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NOVA Catholic Community

Summer 2009

Chair Notes.....

Summertime and the livin' is easy, or so they say. Forming and maintaining an Intentional Community, however, is work needing forethought, discernment, initiative, planning and follow-up action. As we began preparations for the Calling Forth and learning to listen to the Spirit, we found it helpful to have Bill Callahan on the previous Sunday lead us with thoughts about the world as a distraction while also being a means to see ourselves as abiding in God and to see our place in the divine. If we acknowledge Jesus is the Son of God, coming out of God, then God lives in us and we in God. Then we can really say we are all One.

With generous assent, Tom Clarkson was called forth as the new co-chair of Nova for the coming year to lead and coordinate us along with Gloria Mog who agreed to continue for a second year. It was appropriate, then, for Jim Hug on Pentecost to ask where is the Spirit leading us – in multiple ways and with a bigger horizon than we could ever imagine – a Spirit who speaks one message of the unity of us all in spite of our multiple languages, cultures and ethnicities. Jim noted it is interesting not so much for us to say what our gifts are but to have others reflect back to us what our individual gifts are.

The IEC Conference was a definite time for this reflection, a mind opener to who we are and who we could be. Aging can be risky but we can change by what we learn and by who we encounter. We are called to be faithful, not to be successful, in the endeavors to live the vision Jesus had – one of social justice and inclusive of women and all marginalized peoples – of all being One in the Spirit.

Quinn then helped us focus on Poverty – both of resources and in Spirit - with those whom the Spirit leads being “children of God” – children not fearful of God but able to call God “Daddy” and “Mommy” - full of Love with a heart as big as the World, as Joe Kenna said. Joe delved into many analogies to the heart and the blood of the Covenant and Jesus’ blood/life as the life force of the new Covenant. With Jesus’ life and our life we can opt to Choose (Offer), to Bless (Transform), to Break (Make Available) and to Give to all the world, especially the marginalized. This Blessing comes from the community and through the Presider and the Bread and Wine.

Nova now seeks to explore the possibility of community led liturgies as well as guest presiders as we relax during the summer months, as we seek to recreate ourselves, and as we look forward to a Spirit filled retreat this fall. As Anne Passin said during the investiture, the winds of grace blow everywhere, we just have to raise our sails. Many thanks for your gentile winds over the last two years.



Namaste.

~ Eric

July Birthdays, etc.

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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 Bernice Todaro
- 2 John Cackley
Ken Himes, OFM
Nick Mele
Davin Nelson
- 10 Laura Goldschmidt
- 11 Dominic Monti
- 14 Louis Mendez **(RIP)**
Greg Swanberg
- 16 John Birch
- 17 Jennie Carroll
- 19 John Veldhuis
- 20 Jessica Markey
Joe Nangle, OFM
Peter Todaro
- 21 Jody Furlong
- 22 Patrick Ferguson
Greg Reinhart
- 26 Jim Taylor
- 27 Jorge Perez-Lopez
- 28 Scott Christofferson
- 29 Alex Markey
Carolyn Schmidt
- 31 Michael Tarasovic

**Newsletter Deadline is
September 13....2009**

The next newsletter will be the October issue.

See Page 6 for August and September birthdays and anniversaries

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

JULY MUSIC LIAISON
Victoria Robinson

AUGUST MUSIC LIAISON
Victoria Robinson

July 5 -14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TBA – Victoria Robinson

Ezechial 2:2-5

Psalm 123: 14

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6

July 12 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Haughey, SJ- Bob& Phyllis O'Toole, Don
& 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

Jim Coriden- Anne Passin

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23: 1-36

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

July 26 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan - Peggy Meyer

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145: 10-11, 15-18

Ephesians 4: 1-6

John 6: 1-15



August 2— 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jim Hug, S.J. - Eric Carroll

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

Psalm 78: 3-4, 23-25, 54

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6: 24-35

August 9—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Quinn Conners, O.Carm.-Meg Tuccillo

