

nova notes

NOVA Catholic Community

February, 2009

Chair Notes

AS I write this I am still trying to catch my breath and process all the feelings, thoughts, wonderments, grandeur, and possibility of the magnificent Inauguration we just witnessed. Standing on the Washington Monument hill that morning I was literally vibrating with the energy of nearly 2 million people filled with hope and promise and commitment to a new way. It was an experience I will never forget. Black and White, young and old, rich and poor – we were united as one for those brief hours. And you better believe we heard Obama's call that morning – this effort would be immense and require all of us to pull together; it's time to pick ourselves up and dust ourselves off and grow up, if you will, for there is a lot of work to be done.

So imagine my "surprise" to discover that Sunday after January Sunday this year, the readings were all about The Call. Wake up, listen, get moving – God has something important in mind for you. (Did She talk to Obama?) Our liturgies kept deepening the message as we listened and sang and talked and wrote – about the call. And just to drive the point home a little further, we had our annual Peace and Social Justice meeting at Meg Tuccillo's on January 10th. About 35 Nova members prayed and talked and listened as we focused on discerning what our P&SJ calling was for 2009. It was an inspiring meeting, followed by inspiring liturgies and a very uplifting Inauguration. I think we're ready to move into this year with renewed energy, focus and hope.

Many of us were treated to a very special Spanish/English Folk Mass with Joe Nangle at Our Lady Queen of Peace on Jan. 4th. It was a warm and welcoming experience and fun to encounter former Nova members who now call

OLQP home. Joe introduced Nova to the congregation and several people came up to talk with us and find out more about the community – including a retired priest who may be interested in celebrating with us. It's always a wonderful experience to touch into other communities and yet, I think everyone felt like it was "good to be home" when we returned to Kenmore on January 10th. Tom Reese, SJ was introduced as a new presider for Nova on January 25th. Thanks to Ken Chaison for initiating an agape after liturgy to welcome a wonderful new addition to our Padre Cadre.



And so the long dark days of February are upon us – time to burrow in and contemplate this call of ours. We will be having a General Meeting on Saturday, February 21st at 5:30 p.m. to continue our discernment process on several community issues. Carmela Ormando has agreed to coordinate the Lenten Team who will begin their planning at an after-liturgie brunch at her home on February 15th. Perhaps you feel called to help out with Lent? Come join the group. Ash Wednesday is on February 25th when we will meet to pray and begin this special season with a service at John and Marlene's home. Let's keep the spirit moving, it appears it is time to answer the call.

~Gloria

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<http://nova.novacommunity.org>
 NOVA Photos <http://web.mac.com/dicarroll/Nova>

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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 Bonnie Lowrey
- 4 Joan Gurian
- 5 Nicola Mariscal
- 6 Fernando Mercado
- 7 Stephanie Visokay
- 11 Charlie Boyne
Ray Kemp
- 12 Monica Rosenberg
Fernando Mercado Violand
- 14 Jan Tarasovic
- 15 Amy Kyleen Lute
Justin Mog
Anna Reich (daughter)
- 17 Josette Ferguson
- 19 Josh White
- 20 Linda Rosenberg
- 24 Amy Bailey
Pat Connelly
- 26 Lynn Christofferson
- 27 Catherine Schmidt
- 28 Mary Grace

**Newsletter Deadline is
 February 22....2009**



Liturgies: Year B— Cycle I

For inclusive Readings and Music Selections go to nova.novacommunity.org, member section, Documents/Liturgy Info. Please give all music selections to the Music Liaison the Sunday before your liturgy. **LITURGIES AT KENMORE**

FEBRUARY MUSIC LIAISON Barbara Formoso

MARCH MUSIC LIAISON Gloria Mog

February 1 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary

Bill Callahan – Anne Passin, Teddi Ahrens
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

February 8 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Quinn Connors, O.Carm. – Rose Barrett, Cece Michelotti
Job: 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 147:1-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 15 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jim Hug, SJ – Peggy Meyer
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

February 22 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Kenna – Dianne Carroll, Peace and Justice
Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25
Psalm 41:2-5, 13-14
2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Mark 2:1-12

February 25 – Ash Wednesday – 7:30 pm

John Tarrant and Marlene Shade
(At their home—7036 Williamsburg Blvd.,
Arlington, VA 22213)
Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-17
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

March 1 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Bill Callahan – Gloria Mog
Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25:4-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1: 12-15

March 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Jim Coriden – Catherine Loveless, Carolyn & Gen Schmitt
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Psalm 116:10, 15-19
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

March 15 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Joe Kenna – Carmela Ormando
Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Psalm 19:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

March 22 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Jim Hug, SJ – Kopp and Cece Michelotti
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm 137:1-6
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

March 29 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Quinn Connors, O.Carm. – Annunziatas
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Nova Liturgy — *A Village Available*

Nova began over 40 years ago as an experimental worship group and we continue the experiment each Sunday with liturgies planned by our members. Yet while planners have lead responsibility for our weekly worship, a village remains available to assist as needed and to nurture the liturgical life of the community throughout the year.

Liturgy Coordinators – Anne Passin and Jeanne Clarkson oversee all liturgical activities in the community. They support the liturgical team as well as individual planners. Anne and Jeanne are available to assist with special liturgies such as memorial services. The Coordinators welcome comments, questions, and concerns from community members. They prepare occasional Liturgy Tips and the monthly Liturgy Page for the newsletter. *Please let Anne or Jeanne know if you are switching dates with another planner.*

Environment - Cathy Showalter continues to bless the liturgical environment with her eye for beauty and her skill with needle and thread. Cathy is available for consultation on altar set-up, linens, screens, colors, candles, books, room/pavilion arrangement, lighting, symbols or anything that might enhance the liturgical environment.

