait*- to withdraw.

1. act or process of withdrawing
2. process of receding from a position or state attained
3. place of privacy or refuge, period of withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study or instruction

Last year we played and prayed, reveling in God's Playground. This year we take our inspiration from the immigrants who have courageously come to America seeking better lives for themselves and their families. Be present with us as NOVA considers

Crossing the Borders- Questing for Peace

Reservations: Kopp Michelotti- 703-241-0789.

Cost for the weekend: \$150 - adults and teens, \$50 - 4 to 12, Free - 3 and under.

NB: Cost should never keep anyone from attending- subsidies available - talk with Kopp.

Directions to Shrinemont, Orkney Springs, Virginia:

Take I-66 west to I-81 south to Mount Jackson (exit 273); turn left (east) onto route 703, then right (south) onto route 11. Go through Mt. Jackson, turn right onto route 263. Follow for about 15 miles to Orkney Springs, Shrinemont is at the end of town. About 2 ½ hours from D.C. You will receive room assignments from Kopp or others stationed on the porch of the Pennsylvania House, the building to the left of the old Hotel.

Mealtimes: Breakfast.....8 am

Lunch.....12:30 pm

Dinner.....5:30pm (serving until 7 pm on Friday night)

Smoking not permitted in any Shrinemont building

No pets allowed, no matter how cute. \$100/day fine for violations.

The mountains are colder- consider bringing a jacket – handy for the bonfire and hiking

Other items to consider: extra wash cloths, towels, pillows, shampoo, toiletries, alarm clock.

Folding chair for camp fire or blanket for the ground. Sports equipment, board games and...

MOST IMPORTANTLY; Snacks to share throughout the weekend, but especially for Saturday night as well as drinks including wine, sodas (pop), water .

News — Action Required



The U.N. has authorized a joint United Nations-African Union peacekeeping mission for Darfur. Now we must ensure that President Bush upholds the U.S. commitment to support this mission when the U.N. General Assembly meets in late September.

Our goal is to **send 100,000 messages in the next three weeks urging the president to uphold our commitment.**

Help us reach our goal! [Click here now to send your message.](#)

Although the UN-AU peacekeeping mission will not include U.S. troops, it will require U.S. funding, equipment, and diplomatic support to be effective. U.S. help will also be critical to promote a just and inclusive peace process.

Please make sure President Bush gets the message before the UN General Assembly meets on the 18th. [Click here to urge President Bush to ensure the rapid deployment of peacekeepers to Darfur.](#)

You helped secure the critical first step to ending the genocide - a U.N. Security Council Resolution authorizing peacekeepers for Darfur. Now we need your help at the General Assembly to make sure the resolution is implemented.

We have only three weeks before the U.N. General Assembly meets. Let's flood the White House with messages and urge President Bush to secure commitments for peacekeepers at the General Assembly.

Please help us spread the word - [click here to use our Tell a Friend page](#) to ask your friends and family to join you in taking action before the 18th.

Thank you again for your continued support at this critical moment for the people of Darfur.

[Editor's Note: If/when you click and take action, please verify your own name/email/etc. and make amend as necessary.]

100,000 emails in 3 weeks!

Urge President Bush to uphold U.S. commitments to the newly authorized Darfur peacekeeping mission.

Help us reach our goal of sending 100,000 messages by September 18th.

[Sign the petition today.](#)

Fairfax Fair Wage Fiesta!

Sponsored by the
**Campaign
for a
Living Wage**

with support from
Laborers Local 11,
UFCW Local 400,
and SALT
(Social Action
Linking Together)

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has voted unanimously to bring the living wage policy to Fairfax County! Appearing at the celebration will be two of our most notable metro DC/Northern Virginia living wage warriors:

Tom Hucker, Maryland State Delegate, chief sponsor of Maryland's State Living Wage Law

Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins**, a leading voice in bringing the Living Wage to Fairfax County

Invited guests will include all 10 members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors who made this possible!

Come out for food, fun and fellowship to

**the Mason District Park Picnic Area
Saturday September 8 2007
12-2 pm**

To meet and greet your fellow living wage activists and celebrate Fairfax County's adoption of the living wage!