1Kings 19: 4-8

Psalm 34: 2-9

Ephesians 4:40-5:2

John 6: 41-51

August 16— 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TBA- Gloria Mog

Proverbs 9: 1-6

Psalms 34: 2-3, 10-15

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58

August 23— 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

TBA-Peggy Meyer

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Psalm 34: 2-3, 16-23

Ephesians 5: 21-32

John 6: 60-69

August 30— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

TBA – Michie Family

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Psalm 15: 2-5

James 1:17-18, 21b-22

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15,21-13

Liturgies: Continued

SEPTEMBER MUSIC LIAISON
Tom Clarkson

September 6—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Haughey, SJ - Katie Ahrens &
Victoria Robinson

Isaiah 35- 4-7a
Psalm 146: 7-10
James 2: -5
Mark 7: 31-37

September 13— 24th Sunday /Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan- Jeanne & Tom Clarkson

Isaiah 50: 5-9a
Psalm 116: 1-6, 8-9
James 2: 14-18
Mark 8: 27-35

September 20— 25th Sunday/Ordinary Time **NOVA Retreat (Shrinemont, Orkney Springs, VA)**

TBA- Catherine Loveless, Carolyn & Gen
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm 54: 3-6-8
James 3: 6- 4:3
Mark 9: 30-37

September 27—26th Sunday/Ordinary Time

Jim Hug, SJ – Mike & Gen Timpane
Numbers 11: 25-29
Psalm 19: 8, 10, 12-14
James 5: 1-6
Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Liturgy Notes:

1. Each week during the Peace Prayer we respond “Present” after proclaiming the names of those who have died as a result of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In so doing we replicate the practice of the Salvadoran people known as “Diciendo los presentes.” During the civil war in Salvador those fighting for the rights of the poor would come together the day after one or more of their companions had been killed. They would recite their names 3 times, each time responding “presente” acknowledging that the link with their comrades went beyond this physical world and that their sacrifice would forever be remembered. In imitating this practice we acknowledge the sacrifice of those who have died, and reaffirm our belief that we are all one and present to each other in Christ’s body.
2. On September 27, NOVA Returns to Kenmore- Liturgy starts at 10:15 am



IRAQ Casualty Toll
(Operation Iraqi Freedom)

US Military Deaths	4,319
Suicides	185
Missing or Captured	1
Civilian Deaths**	30,723 — 273,378+
American Wounded	
(reported)	31,368
(estimated)	100,000+

***documented to 6/26/2009. This number may be seriously understated.*

Afghanistan Casualties: 708
(Operation Enduring Freedom)
American Wounded (reported) 3,063

Sources:

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/casualty.pdf>

(Casualties as of 6/27.2009)

<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/fallen/afghanistan/>



NOVA is praying for ...



Glen Passin's ... prostate surgery went very well, and he continues to recover well. Good news received regarding the pathology report--clear margins and lymph nodes negative for cancer. Needless to say, Glen and Anne are so relieved and profoundly grateful for your prayers and expressions of support.

Kate Doherty ... The doctor removed a chip (possibly a bone chip) from Kate's neck. The recovery will not be as extensive as previously thought, she will not be as restrictive, in that she will be able to drive sooner than expected, and will wear a softer collar for a shorter time. Family members are caring for her at home and elsewhere. surgery went super well. Feel free to send cards to her home as someone will be picking up mail.

Rosemarie Annunziata ... Rosemarie asked not to have flowers in memory of her mom, but rather that anyone who wished might make a contribution as noted below. NOVA Community will do this but I wanted to put it out to any individuals who may want to make a donation on their own. Donations may be made in Memory of Olga Petitti to the Ocean County Library Upper Shore Branch, 112 Jersey City Ave., Lavallette, NJ 08735.

Barbara Formoso ... has undergone major surgery and is recuperating. She appreciates all of our prayers and good wishes for a very speedy and total recovery.

Tom Karwaki's ... mom was hospitalized suddenly at Reston Hospital after a routine doctor's visit. Tom reports his mom's operation went well and she is recovering at the will probably be going home to Herndon. The doctors told him that it was not as serious as first thought, but she will be homebound for six weeks or so. He thanks everyone for your prayers.

