

  
**nova notes**  
Newsletter of the NOVA Community August, 2007

### Chair Notes

Summer time! A time to relax, refresh, and experience new friends and places. When we meet new friends, does the topic of Nova ever come up?

It does with me and often leads to interesting questions. What is Nova? My answer is always, "Nova is an Intentional Eucharistic Community in the Catholic tradition focused on social justice." But that does not seem to fully describe what Nova is all about. It is a bit of jargon that is meaningful to those who know what Nova is but probably a bit obscure to those who have no, or little, knowledge of Nova.

When people hear we have neither a church building nor a permanent priest, they are usually puzzled. How can you be a church and not have a building? When they learn that we worship in the Cathedral of God, located in Lacey Woods Park, they are usually mystified. And yet, we meet in a park or the middle school cafeteria for a purpose. We do so, so that we will have more funds available for social justice projects.

I often attend a church of active fully engaged members where the membership is at least five times larger than Nova's yet their "Outreach" budget is less than 10% of Nova's. The reason the other church is only able to support about 10% of the social justice projects that Nova is able to support is due to the fact that they have a mortgage, building maintenance and repairs, and a full time staff of two priests.

When I try to explain that each Sunday Nova members plan the liturgy in cooperation with a member of our Padre Cadre, I have to explain that although we have no permanent priest we are blessed with a group of the finest clergy anyone could possibly imagine.

I try to explain that our children see every man and woman in Nova as an "uncle" or "aunt" and often wander from one adult to another during services.

And while Nova is not perfect, it has served the needs of families and individuals for 40 years. It has changed over those 40 years but never lost sight of its



purpose and direction. We are like one large extended family and even in the best of families there are moments of tension and occasional hurt feelings but like family we come together when there are problems to address.

So what is the future of Nova? It is true that many members of Nova are getting older. We also see new young members take up leadership positions. We have a dynamic Affirmandi group who are already actively involved in social justice projects. They have traveled to Uganda and El Salvador to experience first hand the needs of those they serve. The future of Nova looks bright. So what is Nova? How do you answer that question?

See you in September,

*~John Veldhuis*

# August

## 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

- 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
- 20 Rose Barrett  
Marie Keefe  
Christie Tuccillo
- 23 Mike & Nancy Chase, Anniversary
- 26 Tom Clarkson
- 29 Peggy Meyer
- 30 Dan Montes
- 31 Kate Brady

## Newsletter

## Deadline is

August 26....

*One time dad asked me, "If you could ask God for anything, what it would be?" Without hesitation, I told him, "That there be no suffering." He gave me one of his gravest and most loving looks, pondered for a time, then began a wonderful conversation with me. I do not remember the words, just a clear acceptance, after the fact, that we would not understand life enough to reach out. There would be no need to sacrifice for one another and love would be empty. If there were no suffering, we simply would not turn toward each other in any meaningful way. Dr. King said that unearned suffering is redemptive. Pain, though it really does rip my heart at times, makes life full and allows me to access JOY! We are one in the whole fabric of life. I do wish I could capture his actual words. That conversation, and the thousands of others I had with my wonderful dad and mom, helps me risk the loving. Oh, a final quote! Mayried Maguire, Irish Nobel Laureate said to me, "If you can't find the joy, what's the good in the living?" Blessed beyond measure.*

~Mary Grace

## Year C — Cycle 1

# Liturgies

### AUGUST MUSIC LIAISON

Victoria Robinson

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#### **August 5 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time \*\***

Bill Callahan -- Anne Passin

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

**Topic: Liberation Theology**

#### **August 12 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time\*\***

Ray Kemp, SJ -- Helen Michie

Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalms 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12

Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

**Topic: Challenges Teaching CST**

#### **August 19 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time\*\***

TBD – Tim White

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

**Topic: Ministry of Money**

#### **August 26 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time\*\***

Joe Kenna – Meg Tuccillo

Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalms 117:1, 2

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

**Topic: Racism — Psychological & Spiritual Implications**

**\*\* Adult Formation Sundays**

#### **September 2 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Francis DiSpigno, OFM – David Mog

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalms 68:4-7, 10-11

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Luke 14:1, 7-14

#### **September 9 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joe Kenna — Marie Keefe

Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalms 90:3-6, 12-17

Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

#### **September 16 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Bill Callahan — RETREAT

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

First Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

#### **September 23 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

TBA — Catherine Loveless-Schmitt

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113:1-2, 4-8

First Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

#### **September 30 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Francis DiSpigno, OFM — Goldschmidts

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Psalms 146:7-10

I Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

## Meetings — Reports, Summaries...

Send Off Celebration  
for Marceline  
August 19 — 4 pm



Join the celebration when we will gather to give Marcelline a warm send off as she returns to Richmond and her new home. It will be a pot luck cook-out at the home of Jeanne and Tom Clarkson. Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage.