Mason District Park may be reached by taking Beltway Exit 52B which is Route 236 east two miles to a left on John Marr Drive. Turn right on Columbia Pike to park entrance on the right just before Sleepy Hollow Road.

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More Actions from SALT



SALT/VA INTERFAITH CENTER NOVA--FALL CONFERENCE

Homelessness and Housing: Linking Faith and Action

Learn about our "HOME for the HOLIDAYS" Campaign
for a Virginia Rental Assistance Program in the
2008 General Assembly Session!

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Joe Nangle, OFM, Advocacy Spirituality
Sue Capers, Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness, (VCEH)
*Hear from: Homeless Shelter Staff & Parish Activists
Doug Smith, VIC Dir., Bob More & John Horejsi, SALT*

Co-Sponsored by
Social Action Linking Together (SALT) &
VA Interfaith Center-NOVA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2007

9:00 - 11:30 AM

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Cassidy Activities Center (Upper Level)
9970 Vale Road, Vienna, VA

Get involved in practical Social Justice advocacy. Save the date now &
bring a friend.

All are welcome!

(Information: Contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or visit the SALT
web site at www.S-A-L-T.org --Directions on Reverse)

Nova Affirmandi Return from El Salvador

"Good Morning!" shout some of the kids from my English class as we walk in, ready for another day of fun and lessons. El Salvador was a wonderful experience for me this summer. What other affirmation class gets to bond while hiking around volcanoes, getting stuck in the mud, seeing Oscar Romero sights, eating delicious pupusas and cereal with hot milk, and packing our rented van to the brim. With laughter and sometimes sweat (or maybe that was just rain), we were able to make the most of everything. The highlight for me was running the camp. As the time flew by, colorful murals went up on the wall, head-shoulders-knees-and-toes became a common background sound, and the ever anticipated soccer game on the basketball court in Ilobasco never got old. The kids were all special, and even though I've only had 2 years of Spanish in school and have very shaky control, language was seldom a barrier. The English lessons worked both ways, they'd teach me the Spanish word and I would teach them it in English - they loved that they weren't alone in having pronunciation problems! Thank you all for being so generous in your support of our trip! I wouldn't trade it for anything.

~Mali Kane

to Archer and Jim Heinzen who made the trip possible . . .



Mali and Campers

El Salvador Impressions



Welcome Home

Nova Affirmandi — El Salvador Impressions

Whenever anyone asks, “So, how was your trip with the Affirmandi to El Salvador?” My response is always, “I had the time of my life!” And then I fumble for words. How do I give you the vivid images, the flashes of sound, smell, touch, the experiences that begin with Oscar Romero and end with our own witness to the continued invisibility and powerlessness of campesinos and their children who are lively, bright, funny and dear?

We five travelers arrive in San Salvador with our clothes in carry-ons and, thanks to NOVA, ten suitcases full of books, school supplies, camp equipment and clothes to leave behind with the women and children of La Nueva Esperanza. There’s Ben loading the van and sitting among 15 suitcases—how, we wonder, will we also fit 4 adults and 4 teens once we leave for Ilobasco?

Our ten days begin with a drive through the teeming local markets to the cathedral where we light candles at Oscar Romero’s tomb, an amazingly moving bronze statue from the Sant’Egidio community. That night, high above the city, we eat our first pupusas in a park-like setting in a family atmosphere to live music and learn to play “Rock, Paper, Scissors” in Spanish.

The following day we stand where Romero was shot, looking out over an imagined congregation, wondering how he and they overcame fear to be together in the Eucharist and we visit his simple home along with a gaggle of kids preparing for their first communion, all suddenly quiet when they come upon his

blood-stained garments. Later in the villages we will see huge paintings of him on the exterior walls, the back of trucks—alive to the people. That afternoon, after the Affirmandi have hiked the overgrown rim of a volcano, we experience the generosity and helpfulness of the campesinos as we get caught in a deluge and the van gets mired in the mud on the side of the mountain. What an adventure—ask any Aff!

Before camp starts we go to Joya de Ceren to see the excavated homes of the Mayan ancestors and begin to understand how people here used to live. Ilse steps up to the plate and does a fabulous job of interpreting for the crowd of 40 English speakers. We visit artesenas where we see the different crafts folks make and the Affirmandi go deep into the countryside to experience the life of the children we will have at camp and get to know some of them.

