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NOVA Catholic Community

June 2009

Chair Notes.....

It must be summer – we’re back in the park and our Calling Forth meeting has launched us into a renewed sense of direction and leadership. God bless the Seasons of NOVA that keep us moving along with grace and good will under the wings of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations to the PAX Community who just celebrated their 40th Anniversary and gratefully borrowed some of Cathy Showalter’s glorious textiles to help them do so. They have launched a new website and it was wonderful to re-new connections with them as well as the other 40+ Communities at the IEC Conference in mid-May.

What an inspiration the Conference was to all who attended! From the moment one entered the 4-H Auditorium on Friday evening to the last glorious strains of “We Are Marching” at the Sunday morning liturgy, the spirit was a-movin’. Over 200 people attended and about 40 of those were from NOVA. Everyone was excited to be there, to meet one another, to gather new ideas, to share the blessings and challenges of living in community and generally, to feel a part of a much larger visionary movement alive and well among Catholic people. Chris Egbulem was the Master Weaver of Ceremony for the Conference and his enthusiasm, prayer, song and deep connection to the cause was positively infectious.

Conference participants were bombarded with ideas and challenges. There were 5 panel sessions chuck full of brilliant minds, clear-eyed visionaries, historical researchers and deep thinkers. These included our own John Mooney, Joe Nangle, Jim Coriden and Bill Callahan as well as NOVA “Youngsters” Scott Christofferson, Cecilia Cackley and Adam Clarkson. Over and over we heard about the community life of the early Christian Church and the struggles they went through discerning how to be church, carry on the word and mission of Jesus, and build relationships with one another that were sustaining and life-giving. The central roles of the women, the Jews, the outcasts, and the free thinkers were highlighted. It didn’t take most of us long to get the point that

the current IEC movement has a direct connection to these early faithful ones and there was much we could learn from them.

In between panels there were break-out groups and meals and socializing. Everyone was abuzz with the excitement of processing all of this information and sharing struggles with those from communities from all over the country. I believe the presence of NOVA was deeply felt by all who attended. We were often looked to for consultation, leadership and inspiration. I had a deep sense of pride in all that we have accomplished as well as a realization that in some areas there is much word to be done. The closing liturgy on Sunday sent us out with amazing music flowing through our beings, Ray Kemp’s reflections enlivening our spirits and an overall experience of joy and connection that was pretty awesome.

We have so many to thank for helping create this week-end. Special kudos to Rosemarie Annunziata and Clyde Christofferson (with backup Eric Carroll) for being our emissaries and voice on the Planning Committee. Cathy Showalter and team (Gen, Marie K., Teddi, Jenny Carroll and Meg T.) produced a stunning environment for the liturgy that certainly “set the stage”. Tim White pulled out all the stops on the music and I focused on making the liturgy a real celebration. Ken Chaison has audio and videotapes to share at some point.

And so we go forward – refreshed and renewed. We are deeply thankful to Anne Passin who is stepping down as Liturgy Coordinator after many years and to Jeanne Clarkson who is taking over for Anne. Additional Community Life Minister team members are needed to work with Cece Michelotti. We will be exploring the role of women in ministry and NOVA’s relationship with the women priests when we meet with Bridget Mary Meehan on June 14th. Don’t miss the premiere showing of the new film on Women’s Faith Journey in the Catholic Church on June 28th. There is much to keep us active and well-connected this summer.

~ Gloria Mog



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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**

- 1 Phil Cackley
- 2 Meg Sullivan
- 3 Elise Annunziata
Ruth Mausert-Mooney (RIP)
- 6 Tim White
- 10 Cecilia Cackley
Drew Christiansen (Ordination)
Quinn Conners, O. Carm.
Dan Gatti, SJ (Ordination)
- 11 Peter Henriot (Ordination)
- 13 Sami Clarkson
Jim Heinzen
- 15 John Lowrey
Karen Markey
Alicia Phillips
- 16 Joe McCloskey (Ordination)
- 17 Marie Chase
- 19 Grace Birch
Kate Doherty
- 21 Peter Goldschmidt
- 23 Jeanne Clarkson
Kathy Furlong
- 24 Sid Boyne
Nancy Chase
Gen Timpane
- 28 Dave Coale
- 29 Peg Boyne
Joe Formoso
Jorge Osterling
- 30 Nicholas Graber-Grace