Please check Nancy Veldhuis, (703) 750-1670 about possible house warming ideas.

You are invited . . .

A talk by  
**Kathleen Kennedy Townsend**  
Former Lt. Governor of Maryland  
And author of  
***Failing America's Faithful***  
**Tuesday September 18**  
**7 pm**

**Lower Church**  
**Saint Aloysius Church**  
**900 North Capitol Street NW**  
**Washington, DC**

*This event is free but an offering will be taken to benefit **Salvadoran Enterprises for Women**, an organization supporting economic development projects for women in isolated parts of El Salvador.*



Ella makes announcement to collect for trikethon for St Jude's Hospital. She hopes to collect money to donate to children undergoing treatment there.



We are naturally reverent beings, but much of our natural reverence has been torn away from us because we have been born into a world that hurries. There is no time to be reverent with the earth or with each other. We are all hurrying into progress. And for all our hurrying we lose sight of our true nature a little more each day.

~Macrina Wiederkehr

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## NOVA Retreat

NOVA's 2007 retreat will be held at Shrine Mont from Friday evening through Sunday noon, September 14-16. You must make reservations ahead of time with Kopp Michelotti because we have to give Shrine Mont a count of participants in advance. Call Kopp at 703-241-0789 or e-mail him at [koppmich@yahoo.com](mailto: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 younger or 4-12 years old.

Shrine Mont is located in Orkney Springs, VA, approximately 2-1/2 hours from the Washington DC metro area, just beyond the Basye/Bryce Mountain ski resort. However, traffic gets very heavy on I-66 on Friday afternoons; that 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). (You will pass the biggest Sheetz in the universe! It's my experience that Sheetz almost always has the cheapest gas and the best coffee wherever you are on the road.) Then turn right (South) on US 11; follow it through town and turn right on Rt. #263 and follow approximately 15 miles to Orkney Springs. If you are willing to share a ride I suggest you send a message to the discussion list specifying when you will be leaving and how many passengers you can take.

Friday dinner will be served from 5:30 till 7:00 PM. 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 \$150 for adults and teens, \$50 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](mailto:koppmich@yahoo.com) as soon as possible to reserve your space for the retreat.

*~Kopp Michelotti*

## A Consumer's Checklist

(courtesy of Pax Christi USA)

- Do I really need it? Can I really afford it?
- Will it enrich the quality of my life or that of others?
- Is it worth the time and money to store, clean, otherwise maintain?
- How many hours will I have to work to pay for it?
- Could I borrow it from a friend, neighbor or family member?
- Is there anything I already own I could possibly use instead?
- Are the resources that went into it renewable?
- Is the product socially and environmentally friendly? (Who made it and who profits?)
- Can I recycle it when I'm through with it? Or will it help clog a landfill?

## IRAQ Casualty Toll

US Military Deaths	3,665
Civilian Deaths	68,172—74,575
American Wounded	26,558
" " Returned to Service	14,924

## News ...

### *Katie Chaison Marries!*



*Katherine Emma Chaison and Steffin James Spears were united at a Nuptial Mass at the University of Rochester Interfaith Chapel, Rochester, NY, on July 14, 2007. They are in process of relocating to Boston, MA.*

### **News On the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The various committees preparing for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary have been humming along this summer. A decision was made in July to change the venue for the liturgy and dinner/reception to John Calvary Presbyterian Church in Annandale on Columbia Pike. Nova held its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary there with lots of fond memories of the beautiful space it provided. We would have been much more restricted as to how many could attend the dinner as well as the structure of the liturgical space at St. Clements. We are feeling abundantly blessed with the news that Ken Himes is available to be our homilist for the anniversary liturgy.

Dianne has sent out over 225 "Save the Date" post cards to Nova friends far and wide. If you think there is someone she might have missed, please send her the information. The Social Justice committee along with Adult Education has been offering a series of education events on Catholic social justice teaching in an effort to help us focus our thoughts on the larger anniversary theme of where do we want Nova to be heading in the years ahead. Joe Annunziata and the Round Table committee have been meeting to plan how to incorporate the Padre Cadre's ideas on this crucial question. Jeanne Clarkson and Cece Michelotti are making retreat plans that will give the community a chance to reflect on these ideas as well. Jim Furlong is doing a lot of filming in preparation for producing a new Story of Nova film for the Anniversary dinner. Many others are working on related projects which will be featured in upcoming newsletters.