Music - Tom Clarkson and Victoria Robinson provide overall direction for the music group. They call rehearsals, coordinate musicians and make final decisions regarding musical selections. They have instituted a 12-month schedule of rotating music group members who serve as liaison with the planners for each Sunday. The name of the music liaison appears in the monthly newsletter. **Tim White** is always looking for new music and innovative arrangements. In collaboration with liturgy planners, he selects, arranges or composes new music to enrich Nova liturgies.

Readings and Instruction Distribution – Clyde Christofferson and Ken Chaison are available to assist planners having difficulty using the website for their materials. The inclusive readings are posted on the website along with the words to most of the Nova music and the guidelines for planning a liturgy. Planning guidelines also appear in the community directory.

Liturgy Lottery – Gen Timpane coordinates the Liturgy Lottery each October to recruit planners for all Sunday and seasonal liturgies. All community members are asked to serve as the main planner for 1-2 liturgies each year. Gen compiles the master list and continues working with the community until all planning slots are filled.

Padre Cadre – John Mooney recruits priests for all scheduled liturgies throughout the year. He lets the padres know of any special Nova developments and updates the community regarding our priests. John also is diligent in recruiting new presiders for Nova.

Facilities – Glen Passin coordinates the procurement and rental of facilities needed for Nova liturgies. He also serves as liaison to Kenmore for special problems or needs, such as extended time on Sunday for meetings, agapes as well as weather related closings.

Steward of Storage – Victoria Robinson maintains the cleanliness and orderliness of the storage closet at Kenmore. She coordinates the offsite storage of any oversized or seldom used liturgical items. Victoria also prepares the traveling box for summer liturgies away from Kenmore.

IRAQ Casualty Toll

(Operation Iraqi Freedom)

US Military Deaths	4,234
Suicides	167
Missing or Captured	1
Civilian Deaths**	30,723 — 273,378+
American Wounded	
(reported)	31,004
(estimated)	100,000+

**documented to 1/27/2009. This number may be seriously understated.

Afghanistan Casualties: 638

(Operation Enduring Freedom)

American Wounded (reported) 2,679

Source:

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

More than 103 times as many people have been killed in these wars and occupations than in [all terrorist attacks in the world from 1993-2004](#). About 241 times as many people have been killed in Afghanistan and Iraq than in the ghastly attacks of September 11, 2001.

Source:

www.unknownnews.net/casualties.html

Colman McCarthy is quoted in ENGAGE: EXPLORING NONVIOLENT LIVING (p 92):

I had a student at the University of Maryland a while back who wrote a 13-word paper that for both brevity and breadth--the rarest of combinations--has stayed with me:

"Question: Why are we violent but not illiterate?

Answer: Because we are taught to read."

NOVA is praying for ...



Joe Bonsignore ... was hospitalized and underwent surgery. Hopefully he is home now. We pray for a successful outcome and a restoration of full health.

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Bill Callahan . . . Bill continues his recuperation from multiple surgeries. Recently he celebrated at NOVA and he appeared to not have lost a bit of stamina.

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Alycia Cackley and Teddi Ahrens . . . both have family members diagnosed with serious illness and have requested our prayers.

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Roy Bourgeois . . . suffered excommunication by the Vatican because he supports ordination of women. However, we are the church and the church continues to pray for this holy disciple.

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Warren Reich . . . we thought he would have had his surgery and perhaps our prayers were very effective. However, he plans this spinal surgery the end of March, and we keep Warren in our prayers.

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Jim Furlong and Rose Barrett . . . are both under the weather. We pray that this is simply a passing bump and they with return to their old enthusiastic selves.

Lord, hear our prayer.

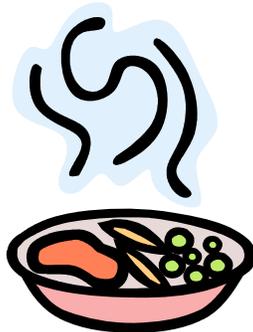
Meatloaf Mania!!!

The NOVA community will prepare and serve dinner for nearly 70 clients of the Christ House shelter in Alexandria on Monday February 16. How do we do it? Many cooks; many hands!



Members of the community prepare meatloaf and scalloped potatoes to be served by volunteers who take the food to Christ House. Please mark your calendars to prepare food and bring it to liturgy on Sunday February 15, or drop it off at the Michelottis any time Sunday or, on Monday, up till 1:00 pm. The address is 6325 19th Street N., Arlington. Just leave your spuds and/or meatloaves in the coolers on the front porch. You need not bother knocking – the front porch is always unlocked.

If you would like to help serve, call Kopp Michelotti at 703-241-0789 or Ken Chaison at 301-571-8180 for information and directions. 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 April 20, June 15, August 17, October 19, and December 21.



Oral Re-hydration Project

We have another opportunity to work with an ecumenical group at the Temple on Seminary Road to fill oral re-hydration kits to be sent to developing countries. The kits are used to provide nutrition to starving infants.

The date for assembling kits is **Sunday, March 1st**. There may also be an opportunity to work an hour or so on a weekday before March 1. Contact Carolyn for additional information at ccmiller97@aol.com, .

Nova General Meeting

Saturday, February 21st

**5:30 pm Pot-Luck followed by Meeting
until 9:00
Place TBA**

Agenda Items Include:

WomenPriests & Nova

Financial Review

IEC & Nova

Outreach to Youth/Young Families

New Worship Space?

News . . .