**Newsletter Deadline is
 June 21....2009**

*The next newsletter will be a **Summer** issue.*

Liturgies: Year B — Cycle I

Inclusive Readings and Music Selections are available in the new NOVA Yahoo Group Files
Please give all music selections to the Music Liaison the Sunday before your liturgy.
Liturgies at Lacey Woods Park, N. George Mason Dr. at Washington Blvd in Arlington

JUNE MUSIC LIAISON
Tim White

JUNE MUSIC LIAISON
Victoria Robinson

June 7 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Quinn Conners, O.Carm. – Dianne Carroll,
Peace and Justice Group
Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Psalm 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20

June 14 – Corpus Christi

Joe Kenna – Marie Pinho
Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

June 21 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan – Katie Ahrens, Victoria Robinson
Job: 38:1, 8-11
Psalm 107:23-26, 28-31
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41

June 28 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Nangle, OFM – Helen Michie
Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43 or Mark 5:21-24, 35b-43

July 5 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TBD
Ezekiel 2:2-5
Psalm 123:1-4
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6a

July 12 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TBD – Bob and Phyllis O'Toole, Don and Ann
Arabian
Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-14
Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Mark 6:7-13

July 19 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TBD
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

July 26 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TBD – Anne Passin
2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-11, 15-18
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15





Dear Nova Community,
 I wanted to say
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 support and generosity. Thank you
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 Love,
 Jennifer Zinn

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Love,

Jennifer Zinn

NOVA is praying for ...



Jim Furlong . . . was transferred to Inova Fairfax Hospital from the Commonwealth Nursing Care Center due to heart conditions. He is in Room 1057, Bed 1. He is expected to return to the Nursing Care Center soon.

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Glen Passin.... who is scheduled for prostate cancer surgery on June 15.

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Dianne Carroll ... who continues to suffer with complications after a fall several days ago.

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Joe Bonsignore ... continues to recuperate very well and looking better than ever. He has returned to being a "regular" at liturgies. He was seen walking without his cane!

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Sonia Donahue...who is at Goodwin House/ Alexandria -4800 Filmore Street -#210 – Alexandria, VA 22311. Phone (703) 824-1246. She is in our daily prayers, and would love a card, a call or a visit.

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Grace Birch...who is at Sleepy Hollow Manor – 6700 Columbia Pike-#202 – Annandale, VA 22003-3450 – (703) 256-7000x3027. She too is in our daily prayers, and would appreciate a card, a call, or a visit.

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Warren Reich ... continues to recuperate at home. He underwent serious spinal surgery at Inova Fairfax, followed by rehabilitation and continues his regimen at home in Alexandria.

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Bill Callahan ... also continues with a difficult recuperation.

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NOVA is also praying for...

Glen Passin and his family due to the death of Glen's father, Roy Passin...

Rosemarie Annunziata and her family due to the death of her mother, Olga Petitti.

Lord, hear our prayer

Activities . . .

Gunston volunteers needed



Nova volunteers distribute bags of non-perishable food, cereal provided by Nova, perishable (eggs, milk, meat, etc) items picked up at the Arlington Food

Assistance Center warehouse on the night of distribution and produce items every other week picked up by Eric Carroll at the produce markets downtown (funded by the Nova Peace & Justice budget). The distribution takes place at the Gunston Middle School Recreation Center in Arlington. Many volunteers have been active in this project for a dozen years and others are more recent. All love their work and would love to teach new Nova folks how it's done. So if you would like to volunteer: email Dianne Carroll diacarroll@comcast.net or call 703-536-2616

~Dianne

June 4: Carolyn/Ted, Emily(granddaughter), & _____
June 11: Marie P, Matt, Emily Houck, Eric, Marie-Claire
June 18: Tim, Jerry, Alicia/Ana Cackley
June 25: Syd, Glen, _____

July 2:

July 9:

July 16: Tim, Jerry, _____

July 23: Kopp/Cece, _____

July 30: Syd, Glen, _____

Routine: (usually)

Perishable pickup at AFAC warehouse at 6:00pm

Distribution at Gunston 6:30-7:30

Clean up and return list to AFAC

Note: An activity where the more hands,

Guest Chef to Stir Things Up at...

Christ House!

The NOVA community will prepare and serve dinner for 70 clients of the Christ House shelter in Alexandria on **Monday June 15**.

Members of the community prepare meatloaf and scalloped potatoes to be served by volunteers who take the food to Christ House. This month meatloaf-meister Ken Chaison will be serving as executive chef.



