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Newsletter of the NOVA Community March, 2008

Chair Notes

For a 40 year old model, what spirit, what energy! The Peace and Social Justice Committee led us in a Mass celebration as we prayed for God's help to be mindful of the Christ within us as we tend to each other's needs. We were asked to examine our resistance to the suffering in our own lives and in lives of others, the very resistance that sometimes becomes an obstacle for our service to others.

The Lenten Planning Group is leading the Community in a transition from the focus of the work to be done in preparation for the 40th anniversary celebration to gathering the courage and strength to set about God's work in our world. The Lenten liturgies are dedicated to supporting the strengthening of our convictions, deepening our faith, and helping us to move from fear, with its accompanying resistance, to courage. Cece provided each of us with a small wooden fear-to-courage token that we can carry with us each day as a Lenten reminder.

As we have gathered in silence for the Lenten Eucharistic celebrations, we were asked on the first Sunday of Lent to reflect, "What fears/temptations distract each of us from living God's Good News?" We were reminded that gathering courage for the work to be done is not about us; it is about our country and our world. Lent is not a sprint towards Holy Week, it is a long run. The Lenten season is also about a time to settle down internally....putting aside a little more time to pray and a little more time for silence, calming down intellectually, emotionally, and physically.



As Nova gathered for the second Sunday of Lent we were asked, "Have you ever heard God say to you, Get up and do not be afraid?" This question had many of us reflecting on the times in our lives when we had been afraid or anxious and felt God's supportive presence giving us courage to continue. It also led us to reflect on the present, the fears and anxieties for which we pray for God's help to move beyond in service to others.

The third Sunday in Lent asked community members to reflect on the question, "How does your faith help you with fear of the unknown?" How do we cross the social and political barriers, as Jesus did with the Samaritan woman at the well that we find difficult to overcome because of the values that we hold dear? As we considered this question, we dialogued in the small groups from the Peace and Social Justice Committee focused on the Care of the Earth, Immigration, International Economic Development, Domestic Poverty, and Peace.

The Lenten season continues and we look forward to the unfolding of Holy Week and the joy of the Easter celebration.

Namaste,

~Nancy

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 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 Helen Gettys Michie
- 3 Jessica Massey
- 7 John Tarrant
- 8 Kate Connelly
Cece Michelotti
Peter Reich
Eric Robinson
- 9 John Iskander
Michael Kane
Amy Tarasovic
- 10 Joe Barrett
- 12 Mary Chaison (RIP)
Timothy Chase
Jonathan Taylor
Jim Todaro
- 13 Mary Mele
- 14 Bill Meyer
- 19 Mali Kane
- 20 Kathi Scheimer
- 22 Charlie Gillmarten
- 25 Ilse Yath-Cruces
- 26 Charlie Bailey
Mari Carmen Mariscal
Brian Schmidt
- 28 Michael Iskander
- 31 John Taylor

**Newsletter Deadline is
 March 23....2008**



Liturgies: Year A — Cycle II

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.

MARCH MUSIC LIAISON Gloria Mog

APRIL MUSIC LIAISON Gloria Mog

March 2 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Jim Scullion, OFM – Peggy Meyer
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13
Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 9 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Jim Coriden – Cece & Kopp Michelotti, Rose Barrett
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

March 16 – Palm Sunday

Bill Callahan – Mike Timpane, et al.
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 27:11-54

March 20 – Holy Thursday

Center of Spiritual Enlightenment
6:45 Gathering, 7:00 pm begin liturgy
Reservations: Cathy Goldschmidt
Joe Kenna – Holy Thursday Team
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Psalm 116:12-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

March 21 – Good Friday

Kenmore Middle School – 8 pm
Black Box Theater—Meg Tuccillo
Isaiah 52:13-53
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-17
Hebrews 4:14-16
John 18:1-19

March 22 – Easter Vigil Mass

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax -
7:30 p.m.
Quinn Conners, O.Carm. – Tim White,
Victoria Robinson, Helen Michie
Genesis 1:1-2:2
Psalm 104: 1-14
Romans 6:3-11
Matthew 28:1-10

March 30 – Second Sunday of Easter

Jim Hug, SJ – Meg Sullivan & John Mooney
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 6 – Third Sunday of Easter

Bill Callahan – Cathy & Larry Goldschmidt
Acts 2:14, 22-28
Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

April 13 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jim Scullion, OFM – Dianne Carroll & Social Justice Team
Acts 2:14, 36-41
Psalm 23:1-6
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

April 20 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

John Haughey, SJ – Amy & Charlie Bailey
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

April 27 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Joe Nangle, OFM – Alicia & Phil Cackley
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66:1-7,16,20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

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**Holy
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Details**



NOVA 2008 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Where: Kenmore Middle School

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Presider: Bill Callahan

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Where: The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment (formerly the Woman's Club of Falls Church) 222 N. Washington Street, Falls Church, one block north of Route 7). Parking is available in the municipal lot between the State Theater and Rt. 7 and in the office condo lot next door. Please do not park in the State Theater lot.