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

SCHEDULE:

February 5 — Eric, Marie Claire

February 12 — Tim, Jerry, Lani

February 19 — Glen/Syd

February 26 — Lani, Kopp/Cece,
Marie Keefe

IEC Conference May 15—17, 2009

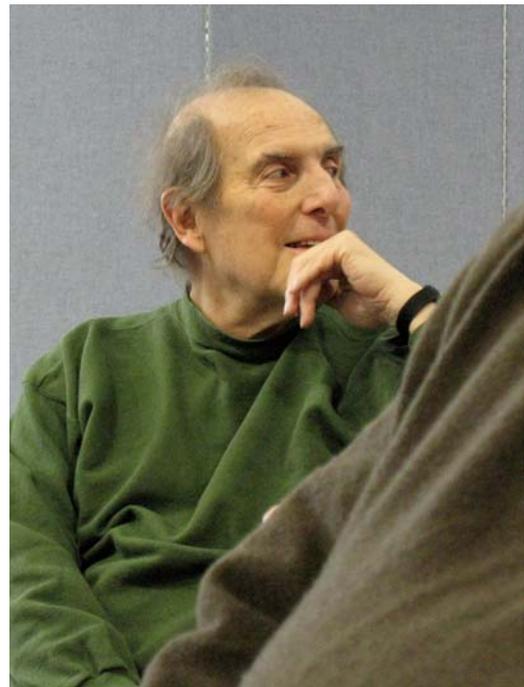
The third national conference of the Intentional Eucharistic Communities, "Embracing and Shaping Our Future," will be held May 15 - May 17, 2009 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

Note: February 15 registration deadline for lower fee.

Please use the registration form available on page 9. Full registration information and program details available at

http://intentionaleucharisticcommunities.org/gathering/registration_form.pdf

~Rosemarie Annunziata



IEC Conference Registration Form

Please print:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

Name of your IEC _____

Registration fee: \$115 if postmarked **by February 15, 2009 (includes Saturday lunch)**

\$140 if postmarked **after** February 15, 2009 (includes Saturday lunch)

Dress is casual for all events. Free parking is available on campus.

I/We will have a car(s) parked on campus. If yes, how many vehicles? _____

Housing on campus

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. There are no taxes to be added to the rates above.

Amenities

in all rooms include private bath, TV, and WiFi service. See www.4HCenter.org for travel and other information.

Room reservations: Please check your preference and give name(s) of roommate(s)

Friday night only _____ **Saturday night only** _____ **Friday and Saturday nights** _____

____ single occupancy (\$122 per room per night)

____ double occupancy (\$122 per room per night) with _____

____ triple occupancy (\$138 per room per night) with (1) _____

(2) _____

____ quad occupancy (\$148 per room per night) with (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Please let us know if you have any special needs:

Meals on campus:

I/We wish to purchase the following meals. Price is for each person. Vegetarian will be available.

Meals Total Cost of Meals

____ Dinner, Friday evening \$14 x ____ = \$ _____

____ Breakfast, Saturday morning \$10 x ____ = \$ _____

____ Dinner, Saturday evening \$14 x ____ = \$ _____

____ Breakfast, Sunday morning \$10 x ____ = \$ _____

____ Lunch, Sunday noon \$12 x ____ = \$ _____

Total cost for meals \$ _____

The 4-H Center requires that we collect all room and meal fees, and that we provide them with a list of all sleeping room and meal needs. In order to secure your sleeping room reservation and meal needs in good time, we must receive your completed registration form and your payment for registration, housing, and meals by April 1, 2009.

Registration \$ _____

Housing \$ _____

Meals \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make your check payable to **2009 Gathering of IECs.**

Please print out the registration form and mail the form and check to:

CeCe Vernaci
Registration Coordinator
10114 Brandon Way
Manassas, VA 20109

Intellectual Adventures: Rosemarie Annunziata's Interview with Warren Reich

After one of NOVA's recent liturgies, shortly after the Reichs had returned from their recent trip to Australia, Italy and Germany, I learned in the course of a short conversation that I had with them, that Warren had been awarded an honorary doctorate by Italy's University of Macerata in theoretical, moral, and political philosophy. At the University of Giessen, Germany, Warren lectured on German physicians' arguments that were used to support medical atrocities against Jews and others. His presentation was hailed by a leading authority on the subject as "the finest lecture I ever heard in my life!" Subsequently, Warren's lecture in Florence, Italy on how western culture has shaped ethical discourse received a standing ovation. I wanted to know more! And, I was certain our community would also want to know more –about the ideas that were at the core of Warren's lectures. I asked Warren to give us a little introduction to those ideas, which now appears below. Thank you, Warren, and warmest congratulations!

R.M.: You're just back from giving lectures in Australia, Germany, and Italy. I know the folks of Nova would be interested in knowing what you are involved in. First, I understand you had a distinguished lectureship in Australia. Can you tell us about that?

W.R.: I was invited by the Australian Catholic University, which has five campuses. I lectured on why we should retrieve the intellectual and spiritual tradition of 'consolation', which means alleviating the troubles and worries of others and of ourselves. I lectured on the same topic at five universities in Italy last year. I'm not aware of anyone else who is writing on this anywhere at the present.

R.A.: So you feel you are doing something original?

W.R.: That's what I like about the intellectual life: it offers the opportunity for discoveries that can make a difference. For example, philosophers, theologians, ethicists, and professionals like physicians and nurses have struggled for a long time with the psychological demands of compassion, which they generally assumed required entering into and identifying with the feelings and problems of others. I have discovered that consolation, which has ancient roots, deliberately avoids projection into the other; it is a very simple practice, which only requires our recognition of the humanity of the other, not the intensity of their problems. I have also discovered that exactly the same consoling of others that I have discovered in ancient sources is confirmed by recent neuroscientific discoveries, at the University of Parma, of neurons that program us to have a simple, automatic empathy for others. But I then argue that there are stages in our moral life – what I call full-blown compassion and empathy – that are appropriately developed at a later, more focused stage of our moral life.

R.A.: Where do you think this can be applied in social and political life?

W.R.: I think this has great implications for what we generally call social justice. Justice tends to be regarded as a norm or standard related to duty. I argue that helping others begins not with duty, but with very simple sentiments of empathic or sympathetic concern for others – what the Romans called 'humanity', a word that we might translate as 'kindness'. We hardly ever hear about kindness except in contexts of etiquette – and we never hear of humanity; but I think that virtue is the virtue we need in a world of expanding violence. I would insist that the justice we would want for society must begin with this extremely simple empathic concern of humanity or kindness.