Suddenly, it’s camp! The young people have laid out supplies and carefully planned activities for their groups. From 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, they will each have 2 sessions with different age-groups, followed by a longer combined group in which Ilse and Ana do imagination and drama and Ben and Mali do sports. We lunch with the kids (hot food bought by Co-Partners) and then 2 more sessions of English class. No air conditioning, no glass in the windows, sewing machines hauled to the side walls, books for the new library set out within reach for all to use, the field for sports 4 blocks away and the huge water jug our Affirmandi insisted be available for children sits in the doorway with a

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El Salvador Impressions

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turquoise plastic cup at the ready.

The story of camp is theirs to tell as it was 100% run by them. Do ask them.

Children from 6 to 12 came in from the campo in their finest clothes, ready and willing to try whatever the Affirmandi would have them do. Again and again our young people had to regroup and figure out new ways of communicating, of assessing what worked and what needed changing. Sunburns, insect bites and sweat-drenched T-shirts were the norm. There's Mali opening the suitcase of soccer jerseys and equipment she got donated, there are the kids posing proudly before the game, some with shirts to their knees, all thrilled. There's Ana teaching "Somos el barco" to her 8 & 9-year-olds and later leading all 35 children in "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" to the applause of the mothers. Ilse is preparing all grades for each putting on a play for the final day (I think one class wanted to do 3!) Face-painting is involved. Ben is helping the first graders learn to play Concentration, later intriguing the boys in his English class into learning a dialogue and competitive color-naming.

And suddenly it's the last day. Plays are acted, murals put up on the wall, photos taken, and the pinatas the Affirmandis bought and smuggled in for the kids are broken open to much shrieking delight. The mothers call all the volunteers up and thank us with loving words and a presentation of scapulas of the Virgen del Carmen ("we wear them to show we are Catholic and to keep away temptation") and wooden bracelets festooned with

holy pictures. And there are tears and hugs as children separate from the Affirmandi, calling, "Please come back."



Farewell to our Residencia and our friends...

And to Archer and Jim Heinzen who made the trip possible — all this thanks to your caring support!

Muchisimas gracias!

~*Marie Keefe*

[Ed. Note: Other articles & photos expected, perhaps in another edition of *Nova Notes*]

Join Us

for the

4th Annual Peace and Justice Commission Conference

"The Many Faces of Our Human Family: A Catholic Perspective on Immigration"



Saturday, September 22, 2007

8:30 AM Mass

10:00 AM- 3:00 PM Conference

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish

3305 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA

Honored Guest Speaker:

His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick

"What the Church Teaches"

In collaboration with: *Catholic Diocese of Arlington's Spanish Apostolate, Office of Multicultural Ministries, Office of Migration and Refugee Services, Catholic Charities, Respect Life, Office of Family Life and the Virginia Catholic Conference.*

Registration - \$10 (lunch provided)

For more information: ☎ Anne at 703-841-3831, ✉ a.murphy@ccda.net
www.arlingtondiocese.org/offices/peacejustice

(cut here and mail completed form with check no later than Sept. 17 to guarantee lunch)

4th Annual Peace and Justice Commission Conference Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Parish or Organization Affiliation: _____

How did you hear about the conference? _____

*Please enclose check for \$10.00 payable to Diocese of Arlington (memo- P&J conf) and mail to:
Peace and Justice Commission, 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 506, Arlington, VA 22203*

For more information: ☎ Anne at 703-841-3831, ✉ a.murphy@ccda.net

Important Meetings . . .

STACY's COFFEE PARLOR

Come to **Falls Church** @ 709 W. Broad Street (Rt. 7)

-park in front, in lot across Rt. 7, or on neighbor streets-

On

THURSDAY, SEPT 20th, 7:00pm

“Protestant Cool & Catholic Heat”:

Poetry of
GEORGE HERBERT

and

G. M. HOPKINS

Read by

ERIC ROBINSON

Coffee, ice cream, desserts & sandwiches on sale

Stacy's for pleasure-in-poetry:

Poetry flavored with themes of

“Protestant cool & Catholic heat,”

13available with cold Ice Cream & hot Coffees

A few of Eric's selections. . .