Time: Gather between 6:30-6:45 p.m. Liturgy begins at 7:00 p.m.

Presider: Joe Kenna

This is the one NOVA occasion where space is limited and an RSVP is required. Please call Cathy Goldschmidt at (703) 527-7447 cmgolds@comcast.net by March 15 to let us know how many will attend and to receive your meal assignment. Thanks!

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Where: Kenmore Middle School—Black Box Theatre (near the main entrance)

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Presider: Meg Tuccillo

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY MARCH 22

Where: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton, VA 22124

Time: Gather 7:15 p.m. Liturgy begins 7:30 p.m.

Presider: Quinn Connors, O.Carm.

In keeping with past custom, there will be an agape following the Easter Vigil liturgy. Please bring finger food to share. Beverages will be provided

Nova Spiritual Education

Saturday March 8 - 7:30 pm at Rosemarie & Joe Annunziata's home, 3132 Wynford Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031-2826

John Haughey, SJ will talk about "The Holy Spirit in our Personal and Community Life." Fr. Haughey's is a Senior Research Fellow at Woodstock. Books he authored include *Housing Heaven's Fire* (Loyola Press, 2002), *Virtue and Affluence* (Sheed and Ward, 1997), *Converting Nine to Five: A Spirituality of Daily Work* (Crossroad/Continuum, 1989), and *The Holy Use of Money: Personal Finances in Light of Christian Faith* (Doubleday, 1986).

Saturday March 29 - 7:00 pm at The Miller's, 5816 Colfax Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22311-1014.

Aisha Taylor, Executive Director of Women's Ordination Conference will come to talk about the Conference and its' Three Ministries (Ministry of Irritation, Ministry of Walking with Women Called, and Ministry of Prophetic Obedience).

~Peggy Becker xoobrent@cox.net

IRAQ Casualty Toll

US Military Deaths	3,973
Suicides	135
Missing or Captured	4
Civilian Deaths*	81,527—88,994
American Wounded	29,080
Returned to Service	16,143

As of 2/25/2008

* documented to 2/28/2008. This number may be seriously understated.



NOVA is praying for ...

Syd Boyne's mother, JULIET BOYNE of Sterling, VA passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2008. Donations may be made in her honor to the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill through their website at www.nami.org then click on Donate. Please remember Syd and his family in our good thoughts and prayers. "Prayers are what we need", said Syd.

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Remember we prayed for **Sidney Griffith's** mother who underwent surgery recently. She was quite ill after and now we ask you Please pray for the repose of the soul of the mother of Sidney Griffith who died on December 30 at the age of 96. If you would like to send Fr. Sidney a card: Sidney Griffith, ST, 18 Mullen, Catholic University, Washington, DC 20064

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Tim White has badly sprained/strained/bruised his left forearm in a tumble while trashing items at the dump. Thankfully, nothing is broken. Time is not totally out of commission, but his guitar will be getting a little rest at this time. Surely our prayers will help him recover totally.

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Warren Reich was diagnosed in Sydney with severe arthritic spinal stenosis requiring spinal surgery. Warren is in a great deal of pain. His doctor said that although the condition is serious, so is the surgery; and he is taking a different approach than the surgeon down Under. Warren will undergo a physical therapy protocol for a few months, if the pain allows it. We are praying that he will be successful and not need the surgery.

Help Wanted . . .

Spanish-speaking Volunteers Needed to Work in Ilobasco, El Salvador for 10 days in Late June-Early July

The Problem. Since the mid-nineties, options for rural, Central American youth have been dire. Education beyond local primary schools is costly and appears fruitless because, even with high school graduation, few jobs are available. Youth do not see the subsistence-level farming practiced by their parents as an acceptable lifestyle. Beckoned by U.S. wages of \$5.85 to \$15 an hour, youth often see undocumented migration to the US as the only acceptable option. When hopeful families and youth make the decision for migration, they do not fully understand the dangers of the trip or the limitations of living in crowded conditions, separated from community and family. This youth-drain represents an immense loss of talent for El Salvador.