R.A.: That sounds risky. What about the people who don't like being kind to others?

W.R.: My conviction is that the entire moral structure of society – and all the "changes we can believe in" for altering those moral structures – have a vulnerable, even a fragile, foundation: the human sentiments of empathic concern. When those sentiments are undermined, our hope becomes undermined.

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Warren Reich Interview, continued.

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R.A.: How about your recent lecture trip to Germany, on your way back from Australia?

W.R.: That was fascinating. I spoke at the closing conference of a three-year research project on Nazi medical practices and the impact that the Nuremberg Trials have had – or have not had – on contemporary ethics.

R.A.: How do you approach that question?

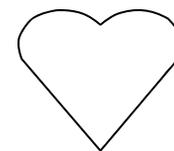
W.R.: I believe there are three interlocking issues that we must be attentive to today: memory, conscience, and care. Avishai Margalit, an Israeli philosopher, wrote a book a few years ago on *Memory and Ethics*, prompting a spate of writings on memory. This idea prompts us to turn to the Jewish tradition of memory, which is crucial to their identity as a religious people. The challenge today is whether those who are responsible for preserving a sense of history and values in society and its professions will even care whether their consciences should be molded by the memory of the horrors of the past, such as the Nazi medical horrors. Unfortunately, we forget all too quickly.

R.A.: Are there any other major themes that you are exploring?

W.R.: I'm increasingly disturbed at the wide gulf between religion and secular thought in our society, in the sense that the intellectual world, especially philosophers and scientists, believe that in the post-Enlightenment world there is no need for religion, because religion is simply irrational. Thus, religions, especially Christianity, have less of a voice in society than we sometimes think. Recently I decided to tackle the most obvious example of this in a published lecture on the highly adversarial Italian situation which they refer to as *cattolico vs. laico* – Catholic teachings vs. the approach of secularists (the lay, non-clergy approach). I argued that the experience of secularization makes religion more approachable (even the religion that formerly ruled much of present-day Italy!), while the experience of a dialogue of culture makes it imperative for Catholics and other religionists to be truly open to learning from secular perspectives. The Italian philosophers for whom I did this piece received it well; but much more dialogue on this disturbing situation is needed in our own country.

R.A.: Are your ideas getting much attention?

W.R.: Most often, it feels like we struggle and produce only a weak voice in the wilderness. But sometimes there is a breakthrough. Last December I was invited to Tokyo for a closed conference of scholars who had spent the previous two years studying my work that gave shape to the entire field of bioethics from the 1970s until the mid-1990s. They have found in that work a humanistic model for their work, in a culture very different from that of the U.S. I was really quite surprised. It prompted me to try to articulate what was going on historically in the 1960s and early 1970s that produced a 'new ethic' for a new, very perplexed era that could no longer rely so heavily on socially-sanctioned religious standards.



Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Program

Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Program is receiving more than 600 calls each month for financial assistance for rent, utilities, medicines, food and clothing from people around the Diocese. We are hoping to raise awareness and funds for this program by offering a special Valentine's Day card that people can buy with a donation for their loved one. We thought Valentine's Day would be a good time to ask those who are able to help out to show their love for their neighbors who are suffering from the recent economic recession.

Have a Heart

Express your love for someone special by helping your brothers and sisters in Christ suffering from economic hard times. When you donate to Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington's Emergency Assistance Program in honor of your loved one, we will send them a professionally printed, full size, color Valen-

We take great joy in notifying you that a gift in your honor has been made to Catholic Charities. This expression of love for you is feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and providing support to families in danger of losing their homes or physical well-being due to economic hardship. The individual honoring you with this gift to those in need of our love and support this Valentine's Day is:
(We will personally sign your name)

tine's card. The verse inside the card will say:

This year requests for aid have increased an alarming 350%. By ordering a Valentine's Day Card for your loved one, you will help Catholic Charities meet this growing demand. Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program serves thousands of our neighbors here in Northern Virginia annually. Your card will support our efforts to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, keep essential utilities running, help families facing eviction pay their rent and clothe those in dire need this winter.

Please print this page, complete the form below, include a check or credit card information, and return to: Catholic Charities, 200 N Glebe Road, Suite 506, Arlington, VA 22203

Checks should be made out to "Catholic Charities". To ensure your card arrives by Valentine's Day, please mail by February 5th. Thanks



Gift-Giver Information:

First/Last Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Card Recipient Information:

First/Last Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____



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Annual Peace and Social Justice Meeting 2009

What a stimulating, energetic Peace & Social Justice meeting we had at Meg Tucillo's house this month. This year, at the recommendation of the Peace & Social Justice Committee, the community agreed to continue to fund all the projects again for the coming year while we continue our exploration of five topic areas. We augmented the amount for the Coop Food project by \$50 @ month to take into account the increasing cost of fruits and vegetables and funded the \$100 organizational membership in The Communities of Faith United for Housing with Helen Michie as sponsor. Dianne reported on the successful completion of the Homeless Prevention for our family: the Christmas baby is now a year old, the girls are all thriving and the mother has finally been able to get full-time employment and is holding down her part time job as well.

We then met within the topic areas of: Peace, Domestic Poverty, Care of the Earth, Immigration, and International Economic Development to discuss God's Power in Community: In light of where the world and NOVA is today, how do we accept and exercise that power as a community in each of the 5 areas for 2009? We pray that discussions will help provide us with a lens through which we might make decisions about current and future efforts. In particular, there is an interest in integrating social justice with liturgy, prayers and other spiritual practices.