I pray, Mr. Vicar,
do try to be quicker,
In teaching us miserable sinners.
Our beliefs are croaking,
and its truly provoking
To be kept so long from our dinners.
/Anon/.

Brevity is the soul of wit:
And longevity depends on it. /Anon/.

Ministers are sinners too.
So speak of 'us' and not of 'you'. /Anon/.

Recently at NOVA . . .

Visits . . .

Celia Mae Pilversack, 2 1/2 years old, the Annunziata granddaughter (via daughter Catherine & hubby Brian) gets ready to visit NOVA, and quickly joins in!



A Shower . . .



*For
Robert
Matthew
Cambridge. . .
Cathy & Larry
Goldschmidt's
new grandson!*



Farewell Marcelline . . .



How big?



We'll see you at retreat . . .

Thank you, Nova . . .

Leer, South Sudan, July 26, 2007

Dear Carolyn & Ted, and NOVA Community:

I have been informed by the administrator of the Comboni Sisters of South Sudan that I have received your checks and audio tapes in Nairobi. For all of these thank you very much. I am sure that someone will bring them to us in Leer, as we will not go to Nairobi until the end of the year. I am in my hut and I am happy because it is raining and the seeds that we have planted are coming up. All these days the three of us have been cleaning up the land and planting maize, ground nuts, watermelons, papayas, beans, zucchinis, pumpkins and sweet potatoes.

The political situation here is still not stable, and this impacts all the nine states and the counties. We Comboni Sisters are in the Unity State and in Leer County. This state is in the Upper Nile and as you may imagine is rich in petroleum. Almost all of South Sudan has this "black gold" and therefore the conflict of powers will continue. Revenues of the oil production are not equally distributed and there is very little that we can see. The majority of people are getting frustrated. The schools are on and off. Here in Leer until now the only primary school has not yet opened. We hear that the headmaster and the educational director for Leer County have been suddenly replaced. With all of this happening, the situation is unstable and progress is slow. Only the traders and big merchants from the North are coming to make business and to bring the latest fashion of things and dressing to the people. The thousands of returnees have not been given land to establish themselves and their expectations in a free and peaceful South Su-

dan are gone. Please join us in prayer for peace and progress and better human conditions for the people of South Sudan, without forgetting Darfur!

There is some good news. We were just informed that our Adult for Change literacy Program will start tomorrow. We are especially encouraging women to go to school. We have concluded the acquisition of land for the church. We are in dialogue with the Ministry of Education to see which way we can get involved in education in Leer. We are dreaming of constructing a secondary school, literacy programs for women and to collaborate in training teachers. Meanwhile I am teaching English to two groups of adult women and men. The Sudanese people are thirsty for education. The culture is very strong and they count on the girls to bring cows when they marry. Here in Nuer-land a girl costs from 35 - 45 cows and if they are educated (maybe grade five or six) the parents of the girls are asked for more cows. The Nuer still practice polygamy and it is normal to visit families where two or three co-wives live together but separate. Due to the devastation of war, women have ended up brewing beer and selling it for quick cash. I am still struggling with the Nuer language. I thought it would be easy to learn but it is not so.

I must close as a seminarian is about to leave for Nairobi to take my letter. Please keep us in your prayers and ask for God's blessing on all of us. Thank all the NOVA Community for their generosity and all of you are in my heart and prayers. A big hug, con carino,

~Adriana

From NOVA's History. . . .

an earlier Retreat...



**Rev. Phil Land and Marji Weber. . .
Now dancing with the other Saints.**



September, 2007



NOVA Calendar

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Sunday, September 16 – **No liturgy at Kenmore. Liturgy is at Shrinemont.**

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--7:30 pm, Meet Candidates, KofC/All Saints/Manassas, page 4
-- Darfur Email to Pres. Bush Action, page 6

Thursday, Sept 20 – 7:00 pm, Poetry Nite2, page 13

Saturday, Sept. 22 – 8:30 am Mass/Immigration Conference/Rally, page 12

Sunday, September 23 – **Liturgy change location/time= Kenmore/10:15 am**

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Saturday, October 20 – 10am-2pm, SALT Conference, St Marks, page 8