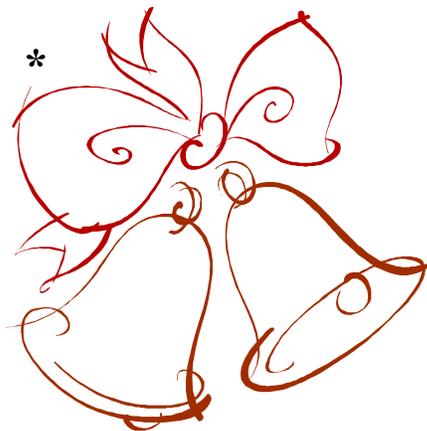
Nancy Veldhuis ... had asked us to keep her sister-in-law, Nancy Carroll, in your prayers for emotional and spiritual, as well as physical healing. For the second time in two weeks she was in ICU in rather unstable condition as the result of multiple medical problems. Unfortunately she succumbed and our prayers are with Nancy & John.

Jim Furlong ... You may have seen Jim at liturgy recently. But did you know that he has relocated since he left the hospital?He would welcome your visits. You can find him in Room 104, Sunrise at George Mason, 4300 George Mason Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030. Call ahead (703) 980-1132, because he does travel to medical appointments and other short trips out. He has no e-mail connection at the present time.

Lord, hear our prayer

August Birthdays, etc.

- 2 Christine Annunziata
Marcelline Niemann
- 4 Peg Taylor **(RIP)**
- 7 Peggy & Bill Meyer, Anniversary*
- 9 Bob Birch **(RIP)**
Stephen Schmidt
Matt Weber
- 11 Joe Annunziata
Anne Houck
- 12 Eric Carroll
Bob O'Toole
- 20 Rose Barrett
Marie Keefe
Christie Tuccillo
- 23 Mike & Nancy Chase, Anniversary*
- 26 Tom Clarkson
- 29 Peggy Meyer
- 30 Dan Montes
- 31 Kate Brady



September Birthdays, etc.

- 2 Bob & Helen Michie, Anniversary*
- 3 Brian Ferguson
- 6 Rose & Jerry Barrett, Anniversary *
Alida Yath
- 8 Barbara Formoso
Cathy Showalter
- 9 Gloria Mog
- 10 Karen Coale
- 13 Adam Clarkson
Hetty Irmer
- 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



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, the merrier. Please fill in these dates.

Music for Soul-Making

Nova Fall retreat (Sept. 18-20 at Shrine Mont)

This year's retreat will focus on the power of music to deepen our spiritual practices, enliven our lives and our liturgies, and connect us with an inner joy. Linda & Rich Rosenberg and The Novatones will offer a potpourri of musical experiences:

singing it
listening to it
praying with it
composing it
sharing it

Have no fear!! No skills or talent needed. Those who hate singing are particularly welcome.

Dear NOVA,

On behalf of our mother, Olga Petitti, and her family, thank you for the prayers that blessed us, the thoughtful words that encouraged us, and the love that sustained us during her time of passing from this life into the next. Thank you for carrying us in your hearts.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie and Joe Annunziata

Retreat 2009 . . . “Music for Soul-Making”



NOVA's retreat will be held at Shrinemont from Friday evening through Sunday noon, September 18-20. See page 7 in this issue for more insight of this planned weekend.

You must make reservations ahead of time with Kopp Michelotti because we have to give Shrinemont a count of participants in advance. Call Kopp at 703-241-0789 or e-mail him at koppmich@yahoo.com. Leave a message with the names of all adults and children for whom you are reserving space. Please specify whether the kids are <3 or 4-12.

Shrine Mont is located 1 hour South of Winchester and approximately 2-1/2 hours from the Washington DC metro area, just beyond the Basye/Bryce Mountain ski resort. However, Friday afternoon traffic on I-66 might make it prudent to allow a little more time. To reach Shrine Mont, follow Route 66 West to I-81 South to Mt. Jackson (Exit #273). Turn left onto Rt. 703 (East), then right (South) on US 11, follow through town, turn right on Rt. #263 and follow approximately 15 miles to Orkney Springs.

Friday dinner will be served from 5:30 till 7:00 pm. The first session will begin at 7:30 pm on Friday. The retreat will end with lunch on Sunday at 12:30 pm. The mountains are gorgeous and the weather cooler than in DC. It's advisable to bring a jacket; also, insect repellent, extra towels, soap, and shampoo. Feel free to bring snacks of any kind to share during Friday and Saturday evening get-togethers, as well as games and puzzles, soft drinks, juice, wine, beer. Smoking is not allowed; pets are not allowed.