- The NOVA Peace and Social Justice Committee

The following are summaries from each discussion group:

Care of the Earth

1. Reviewed past years activities which included education on energy efficient buildings by Marlene, cloth bags for Gunston food distribution, fluorescent bulbs promotion and liturgies planned by various members promoting care of the earth.
2. Questions considered? Where are we at individually in helping to green the earth. It was noted that once David Mog challenged us about reducing our carbon imprint and we did car pool to liturgy and rode bikes--- for the day of his liturgy and then returned to our old ways. Where do we dispose of fluorescent bulbs- perhaps we could have a collection day at Nova. Since making our homes more energy efficient usually involves substantial cost, and most incentives and rebates for so doing have run out- should we start lobbying the VA legislature to consider solar energy sources for the state as they do in New Jersey.
3. Concern was voiced in areas of run off- care of lawn and garden without harmful chemicals. WTOP radio has a garden guru who is helpful on this topic. We will see if we can have a speaker from Merrifield or somewhere speak to us. Discussed possibility of NOVA having a community garden where we could raise some produce for Gunston.
4. Decided to conduct survey to assess individual practices to preserve the environment. Each county has an environmental section on their website with good tips. Arlington county has a link to the Green Living Pledge that awards point to indicate how well you are doing.
5. Care of the earth also includes the creatures of the earth. Noted that eating is a moral act. May get group together to discuss "The Omnivores Dilemma," Perhaps challenge the community to meatless Fridays (talk about throw-back) and/or meatless Mondays.
6. Plan liturgies around care of the earth. We would like to repeat last years Ash Wed liturgy since it is on topic. Other liturgies to be held around the spring and and fall equinox and the summer and winter solstices. We are psyched, we are ready!

Annual Peace and Social Justice Meeting 2009, cont....

DOMESTIC POVERTY GROUP DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Cece began by asserting that education is important to any effort to have a long-term effect on poverty, either individually or systemically. She spoke of tutoring students at Barrett Elementary School and suggests that there could be a tutoring group to work at Carlin Springs, a feeder school to Kenmore, and one with a high rate of free/reduced lunch children, a measure of poverty. She believes that we could make an impact with individual children, and that we might make a difference for this school.

Dianne spoke about the emergency rental assistance program. Right now we are working through social workers at 4 South Arlington schools with high poverty rates. She answered questions about how this works and its effectiveness.

The importance of advocacy was brought up – the writing of letters and other means of bringing the issues to the attention of those who make policy. Dianne suggested that we find ways to clarify issues. Helen suggested that we develop relationships with our legislators and persons in power to affect domestic poverty. She pointed out that we all need to be aware of opportunities in our life to make connections: to connect the poor to relevant agencies, to connect social workers to each other and resources (school social workers to the Arlington Credit Union's financial classes, for example), to connect Nova to where the needs lie. We should all learn what is available so that we can all be part of a network making connections. Questions arose: "Should there be a directory to local services?"

"Should there be a directory to resource people within Nova?"

Kopp spoke of three types of areas where Nova works for social justice:

- We do hands on social justice: marches, work at shelters, Gunston, etc.
- Financial
- Advocacy for policy changes

He suggested that, considering the age and circumstances of the community, it is in these last two areas that we should expect the most growth.

Clare asks, "What is the single most important area to make a difference in people's lives?" A review of our commitments shows that if there is any theme to our social justice work, the themes seem to be housing and hunger, and, to a lesser extent, education. We should build on these areas.

Dianne spoke of the strength to be found in naming what we do – reminding ourselves of the work that we do and that we make a difference in people's lives.

Everyone spoke to the topic of the strength to be found in the community's dedication to social justice:

- We challenge each other to go beyond
- We support each other in our commitments
- We support each other in our personal and spiritual lives

Annual Peace and Social Justice Meeting 2009, cont....

Immigration Committee Report

The Immigration Committee has struggled over the past several months with changing leadership and lack of time to come to consensus about how to grapple with this complicated subject. Committee members want to learn more about the subject, but they also are anxious to get themselves and NOVA engaged in the issues. Must we limit ourselves to learning about the issue first, or can we do both--learn and do--at the same time? That is a question we discussed tonight.

We brought a speaker to NOVA several weeks ago, Angela Kelly, who explained the complications of the Immigration issue, both on the public policy/legislative level as well as on the personal/family level.

Members of the committee agree that more discussion is needed within the committee. When we more clearly understand our different perspectives and objectives for the committee, we will be able to focus better on the issue and decide how to continue to present the issue to NOVA. For example, tonight's meeting was an opportunity for active discussion and we were able to articulate three possible avenues for learning as well as for active involvement in Immigration issues:

- 1) To lobby in collaboration with organizations already doing so; thus learning about legislation and public policy proposals but also trying to make a difference by lobbying.
- 2) To learn more about what is being done to respond to the needs of English language learners and get involved in that effort.
- 3) To learn more about and respond to the needs of families and individuals where personal mentoring, support, intervention is required.

Although we have had setbacks, this committee is determined to deepen our understanding of the complicated subject of Immigration so that we can clearly articulate what we think NOVA's mission might be—ways that individuals and the community can get engaged that are helpful, positive and effective.

Nova Peace Committee Meeting Notes – 1/10/09

- We need to continue to think and learn about and work for peace – on a global, national, local and family basis.
- The weekly Peace Candle reflection at liturgy is very important – whether our country is currently at war or not.
- We should put our efforts primarily into working **for** something as opposed to being **against** something.
- Nova should support non-violent conflict resolution efforts – in the schools (David will research), supporting Jerry Barrett's work, etc.
- We can use the Internet to pursue discussions on peace (Clyde will research)
- Pursue questions of whether to support efforts of The Peace Institute, the establishment of a Department of Peace, become a Peace Church.
- Plan a liturgy focused on peace. Each committee member will look at the readings for the liturgy they're planning and see if one particularly lends itself to a peace focus.
- Tentative date for next meeting: Feb. 22nd lunch after liturgy.