*~Gloria Mog*

### **John Bikes Across Europe!**

John Veldhuis has decided to celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday by planning a bike trip from Copenhagen to Gibraltar as a means to raise funds for [Central Buganda University](#). He is asking for pledges of support. All of your donation (100%) will go towards educating deserving students at CBU. There will be no deduction for "administrative expense."

He left home on July 31<sup>st</sup> for Amsterdam. Then he planned on the overnight train to Copenhagen. There he will buy a bike and start his journey south. An estimate of the distance is 2568 km or 1596 miles.

Will you help? He has raised almost \$2000 but needs a great deal more. You can help by pledging any amount per kilometer or mile. John has a blog which will accept pledges. He will post periodic updates of his progress as he travels through Europe. [Where in the World is John?](#) Let's stay in touch and mark his progress.



# News ... Mogs Return from Brazil

## From Piranhas to Petropolis

By Gloria J. Mog

It has been 34 years since my husband David and I returned from a 3 year life-changing sojourn in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Our 1973 homecoming featured 2 ½ year old, Brazilian-born, Joel, in tow and soon-to-be-born, Justin, in waiting. We had had such an incredible experience in Brazil. We LOVED the country – the people, the colors, the food, the music, the beaches, the language. We were sure we would go back soon and many times over. Well, life happens and as it turned out, only David was able to visit briefly on business in 1982 and Joel, who carried the imprints of samba, sand and feijoada in his very cells, had never returned to the place of his birth. Justin and his wife Amanda's Peace Corps assignment in Paraguay was the signal that it was finally time to rectify this unconscionable oversight and all return together for a family reunion in "the homeland".

Joel and his wife Madeline flew from their home in Seattle to Asuncion a week ahead of the senior Mogs in order to hang out with Justin and Amanda in their adopted country. They went on to visit the spectacular Iguassu Falls at the Brazilian/Paraguay border. Then the 4 of them climbed on the first of a few all-night buses to reach Campo Grande, the capital of the state of Mato Grosso do Sul in the heart of the Pantanal region of Brazil. The plan was to spend roughly a week exploring the Pantanal and then travel the 800 miles to Rio for a week in the "Cidade Maravilhosa". The Pantanal is described as "one of the great nature-watching wonders of the world." It is the world's largest "swampland" created by an enormous network of rivers and waterways that allow access to an array of wildlife unseen anywhere else. In residence are more than 650 species of birds, hundreds of different mammals and an astonishing number of alligators – sub-

species, caimans – AND pirhanas, and anacondas, and mosquitoes – and, oh my God, who decided we should spend a week in a SWAMP?? The Elder Mogs flew 26 hours -5 flights - but who is counting? – to reach Campo Grande where the reunion began.

We could barely see straight when we were met at the airport by our local tour organizer who assured us that the "kids" had arrived and that he would takes us to the hotel where we could shower and get ready to go downtown to celebrate the "Festa de Sao Joao" which just happened to be going on in the city square that evening. This was our second clue that perhaps this wasn't going to be the most restful of vacations.

The following morning we met Marcello who was to shepherd us through this potentially hair-raising experience. He was tall, lean, pierced, leathered and very friendly. Sort of a cross between Crocodile

Dundee and John Audubon. Although his English was excellent, Marcello wasted little time with words, he was into experiences and immersion in the beauty and wonders of his native land. We drove a few hours deep into the Pantanal to reach our home base – a simple wooden lodge perched on a hillside overlooking the Rio Miranda. Immediately the show began and we had front seats on our very own veranda. Brightly colored fish swarmed in the river (have I mentioned piranhas?), huge wading birds fished in the shallow areas, howler monkeys swung wildly in the treetops and the lodge's "pet" capybara (I can't really explain what a capybara is . . .) had free run of the place.

No sooner had we set our suitcases down, when Marcello informed us that today would be the warmest day of our stay and the very best time to go tubing in the river – with the teeming piranhas and hundreds of caimans – among other things. Now this was

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the part of the tour that I had hoped we would be able to work ourselves up to over time. I was pretty sure I could handle everything else in the brochure, but swimming with piranhas and alligators??? Expressing my fears to Amanda, she felt it was time to pull out one of her favorite Mark Twainisms which goes something like, "If you eat a bullfrog in the morning, ain't nothing worse can happen to you that day." Well, that became the mantra for this experience and many others throughout the trip. We swam, we tubed, we laughed, we worried and we survived. The bullfrog had been eaten and everything else did seem relatively easy thereafter.