The cost for the weekend, lodging and meals, is \$175 for adults and teens, \$60 for children ages 4 to 12, free for children 3 years old and younger. NOVA doesn't want anyone to miss the retreat because of cost. We always have subsidies available; just talk to Kopp. Again, please call 703-241-0789 or e-mail koppmich@yahoo.com as soon as possible to reserve your space for the retreat.

Nova Nites

At the Calling Forth Meeting in late May, Rose Barrett suggested that we have a series of monthly meetings to talk through all of the ideas and feelings that were expressed that evening. She and Jerry offered their Condo Meeting Room as a gathering place and we settled on the second week-end of each month, alternating between Saturday and Sunday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m. There will not be a meal, but people are invited to bring snacks or beverages to share. These will be discussion/brain-storming/sharing/learning meetings focused on a particular topic and facilitated by someone in the community. Decisions will continue to be made only at General Meetings. So, mark your calendars now for the following dates:

- + Saturday, July 11th - "Community Led Liturgies"
Co-Facilitators: John Mooney & Fr. Paul Surlis
- + Sunday, August 9th - "Alternative/Guest Ministers"
- + September - No Meeting - See you at the Retreat, Sept. 18-20
- + **Saturday, October 10th - General Meeting** - 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Pot-Luck Dinner - At the new home of Nancy and John Veldhuis
- + Sunday, November 15th - Topic TBA

YERT: the Documentary Film

Your Environmental Road Trip - "It's taken more than 150 years to get ourselves into this mess, with America leading the way. The science tells us we have 5-10 years to get ourselves out of it. The question is, will America be leading the way or...are we doomed?"

Coming Soon!

The YERT Team - Ben, Julie, and Mark travel fifty States in one year with one planet to save.

Film Synopsis:

"YERT (Your Environmental Road Trip) is a groundbreaking adventure and a celebration of the American spirit in the face of adversity - a thought-provoking, inspiring, and sometimes hilarious, documentary about the courageous and creative individuals, groups, businesses and leaders of this country who are tackling the greatest environmental threats in history. Called into action by the ever increasing threats of planetary catastrophe (from climate change to toxic pollution, from water scarcity to habitat destruction), the three of us - Mark Dixon, Ben Evans, and Julie Dingman Evans - upended our lives, pooled our collective life-savings, and set off on a first-of-its-kind, 50-state, year-long journey of discovery to personalize sustainability and to answer a critical question: "Are we doomed or are we kicking ecobutt!?"

Get ready for YERT: The Film. We're knee deep in the creation of a feature film based on our eco-adventures in every state of the USA, and this little trailer is the first real glimpse into what it'll be like. We're shooting for Sundance, so spread the word to all of your friends and family - we want this trailer to travel around the world. Check out the full synopsis and additional information at <http://www.yert.com/film.php>. And we've got over 50 additional short films already available at <http://www.yert.com>. Enjoy!"

And yes, we need your help!

- We need transcribers. (you earn some cash)
- We need donations. (tax deductible)
- We need your friends. (and their friends)

Calling Forth Meeting

Nova met to select its new Chairs for the coming year on May 30th. The process happily ended with the selection of Tom Clarkson and the re-affirmation of Gloria Mog to lead us in the coming year. Much more was accomplished that evening, however, as those gathered thought long and hard on the questions of “What areas would you like to see Nova focus on in the coming year? Where do you think the Spirit is leading us? What is our calling as a community?” In small groups and all together, these questions were thoughtfully considered and the following areas of interest and concern were expressed:

- **The role of women** spiritual leaders in the Church and in Nova – can we move ahead as a Community in affirming women priests and ministers as a true social justice issue?
- **Interest/necessity** of attracting new people to the community, particularly young families.
- **Increasing need** for a strong Community Life Ministry team within Nova.
- **Continue the energy** and exchange generated by the IEC Conference to have more inter-community experiences, liturgies, education events, meetings, etc.
- **Determine** where our real passion is and focus on a few things rather than everything.
- **Strengthen** our Adult Education opportunities.
- **Continue** the search for a new liturgical home for Nova that might be better space, less costly and supportive of another institution that we affirm. Be open to meeting at another time than Sunday a.m. to make this happen.
- **Develop** new initiatives targeted at groups we would like to see more present at Nova – e.g. a children’s education program open to all or a soccer team for underserved youth. Be more visible in the area and less fearful of confronting issues that are important to us.