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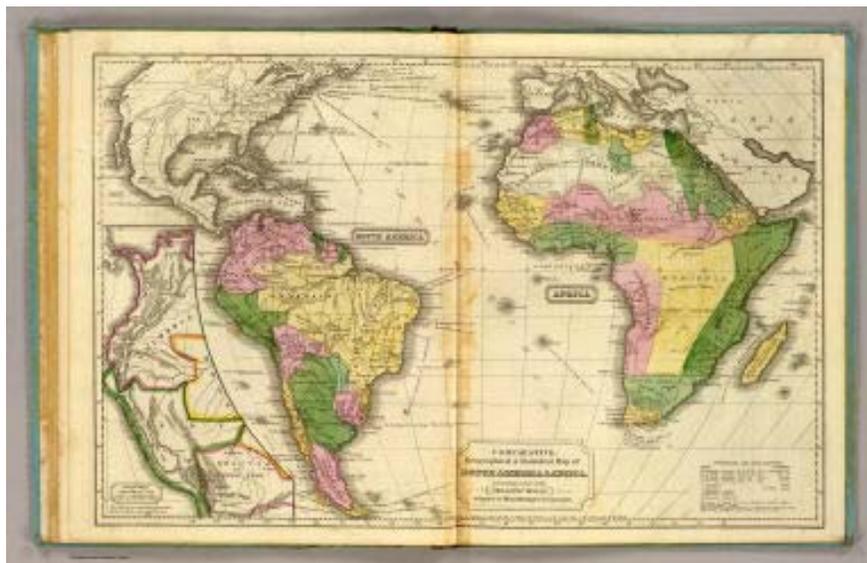
International Economic Development

During the discussion period held at the Social Justice meeting on January 10, 2009, the NOVA Committee on International Economic Development (CIED), in a decision that displayed a strong inclination toward actually doing something, decided to ask the various NOVA members who were already directly involved in development projects in other in other countries to tell the CIED what they needed. So that's probably what CIED will do.

Typically individual NOVA members get personally involved in small projects and then get NOVA to support it or get other members of NOVA to support it. Examples are:

- Bill Callahan, John Mooney, Meg Sullivan – Quixote Center – Fair Trade, Quest for Peace-housing, wells and schools in Nicaragua
- **Nancy & John Veldhuis – Central Buganda University (CBU), women's development in Uganda**
- **Chris Egbulem, Marie Keefe – Action Africa – in Nigeria & Sierra Leone**
- **Archer Heinzen – Women's development in El Salvador**
- **Emma Violand – Orphanage in Bolivia**
- **Carolyn Miller – Camboni Sisters in Sudan**

Because people here at NOVA are linked to people on the ground operating these projects in foreign countries, we are able to know whether the projects are worth supporting. Also this connection is a potential highway that can carry support and inspiration back and forth between here and there. The CIED thought that one way we might be able to contribute more to these projects would be by expanding our fundraising efforts. We have already done this by helping organize a Mosaic Harmony benefit for CBU. NOVA likes to throw parties, and maybe we could throw a benefit party or two. Stay tuned for major developments from the NOVA's CIED.

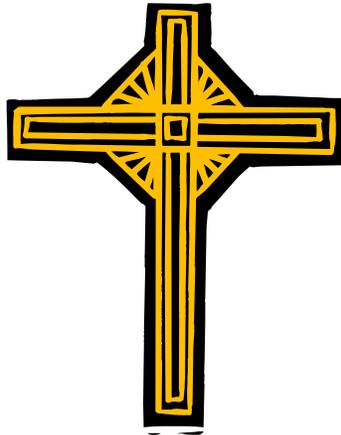


Diocese of Arlington Peace & Justice Commission

3rd Annual Peace Symposium



“Development is the New Name for Peace”



Pope Benedict XVI’s World Day of Peace Message for 2009, “Fighting Poverty to Build Peace,” focused on the connection between poverty and violence, and urged us to work to eliminate both. On Saturday, Feb. 7th, we will be learning how we can accomplish that.

Fr. Bryan Hehir, Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Archdiocese of Boston, will provide the keynote address, focusing on why we are called to serve, and the importance of economic justice during our global financial crisis.

After the keynote address, we will learn how we as individuals and parishioners can stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world, putting an end to both violence and poverty.

Saturday, February 7, 9:30am-12:30pm
Keynote at 10:00

Refreshments Provided—All Are Welcome
St. James Catholic Church, 905 Park Ave., Falls Church, VA, 22046

For more information, contact Marisa Vertrees, 703-527-5500, ext. 126, mvertrees@stcharleschurch.org

Praying with the Mystics Series

Make a Date with a Mystic

A Free Series and Open to the Public

Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm

January - December 2009

"When I think of mystics, I think of ordinary people living out an incredibly intimate experience of relationship with God - gifted, too, with wisdom, grace and spiritual communion. And I wonder what the message is for me in my life today."

Please join us Tuesday evenings as we immerse ourselves in the stories of fourteen ordinary men and women who led extraordinary, God-gifted lives. Learn what they have to teach us today and how their lives can still inspire and influence us.

Each evening will include an introduction to the mystic, prayer, and small group sharing. No

- January 6
7:30-9pm
Thomas Hand, SJ - a Jesuit missionary and Zen master whose Christian faith was enriched through his Zen practice.
Led by Tilden Edwards
Location: Shalem, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814
- February 3
7:30-9pm
Thomas Merton - a Trappist monk of the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani, who was a prolific poet, social activist, and author of numerous spirituality books.
Led by Sharon Shutler
Location: 15th Street Presbyterian Church, 1701-15th St, NW, Washington, DC
- March 3
7:30-9pm
Bridgit, Patrick & Columba - patron saints of Ireland; Patrick preached and taught throughout Ireland; Columba founded the monastic community on Iona; Bridgit founded a double monastery for nuns and monks and also a school of art.
Led by Carole Crumley
Location: Christ Congregational Church, 9525 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring,
- April 7
7:30-9pm
Hildegard of Bingen - a German abbess, artist, author, counselor, linguist, naturalist, scientist, philosopher, physician, herbalist, poet, visionary and composer.
Led by Liz Ward
Location: Northminster Presbyterian Church, 7720 Alaska Avenue, Washington, DC
- May 5
7:30-9pm
Jean-Pierre de Caussade - a French Jesuit priest and spiritual director known through his writings, *The Sacrament of the Present Moment*, and his posthumously-published letters of instruction.
Led by Leslie Miller
Location: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA

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Praying With Mystics, continued

- June 2
7:30-9pm
John Woolman - an 18th Century itinerant Quaker preacher, who traveled throughout the American colonies, advocating against slavery, war and the plight of the poor.
Led by Bill Dietrich
Location: St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 14100 Darnestown Rd, Germantown, MD
- July 7
Mystic, leader and place TBA
- August 4
7:30-9pm
Teresa of Ávila - a prominent Spanish mystic, Carmelite nun, reformer of the Carmelite Order, and teacher of prayer.
Led by Martha Campbell
Location: St. Rose of Lima Church, 11701 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg, MD
- September 8
Mystic, leader and place TBA
- October 6
7:30-9pm
George MacLeod - a Scottish soldier and clergyman, who was the founder of the Iona Community, an ecumenical Christian community committed to seeking new ways of living the Gospel in today's world.
Led by Ann Kulp
Location: Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA
- November 3
7:30-9pm
Juan de la Cruz (John of the Cross) - a Spanish mystic, Carmelite friar and priest, and a reformer of the Carmelite Order, who is also known for his poetry and writings on the growth of the soul.
Led by Ann Dean
Location: TBA

Living Hope: The Well of Life **WomenCircles Retreat Week-end**

April 24-26, 2009

Friday 4:00 pm to Sunday 3:00 pm

Blue Mountain Retreat Center - Knoxville, Maryland

"Within each of us is a holy well, a place in which the living waters of gratitude, wisdom, creativity and deep communion with Spirit continually flow." -Joan Borysenko, "A Peaceful Heart in a Busy World"

Cultivating hope as a source of energy, inspiration, joy and motivation seems particularly critical in this time of fear and discouragement. This retreat will focus on the "practice" of hope vs. that of despair and pessimism. We are using the metaphor of drawing water from a well in recognition that hope is as vital for the soul as water is for the body.

Come join us in creating a community of hope as we explore how to build and sustain this life-affirming energy within. Meditation and movement, journaling and song, poetry, artistic creations and the gift of time with nature and silence, all help to create a "holy well" of living hope.

Blue Mountain Retreat Center is located just outside Harpers Ferry, W.Va. in the Blue Ridge Mountains, less than 2 hours from the DC area. Set on 27 acres of secluded wooded land, this recently opened retreat center has spacious meeting areas, comfortable bedrooms (2-3 beds/room), two large fireplaces, a wrap-around deck and a hot tub. Food contributions and preparation will be shared by the group.

Fee: \$325 if registered by 3/24 - \$350 after. A \$100 deposit holds your reservation until 3/24 when the balance is due; no refunds after 4/6. Please call Gloria Mog (703) 550-4164 with any questions.

Limited to 15 participants - register early!

PAX Community 40th Anniversary Lecture Series

Post-Vatican II Intentional Eucharistic Communities: Theological and Practical Issues

A series of lectures, offered by the PAX Community to celebrate its 40 Anniversary Year, open to the Christian community of the Greater Washington area. **All talks begin on Sunday at 6:00 PM** and will last approximately 90 minutes (including discussion and questions). Refreshments will be served after the sessions.

For more information (or in the event of inclement weather), call Patti Wilson at (703) 241-1910 (pattishanahan@yahoo.com). All talks will be held at **St Luke Orthodox Church, 6801 Old Georgetown Pike, McLean VA** (approximately ¾ mile inside Beltway). Admission is free. Reservations are *not* required. The speaker sessions will be as follows:



Date	January 25th (Sunday)
Topic	The Pauline House Church as a Model for the Intentional Eucharistic Community
Speaker	John Hushon , National Trustee, Voice of the Faithful, Co-Chair, American Catholic Council, MA (Theology), Washington Theological Union, Member of the Pax Community

Date	February 8th (Sunday)
Topic	Do Intentional Eucharistic Communities “fit” in Post Vatican II Ecclesiology?
Speaker	Vincent Cushing, OFM, STD , President Emeritus, Washington Theological Union, Professor of Systematic Theology, Member of the Pax Community

Date	March 22nd (Sunday)
Topic	Social Justice and the Intentional Eucharistic Community
Speaker	Marie Dennis , Director Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, Co-President Pax Christi International, Member of the Pax Community, author.

Date	April 19th (Sunday)
Topic	Christology and the Intentional Eucharistic Community: What are They Saying about Jesus, the Christ, today?
Speaker	Donald Buggert, O.Carm, STD , Professor of Systematic Theology, Washington Theological Union

Date	May 3rd (Sunday)
Topic	Ministerial Priesthood Among the Baptized
Speaker	Theresa Koernke, IHM, PhD , Professor of Word and Worship, Washington Theological Union.

Sunday liturgies are celebrated at 8:45 am at St Luke Orthodox Church, McLean, VA.

Join Christian Peace Witness for Iraq in Washington!

WORSHIP & WITNESS

Wednesday, April 29, 7:00 pm
Washington Convention Center

Featured Preachers & Speakers include:

Tony Campolo - author, pastor, social activist, sociologist, and passionate follower of Jesus

Rev. Lennox Yearwood, Jr. - minister, community activist, president of the Hip Hop Caucus, and US Air Force Reserve Veteran

Sr. Dianna Ortiz - US born survivor of torture in Guatemala, Founder of Torture Abolition and Survivors' Support Coalition International

Elizabeth McAlister - peace activist and co-founder of Jonah House

Daniel Berrigan - Catholic priest, poet, peace activist

Worship will be followed by a procession to the White House that evening, and a

WITNESS AND NONVIOLENT ACTION

at the Capitol the following morning

Thursday, April 30, 9:00 am

ALSO:

Wednesday, April 29

National City Church

5 Thomas Circle, NW

Opening Convocation 12:30-1:30 pm

Nonviolence training 2:30 pm

April 29-30, 2009: Join Christian Peace Witness for Iraq in Washington!