During the next few days there unfolded a series of unforgettable experiences. We took off on a jeep safari and it seemed that around each corner some dazzling flock of strange and beautiful birds would put on a magical air show of color-drenched wonder. Our resident birder, Amanda, couldn't flip through the pages of her Audubon Guide fast enough to shout out all that were on display. We saw Kingfishers and Hyacinth Macaws and Toucans of many different kinds and Jabiru storks which stand 4-5 ft. tall with a flaming red scarf draped around their throats. Oh, my. And alligators everywhere, and very strange mammals, and flowering water vegetation that would put most floating gardens to shame.

We went on a boating safari at sunset to visit that which comes out at night (hundreds of orange gleaming caiman eyes, among other things). A sunrise walk found us at an observation tower overlooking a mist-covered plain. We witnessed the land come to light and life with a spectrum of reds and yellows and blues and greens that was breath-taking. We stalked the jungle floor circling through massive ancient trees; waded up to our knees in the muddy marshes to get up close and personal with . . .?; rode horses through some of the more impenetrable areas and occasionally just sat and gaped at the wonderment of it all. We shared most of



these experiences with a delightful Irish young couple who had quit their jobs and were traveling the world to see as much as they could before they "settled down". We introduced them to "Oh, Hell" and "Boggle" and other silly Mog games and they entertained us royally with non-stop hilarity about life on either side of "The Pond" from their perspective. The food was bland, the beds were hard, the place was dirty and we had to kick the resident frog out of our toilet each morning before we could pee, but we had a wonderful time in the Pantanal!

We then spent a couple days in the area around Bonito, an "ecotourism boom town" in the southwestern corner of Mato Grosso. There are many beautiful caves and lakes and waterfalls in the area. We went to see the Blue Lagoon cave which, indeed, has a most amazing and endlessly deep emerald blue lake at its

bottom. We rented bikes and rode out to the Rio Formoso for a snorkeling experience in pristine clear waters teeming with large catfish and dourados. We found an ice cream serve-yourself "buffet" where it took at least 15 minutes to decide which of the 100s of delicacies one was going to indulge in before having your selection weighed for pricing. We feasted on some very good food and found a Japanese restaurant with many green options. All 6 of us are vegetarians and tackling meat-infused Brazilian cuisine was a chal-

lenge we took on with fierce determination. It was then time to go back to Campo Grande and face the 24 hour bus ride to Rio. We reserved the fanciest bus we could get where the seats almost fold back into beds, but what can I say, it was a long haul.

Once in Rio, we settled delightedly into our deluxe, 3 bedroom apt. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> floor of an apartment complex in Botafogo near the entrance to Copacabana.

From the Master Bedroom we had a view of half the city with the Christ statue smiling down from his

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mountaintop on what surely is the most beautiful city in the world. From the living/dining room we looked out onto the ocean and the offshore islands – deep blue skies, sun-drenched beaches, magical little mountains and hills springing up from every quarter of the city. Overwhelmed by all this beauty and splendor, we threw our clothes in the washer and went to bed – for a very long time. Rejuvenated, we were ready to take on the city with gusto and determination. We had all been inundated with reports of crime waves and gang wars and the many dangers of this city. So we put our heads together, shared all our accumulated experience and travel tricks and set out to outsmart the thieves and reclaim “our” city.

I think we were quite successful. Portuguese flowed from the recesses of our aging brains. We mined the guide books, figured out the bus and subway system, raided the local food markets, and put on our sturdiest walking shoes to explore the town from one end to the other. It was a wonderful trip down memory lane. We were able to see old friends, walk the length of Copacabana stopping for coconut milk and Brahma beer along the way, climb up to Corcovado and look down on – everything! We took the “bonde” (trolley car) up to Santa Tereza and rode the cable car to the Sugar Loaf Mountain at sunset. On our way to somewhere we walked through a typical street “feira” where a dazzling display of fruits and vegetables and fish and flowers made you think you were at an art fair rather than a farmers’ market. We walked through the University where David had worked, the high school where I had taught, and the downtown area with many magnificent historic buildings. On a Sunday we rented bikes for the whole day and rode the beaches, visited the “Hippie Fair” in Ipanema and had lunch on the Lagoa at an Arabian restaurant. Then, (foolishly, I’d say) we decided to bike up the very long hill to see our old apartment in Laranjeiras. Joel was touched to be at the place where he had spent the first years of his life and I teared up frequently remembering how very special that time had been in our lives. We spent a day at the beach at Barra de Tijuca watching the kite surfers and even managed to fit in a visit to an amazing new museum on the indigenous people of Brazil.