Please mark your calendars to prepare meatloaves and scalloped potatoes and bring them to liturgy on **Sunday June 14**.

This month you may ***not*** drop off food at the Michelotti's residence. However, you can bring meatloaf to Christ House on Monday... by 2 pm please, if frozen.

If you would like to help serve, call Ken at 301-571-8180. Some of the "regulars" will be missing and he will need extra hands.

I wish I could tell you how grateful the clients at Christ House are for your generosity. Those who have helped serve have come to realize that the NOVA "menu" is probably the most popular meal offered to the clientele.

By the way, for those who like to plan well in advance, NOVA's Christ House dates for the rest of the year are...

- August 17,
- October 19, and
- December 21.

~Kopp Michelotti

Special Invitation

*"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving."
-Albert Einstein*



You are invited to a
Retirement/Commencement Gathering

For David M. Mog, PhD

*Science Teacher, Sidwell Friends Upper School
International Program Officer, National Academy of Sciences
Science Administrator, Princeton University
Asst. Professor of Chemistry - Oberlin College, Case Western Reserve University, Universidade
Federal do Rio de Janeiro & Muskingum College*

Saturday, June 6th

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Quaker Meeting for Worship

*Mary Ellen Caplin Arts Center Meeting Room
Sidwell Friends School - 3825 Wisconsin Ave. Washington DC 20016*

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Reception with Light Refreshments

Zartman Drawing Room - SFS

An Evening with... **Bishop Bridget Mary Meehan**



Sunday, June 14th
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

At the home of Tom & Jeanne Clarkson
2635 Wooster Ct. Vienna, VA 22180

Come and hear Bridget's story and get an update on what is happening in the Womenpriest movement. We will begin the dialogue with Bridget on how we might best support her work and how she can be of help and support to Nova. Bridget, who heads a liturgical community in Falls Church, will share some clips from recent ordinations and actions that the women-priests have taken. She is a lively and engaging speaker and brings a very fresh and encouraging vision of the future of the Church.



Bridget Mary Meehan, a Sister of Christian Community, who holds a Doctorate in Ministry from Virginia Theological Seminary was ordained a Roman Catholic Womanpriest on July 31, 2006 in Pittsburgh, PA. She is an author of 20 books including the best-seller *The Healing Power of Prayer*, *Praying With Women of the Bible* (Liguori), *Praying with Visionary Women* (Sheed & Ward) and co-author with Regina Madonna Oliver of *A Promise of Presence* (ACTA), *Praying with a Passionate Heart* and *Affirmations from the Heart of God*. (Liguori). Their most recent book is *Praying with Celtic Holy Women* (Jan. 2003).

Dr. Meehan is currently producer and host of the thought-provoking and inspirational TV program called "GodTalk"; a series of programs designed to draw people of different faiths together to think about pressing social and moral issues and to discern common ground.

Women of Faith

A film about Women in the Catholic Church

The NOVA Catholic Community (www.nova.novacommunity.org) is sponsoring the Washington D. C. premiere of this documentary film.

DATE: SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2009

TIME: 4:00-6:00 PM

PLACE: GOODWIN HOUSE AUDITORIUM

3440 S. JEFFERSON ST

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041

THE FILM

Filmmaker, REBECCA ALVIN (www.bellygirl.com) has created a one-hour film which looks at the lives of women of the Catholic Church. Using interviews with nuns, former nuns and other women involved deeply in religious lives, *WOMEN OF FAITH*, examines the choice to lead a profoundly religious life in the post-feminist era. We see and hear of the deeply personal faith journey of these women.

The film is currently being shown at small venues on Cape Cod, MA. It is scheduled for a 5-day run in July, '09 at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

DISCUSSION

A discussion period will follow the showing of the film.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP

Please email number of attendees to faithjune28@gmail.com
or call (202) 258-5904 for reservations and information.

Suggested Contribution: \$10 at the door.



Reflections on the IEC Weekend...

First, praise for logistical & program-planning: the 4H Center worked well for our needs. I understand the guest-rooms were also nice; as a ‘day-tripper’, I appreciated the dining hall meals and help from the Center staff. The planners did an excellent job of balancing content-full, formal PANEL talks, with choices for related (well-done) BREAK-OUT sessions, and were smart to leave ‘open’ time on Saturday night for spontaneous, ‘from the floor’ discussions. Good planning - especially for such a group with “many chiefs, few Indians” who seek structure & info, but also flexibility!