On the 100th day of the new administration, come to Washington, D.C. for the third national Christian Peace Witness for Iraq event. Join us in the nation's capital for witness and worship Wednesday evening and nonviolent action and advocacy on Thursday to call on the new president and Congress to end the war and occupation in Iraq, support a comprehensive peace process, end the policy and practice of torture and meet human needs at home.

<http://christianpeacewitness.org/>

Did You KNOW

- *More than 12% of the U.S. population and 15% of workers were born in another country.*
- *Over 80% of the undocumented immigrants in the United States are working part-time or full time, contributing to the common good of our country through the work they perform and the taxes they pay.*
- *There are nearly 69,000 foreign-born persons serving in the U.S. armed forces. Over 10% of those serving in the armed forces are of Hispanic origin.*
- *Since a 2002 executive order making non-citizen members of the armed forces eligible for expedited U.S. citizenship, more than 13,000 foreign-born members of the armed forces have applied for U.S. citizenship.*
- *In the Arlington Diocese, approximately one in three Catholics is Latino. Half of our 68 parishes offer Masses in Spanish.*
- *The Arlington Diocese Refugee Service Office is one of 104 national affiliates of the USCCB Migration and Refugee Services. Its mission is to help clients become self-sufficient as soon as possible while its philosophy is to welcome all newcomers to our land, to lift them out of oppression and to empower them with the tools necessary to succeed in their new land.*
- *Hogar Hispano, a program of Catholic Charities, provides immigrants support in areas such as legal services, English classes and community education on human rights.*
- *Since the war in Iraq began in 2003, 4.5 million Iraqis have been displaced by violence and had to flee their homes. Many of the refugees had been terrorized for assisting US forces. At this time, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has referred 12,607 refugee cases to the US. We have taken in and settled around 2000.*

Source: Arlington Diocese Peace and Justice Commission



Naim Ateek U.S. Book Tour

Washington DC February 19-22
at Virginia Theological Seminary
in Alexandria-and other locations

CONTACT: Grace Said <gsaid@comcast.net>

A Palestinian Christian Cry for Reconciliation is an analysis of the conflict over land between Palestine and Israel by a Palestinian Christian Arab who is also a citizen of Israel. The first part of this sequel to *Justice and Only Justice* focuses on events since the Intifada of 1987, including the violence that has come from Israel's aggression and from the use of suicide bombers by Palestinians. The second part of the book draws on scripture, lifting up biblical figures such as Samson, Jonah, Daniel, and Jesus as it examines issues of ownership of the land. In the final section, Ateek presents a strategy to achieve peace and justice nonviolently that will promote justice for the Palestinians and security for both Israel and Palestine.



Christmas, 2008

JESSE DAVID ZINN

Our dear friends in NOVA, thank you for the cards, e-mails, phone calls, and lovely flowers sent in memory of our son, Jesse, who died on December 16, 2008, at the age of 35. When we came to NOVA in November, 1972, I was pregnant with Jess, and we also had our daughter Jennifer, then 3. Jess was born on May 20, and baptized in October of 1973 by Peter Kearney. It was a wonderful NOVA Baptism, surely the first time MY parents had ever witnessed a baby being “dipped” and held up wriggling and naked for all to welcome and celebrate! His godparents were Ralph and Marty Sellers, who had brought us to NOVA from Catholic University. Six years later, our family was completed by the birth of Francis Charles, “Fran”, now 29, also baptized at NOVA.

Jesse died by his own hand. The night before, he had called to tell us he had decided he needed to see a therapist because he had been struggling with panic and depression “maybe for awhile”. He shared this also with his wife, Jennifer. He had an appointment set for the following Friday. She and we were supportive and encouraging. But the next morning, he shot himself. This is still almost inconceivable. If you remember him as a child, with his big smile and mischievousness (especially in First Communion preparation classes! Antics, or if you had been around him in the years since, he was full of life and enthusiasms. He loved and cared about all people, and especially his wife and kids. Surely there were “triggers” in the present, and all of us close to him are now rehearsing every word and gesture of the last few days. We miss him so much! We want him back – nothing else will do or satisfy! However, we learned that he had told the psychologist with whom he had made an appointment, that “I might have been depressed my whole life”, but with no sense of urgency. He had never told us. The following words have been shared with us: “Suicide is an illness. There is no more choice than has a man whose clothes are on fire and jumps through a plate glass window”. Yes, if that is what he was experiencing, we can see how everything else was blotted out. Now, we must focus on helping his beautiful, loving, wife and children, and his siblings, who loved him so, and were his friends. How we will help each other find the way to live with this terrible loss.

During the meditation at his Baptism we played this song “Lost in the Stars”:

*“How many miles to the heart of a son?
Thousands of miles, thousands of miles
When he lay on your breast, he looked up and smiled
Across tens of thousands, thousands of miles.*

*Each lives alone in a world apart
Crossing the skies in a lonely arc
Save when love leaps out, like a leaping spark*

*Across thousand, thousands of miles
Not miles, nor walls nor lengths of days
Nor the cold night of winter can hold us apart
Oh, swifter than winds of the morning,
The pathways of the heart, over tens of thousands of miles”*

With love and gratitude for It all,
~Kathy & Joe Zinn

NOVA in January, 2009



Tom Reese, SJ with Phil and Alycia Cackley



Peggy Becker (right) with friends of Fr Joe Kenna (bottom)



Tom Hayes, Jr visiting

Mom smiling (right)





February, 2009



NOVA Calendar

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