At the end of the meeting it was proposed that we set up monthly meetings to explore these areas more and thus was born, “Nova Nites” (see article in this newsletter).

Nova Retreat 2009 . . .

Your help is needed to make the opening session of the Nova Music Retreat a success.

Linda Rosenberg wants to know your favorite piece of music in the whole wide world. (Rock Song, Lullaby, Symphony, whatever) And, she needs to know why you feel the way you do about it.

OR, she wants to know your favorite liturgical song, used at Nova and why you love it. This information should be emailed directly to Linda, NOT to the NOVA LISTSERVE. SECRET!!!!!!

The sooner the better since the session will be planned around your favorites.

lindarosenberg@me.com

Nova News, continued . . .

Summer School Scholarships for Kenmore Students

These are very difficult times for many families at Kenmore Middle School.

I have been communicating with Caitlin Rose, the Director of Counseling Services and through her we have been able to assist several families to make summer school a reality for their sons or daughters.

The cost for a single summer school class is \$56. Several students need to take two classes .This amounts to \$112. Counselors have asked each family to contribute what they are able for summer school.

Thus far we have assisted seven students with a total of \$556.00.

Below is a list to help you to see a little clearer how your Sunday contributions are helping others.

Sixth graders:

A 6th grade girl actually **needs \$112** as the family is experiencing many hardships (Her mother has cancer). She needs to take Reading and math.

A sixth grade girl needs the **entire \$112** . The family just had a new baby and mom was hospitalized, and mom has been out of work.

Seventh graders:

Two boys needs to take both Math and Reading. They need \$56.00 each. Their parents were able to pay \$56.00 each. (**Total \$112.00**)

A girl needs to take Reading for strengthening. She **needs \$46.00**. Her parent paid \$10.00

A girl needs to take both math and reading. She **needs \$56.00**. Her parent paid \$56.

A boy needs to take both reading and math for strengthening. He **needs \$56.00**. His parent paid \$56.

A boy needs to take math . He **needs 56.00**. His parents have not paid any.

Eighth graders

A boy needs to take both math and Reading. He **needs \$62**. His Mom was able to pay \$50.00.

~ Cece Michelotti

Physics Teacher: "Isaac Newton was sitting under a tree when an apple fell on his head and he discovered gravity. Isn't that wonderful?"

Student: "Yes sir, if he had been sitting in class looking at books like us, he wouldn't have discovered anything."

"If there are any idiots in the room, will they please stand up" said the sarcastic teacher.

After a long silence, one freshman rose to his feet.

"Now then mister, why do you consider yourself an idiot?" enquired the teacher with a sneer.

"Well, actually I don't," said the student, "but I hate to see you standing up there all by yourself."

Communities of Faith United for Housing(CFUH)

I attended a board retreat for Communities of Faith United for Housing(CFUH) on Saturday June 13 at the John Neumann Catholic Community Church in Reston where the attendees were able to develop a broader view of past accomplishments and of challenges ahead for this new all volunteer organization serving Fairfax County and Falls Church. Communities of Faith United for Housing is an advocacy network of faith communities in the Fairfax/Falls Church community who are committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing within our community with a special focus on providing permanent housing opportunities for those at the lowest levels of income who are either homeless or dangerously close to becoming homeless. It aims to monitor the development of more affordable housing for people in need and advocate for the implementation of the Plan to End Homelessness. Its goal is to try to eliminate homelessness in Fairfax County and Falls Church by using the "housing first" approach. CFUH believes in the importance of the Fairfax-Falls Church Plan to End Homelessness. The Nova Catholic Community is a church member; I am an individual member of this organization.

* The organization won a humanitarian award from the Board of Supervisors for its "One Penny" campaign.

In the retreat "breakout session" for our Monitoring Committee, we discussed four areas for action that we will concentrate on:

1. **Committee Development:** A training session for committee members will insure that we all know what it is that we as individuals will be monitoring. During the training session, when we identify probable courses of action, we will assign to each committee member an action item. To the extent possible assignments will be based on individual preferences. We will also ask each member to consider asking a friend to assist in the process of monitoring. The following three action areas are a part of our plan.
2. **Governing Structure:** There are seven critical elements of the governing structure as set forth in the master Action Plan to End Homelessness. By way of example, the Governing Board, and the Consumer Advisory Council are two of the seven. Each will be explained in the training session; and it is here that assignments will be made.
3. **Housing:** We will monitor the development of more affordable housing since "housing first" is a critical element in the success of the Plan to End Homelessness. However, the CFUH Affordable Housing Advocacy Committee is working this area, we will defer to their lead in this matter.
4. **Client Assistance:** Our clients are the poor and homeless citizens. What we do must have these people as our beneficiaries. The "Housing Opportunities Support Teams" (HOSTs), as defined in the Plan to End Homelessness, are at the heart of assistance to be rendered. We need to understand the various aspects of the HOSTs concept, and be able to monitor its actions.