Too soon it was time to put Justin and Amanda on the bus back to Paraguay. The remaining four of us spent

our last couple days visiting with old friends at their second home in Teresopolis in the mountains outside of Rio. It was a tranquil and beautiful place where the winter cold had us stoking up the fireplace each evening. Driving back we stopped in the lovely colonial town of Petropolis where Dom Pedro II once ruled from his stunning Palace, now the “Museu Imperial”. Coming back to Rio to get ready for our flight home, we went for one last walk on Copacabana. It was July 7<sup>th</sup>, the night of the Live Earth concert and hundreds of thousands of people swarmed the beach, street performers abounded, there was music everywhere . . .and we remembered one last time why we love Brazil and this city so very much.



# Nova Affirmandi Sent Off to El Salvador

## With Blessings . . .



## Concert, party . . .



# Important Dates & Activities

## Arlington Diocese 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

Peace & Justice Commission Conference  
September 22  
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

The Diocesan Peace and Justice Commission, in conjunction with several chancery departments and organizations, is sponsoring a conference on Immigration and the Faith Community. It will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Falls Church.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick will be the keynote speaker and workshops will include:

- Legislative Advocacy
- What the Church Teaches,
- Pastoral Response,
- Direct Services Assistance, and the
- Impact on Families.

## *“The Many Faces of Our Human Family: A Catholic Perspective on Immigration”*



## **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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We also continue to pray for Clare Sheehan who is recuperating from surgery

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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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We are praying for Anne Houck and Marcelline Niemann on the loss of their sister, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Niemann, BVM. We join Anne and Marcy in prayers of thanksgiving for her deeply-lived life of 91 years, where she had been a continuous blessing to her family, her community, her students.

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Continue to pray for Sonja Donahue, who is staying at Goodwin House in Alexandria. Although her physical condition is a bit frail, her mental state is as sharp and lively as ever! She wouldn't be the only person who would enjoy a visit – you would also be stimulated. Can't come? Her address is 4800 Filmore Street, #210, Alexandria, VA 22311... (703) 824-1246

# Thank you, Nova . . .



Quixote Center, PO Box 5206,  
Hyattsville, MD 20782 —301-699-0042  
[www.quixote.org](http://www.quixote.org)

Dear NOVA Community,

We appreciate your generous contribution of \$400 for the people of Nicaragua. Thank you for your support.

In 2007 Quest continues to support the people of Nicaragua in many ways. We still assist with funding Homes of Hope and latrines; provide lunch programs for children and seniors; collect used buy usable school supplies for students in 21 rural schools through the *Clean Your Desk Campaign*, and other forms of support. The development of skills for local leadership is critical to all this work. Your donation is significant to this building of physical structures as well as personal development and self-esteem.

Thank you for your involvement with Quest and the Institute as we collaborate to benefit many people in Nicaragua. We invite you to follow the progress of these Nicaraguan communities through our newsletter and our website.

Gratitude and rich blessings to you,  
/s/ Carol L. Ries, snjm

From Terry Showalter Conner....

Thank you to the NOVA Community  
for the lovely flowers  
and your participation in the  
celebration of my mom's life;

Martha Bond Showalter



# NOVA's Beginnings. . . .

We've uncovered what is perhaps our first Membership Directory, thanks to Kate Quigley. The Directory of Concerned Christians (NOVA's original name), dated January 7, 1968 lists 26 households. It's impressive to note who is still around and poignant to recall those who are now with the Saints. Look the list over, but allow that our record keeping may not have been the best at that time.

**John & Joan Clinton**

**Gil & Sonja Donahue**

**Rev Robert E. French**

**Rev. Virgil Funk**

**Paul & June Heise**

**Buck & Alice Hennigan**

**Bob Hildebrand**

**David & Kim Horgan**

**Tom & Dolores Leckey**

**Tom McNichol**

**Rev. Albert F Pereira**

**Charles & Pat Schehl**

**Rev. Joseph Slattery**

**Grover & Nancy Stock**

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**Neil & Kate Vahle**

**George & Rita White**

**Joe & Midge Wholey**

**Arleen Hynes**

**Mike & Janet Valder**

**Tom & Kate Quigley**

**Bill & Rhoda Nary**

**Hank & Jean Lajewski**

**Gabriel & Monique Fragniere**

**Othmar & Ellen Winkler**

**Isolde Weinberg**





August, 2007



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