Chris Egbulem’s presence thru-out the weekend reminded me, again, of what a spiritual man he is – how his unique history as a person/presider is a gift – I want him back at NOVA, called forth to worship with us at liturgy. I love and value our ordained priest-friends, ALL of them. I was also struck by the majority(?) practice of many IECs who have called-forth liturgical & pastoral leadership from among the non-Institutionally-ordained world. I wish for both. Do-able?

I was intrigued with the ‘insider’ perspective on the history of actions taken by the Dutch theologians. I wouldn’t be Gil Donahue’s daughter without appreciating the sociological debriefing on our IEC survey (and Michelle, the researcher-professor-speaker, was kind enough to send me copies of her survey-results slides, which couldn’t really be seen in the Auditorium.) I am grateful for the highlights from recent scholarship on the many roles that women played during the centuries after Christ. It’s amazing what we never learnt in C.C.D. – and still don’t hear from the RC institution! Again and again, I was also moved by the power of *personal stories*, not only those told publicly during the sessions, but during informal conversations at meals, in break-out sessions, etc. It’s so rare in the ‘regular world’ to hear of people’s personal faith journeys, of how people grow in community.

I am very proud of all the ‘young adults’ who spoke from their hearts (and with humor & honesty) during Sunday morning’s panel. Adam, Cecilia, and Scott did a wonderful job as “adult children of NOVA.” And while I miss them (and wish we could have the mutual benefit of their participation—guess not), I feel relieved and happy to hear that they’ve each ‘landed’ somewhere that’s meaningful for them for now.

The liturgy was awesome! So many wonderful elements (and I was aware of much of the necessary advance-work.) Not unlike during our own Holy Thursday liturgy (but on a grander scale), I am moved by the sight of men & women surrounding Ray Kemp at the altar, in celebration of “the bread of life” and “the cup of salvation.” The rich ‘texture’ of the multi-part sung Table Prayer – such energy & beauty! – felt great. What a good symbol of coming together as an IEC. Loved the waving banners. Liked singing with other communities’ musicians, although it made me doubly appreciate ‘my’ NOVATones who, despite our knowledge of each other’s weaknesses (and strengths), love & respect & look out for each other. We ‘play well with others’ – I was proud of us, and of Tim. The space constraints and large personalities made for a few challenging moments. But it worked.

I’m sure the issues & themes arising from the Conference will generate conversation (maybe actions) for NOVA’s future direction. I have just one small challenge for us – for the next time we meet with other IECs: let’s not just eat with each other! Tempting as it is to ‘hang’ with those you know, we can talk with NOVA friends any time. Some of us did circulate to non-NOVA tables/people. But it’s a real missed opportunity not to introduce ourselves to other (kindred-soul) ‘strangers’, ask open-ended questions about THEIR communities/liturgies/challenges/history, and then LISTEN and learn. Heard some good stories ... met some interestingly-weird people ... realized we’re all ‘aging in place’ but still thoughtful activists.

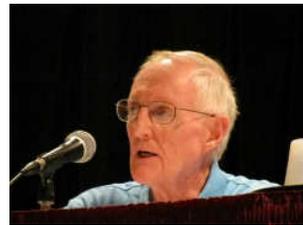
~ *Victoria Robinson*



Faces Of The IEC Conference



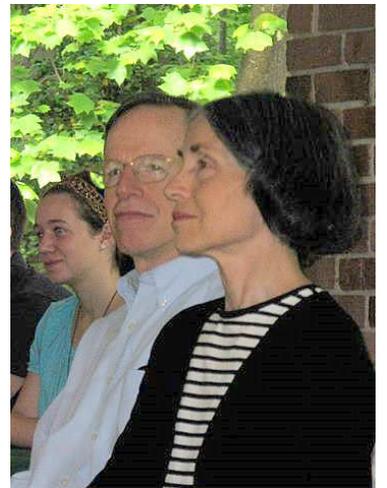
*“Embracing the Spirit:
Going Forth in Love”*



IEC Conference Liturgy...



Recently at NOVA..



Sunday in the Park, May 24





June 2009



NOVA Calendar

Every Thursday.... Food distribution at Gunston, see page 5
Every Sunday ... Cereal boxes brought to liturgy for Gunston
First Sunday of Month ... Paper products (towels, toilet) for Doorways

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Save the Date

September 18-20 – Annual Retreat at Shrinemont

October 3 – "Men Can Cook" – Gala Fund Raiser

International Development Committee