Communities of Faith United for Housing is planning a training session for new members which will take place July 6 or July 7. When the date and time is finalized, and for future activities sponsored by this organization, I'll let you know through the Nova Yahoo groups discussion list. If anyone would like to be included on the organization's e-mail list, let me know. Their e-mail address is cfuhfx@aol.com.

The web site address is: <http://cfuhfx.org/about.html>

Helen Gettys Michie,
Member, Nova Domestic Social Justice Committee
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Congratulations . . .

+ to **Christine Annunziata**. Christine is a board certified Ophthalmologist and, this month, she successfully completed a three-year fellowship in Ocular Plastic Surgery at the Shiley Eye Institute, University of California, San Diego. She was voted in each of two successive years of the fellowship as the best teacher of the year-- first by the residents in ophthalmology and then by the medical students attending the UCSD medical school. She plans a practice in reconstructive ocular and facial surgery in Los Angeles where her husband, Chris Bewley, is a resident in emergency medicine.

+ to **Michael Schultheis, SJ** ...The Catholic University of Sudan will start a BA degree in Economics and Business Administration at its Juba campus. The acting Vice-Chancellor, **Fr Michael Schultheis, SJ**, told Bakhita Radio that the 28 students who passed the introductory year will start the new course in August. He added that the University will start an evening course for working students.

The new course has 150 applicants. The Catholic University of Sudan was licensed on August 1, 2008 and opened on September 29.

The Juba campus functions provisionally in the Comboni Secondary School premises. It has a library with 20 thousand titles in two containers. The works for permanent buildings for the campus are underway.



Presenting Offertory Gifts



Blessing Barbara before surgery



Eric's last intros of guests, while co-chair

TEACH ABOUT THE KINGDOM

by Peggy Meyer

“I must preach the good news of the Kingdom... , for this is the reason I came into the world.” [Lk 4:43]

Jesus was always talking about the Kingdom, describing it in parables and showing us how to live as kingdom people. His teachings, example, death and resurrection make this kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven” possible. If Jesus thought God’s vision of the way the world is meant to be is the most important thing, wouldn’t it be a good idea to teach our children about it from the beginning? They could keep on learning to understand it and live accordingly as they grow.

I would tell the children that God wants all the people in the world to live together like a loving family. Our Creator, who is the father and mother, asks all of us sisters and brothers to do these things:

Get along with each other. Jesus taught us how to live together in peace. Love everybody – even the people we don’t like. When somebody hurts us, don’t strike back. Forgive them and be kind to them anyway.

Take good care of our home (the earth) and all the gifts our Creator has provided. And **share all these treasures of nature** so that everybody will have the things they need and more to enjoy.

Take good care of each other. Jesus said anytime we feed someone who is hungry, give clothes to somebody who has nothing to wear or visit a lonely person, we are doing it for Him. The most important thing we must do is help the people and other creatures who are hurting in any way.

Everybody in the human family **must be included when** we gather at the table for a meal and in other things we do together. Nobody deserves to be left out. Jesus was a friend to all kinds of people that religious people considered unacceptable. The rules said nobody should talk with them, touch them or eat with them. Jesus didn’t pay any attention to these rules. When he showed such people how he loved and valued them, it changed their lives forever.

Kingdom people are thankful and joyful. We love to sing and dance and laugh and play together. We love to spread the joy around – especially to people who are hurting.

Whenever we pray, “Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven”, we are saying that our dream is the same as God’s dream. We don’t have to wait until the dream comes true for the whole world. The kingdom comes every day wherever we act out of love and make peace.

Some people like to call it the “**kin-dom**” now because we are all members of one big family.

Breaking Silence: Women writing in Prison

Every other Saturday and Monday, women from the Chrysalis Community that NOVA supports gather to open their hearts through poetry. Rev. Valerie Dixon has shared them with us and we will occasionally share them with you as a way of walking and praying with these women.

Survival

Who would have thought
The child would be bought
Sold into sex

See the dark doorway
He lurks there waiting
To steal her soul

Emptiness all around
The blackness drowns out
All sound

She lives her life through
Scheming and doubt
Only to be healed
By the words that come out.
-H.C.

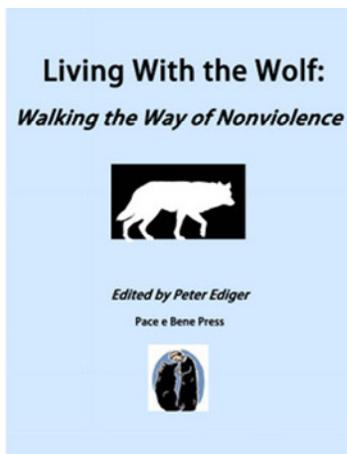
What We Want Is Never Simple

Locked away for years
Thoughts of my kids dance in my head
My heart is filled with sorrow
What we want is never simple
Dazed by the slop on my tray
Is this food? Can it be eaten?
Can I trust that it won't make me sick?
What we want is never simple
Twenty-four months
Can I sleep for that long
And open my eyes to my kids saying
Mommy I'm hungry
What we want is never simple

-R

Pace e Bene News:

Living with the Wolf: New Book from Pace e Bene Coming Soon



In July, we will publish [Living with the Wolf: Walking the Way of Nonviolence](#), featuring Pace e Bene's best writing from its last two decades.

Preview preview chapter: ["Film and Nonviolence" by Ken Butigan.](#)

More info at <http://paceebene.org/living-wolf-walking-way-nonviolence>



With a pledge of support from the community the new chairs, Gloria (her second year) and Tom, offered their willingness to serve and lead the community in love and joy!



Nova's new co-chairs



Anne gives Tom his cross



Thanks to Eric for his last two years as co-chair



Thanks to Anne for her work as Liturgy Chair.

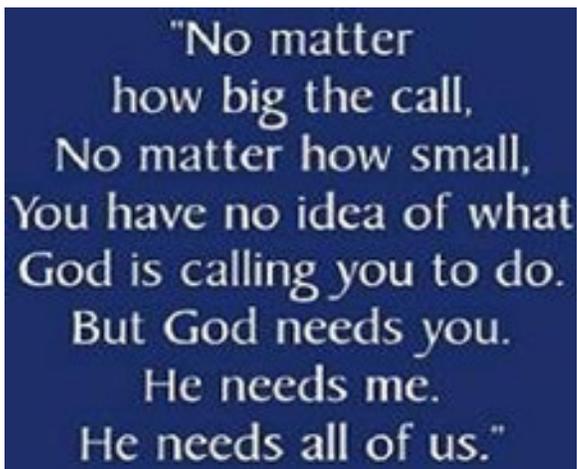
From June to September . . . a meditation

Fr. Mychal Judge

a June Pride (New York) month Meditation:

After years of prayer and struggle, Mychal came to accept himself as a gay man. He wrote in his journal: "I feel no guilt, none whatsoever today -- I feel on the train Home. I am at peace finally. This is what You want me to do, Lord... You, You alone, brought me here. I have nothing to fear. Thank You, thank You, Lord!" (from Daly)

Fr Mychal's homily on Sept 10, 2001



"No matter
how big the call,
No matter how small,
You have no idea of what
God is calling you to do.
But God needs you.
He needs me.
He needs all of us."

Mychal's Prayer:

c. Holy Name Province

Lord, take me where You want me to go,
let me meet who You want me to meet,
tell me what You want me to say,
and keep me out of Your way.

Fr Mychal Judge, OFM
Who died in the line of duty , 9/11/2001
Chaplain, New York City Fire Department

[Thanks to Helen Michie for suggesting this submission]



Summer 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

July 11 – Nova Nites: Community Led Liturgies, page 9

August 9 – Nova Nites: Alternative/Guest Ministers, page 9

September 18-20 – Nova Retreat, page 8

October 10 – General Meeting: 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm w/potluck, page 9

November 15 – Nova Nites: Topic TBA, page 9