The Proposed Project. As a first, tiny step in approaching this situation, Co-partners, a 501(c) 3 organization (see www.copartners.org) and La Nueva Esperanza, a Salvadoran community organization, have decided to test a pilot program of mini-apprenticeships that they hope will help youth find acceptable employment at home. In January, the two organizations surveyed workshops and productive businesses in Ilobasco that would be willing to take on a 6-month apprentice, identifying about 20 workshops or businesses: 5 manufacturers of metal doors/grates, 4 bakeries, 3 beauty salons, 3 mechanical workshops, 2 refrigerator/stove repair, 1 automotive repair, 1 bicycle repair, 1 radiator repair, and 1 paint shop. (Although no carpentry workshops were located in the survey, it is hoped they can still be found). The next step in the project is to conduct a vocational assessment workshop that will allow a group of youth to examine their interests and abilities through testing, discussion, and hands-on experience.

Volunteers Needed. Volunteers are sought who could provide 20-hour, introductory workshops in metal fabrication, carpentry, repair of bicycles, autos or appliances, or baking. These volunteers would need some, but not fluent Spanish. Volunteers with more fluent Spanish are needed for vocational counseling (training

will be provided prior to the trip). For fourteen years, North American and other international volunteers have found collaboration with La Nueva Esperanza a delightful and enlightening experience. One volunteer has returned every year for 11 years. Others have made two or three visits. Volunteering in Ilobasco is a unique opportunity to know a rural Central American community and to stay involved with it for an extended period of time—an experience that cannot fail to be challenging, exciting, and productive. Please let me know if I can tell you more.

Archer Heinzen
703-548-6713 or heinzen@verizon.net.

Gunston volunteers for March-April

Every Thursday volunteers distribute food from the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) to clients at the Gunston Recreation Center in Arlington. Nova folks bring boxes of cereal each Sunday to add to the distribution so each family can have a box of cereal. So if you are local don't forget to bring a box of cereal to church.

If you would like to help with the distribution contact Dianne Carroll, diacarroll@comcast.net or 703-536-2616

March 6 - Eric, Marie-Claire, Marie P
March 13 - Glen, Syd and Lani,
March 27 - Tim, Jerry, and _____

April 3 - Cecilia Cackley, Cathy G,
Victoria Robinson
April 10 - Carolyn/Ted Miller,
Kopp/Cece Michelotti
April 17 - Jerry, Tim, Lani
April 24 - Glen, Syd, Marie P.

The more, the merrier....

Nova's Peace Witness — March 7, 2008

On March 7, the Nova Community will join the Interfaith Witness for Peace in Iraq.

Mass and speakers at St. Aloysius Church, 12:00-1:30 pm

900 block of North Capitol St., NW or No. Capitol and Eye Streets, NW
(To sit together meet in front of the church at 11:30. Metro to Union Station, exit on Massachusetts Ave & 1st NE. Continue West on Mass Ave, (pass Postal Museum) for one block. Turn right on No Capitol St and continue for 2 blocks. St. Aloysius in on your left. (Three block total walk.)

**Walk together on North Capitol St. proceeding South to Upper Senate Park,
Constitution Av., NW, near the Russell Senate Office Building**
(Or if joining the witness after the liturgy, take the Yellow line to Union Station walk South on 1st or 2nd towards Constitution Ave.

Interfaith Witness, 2:30-4:30

On site communication: Eric Carroll, 703-626-0775

*Wear your Nova T-shirt. Additional shirts available at liturgy, Sunday, March 2.



To be a part of the **10,000 Feet of Hope** that will surround the Capitol with our prayers for PEACE....

On Sunday, March 2, please remember to bring your already embellished 6 feet of rope or plan to come early or stay late to add a message.

*Rope, cloth, markers, and ribbon will be available.

Nova's Peace Projects



Our Peace Sub-Committee met and discussed everything that individuals and small groups in Nova are already doing to further the cause of peace and to make statements and witness for peace.

Our own "grandmothers standing for peace" that greet us each Sunday at Kenmore is one excellent example of this. We decided that we would encourage the whole community to come out for two peace actions per year as a group in addition to the individual actions that many community members are taking.

Our first coming together is SOON - Friday, March 7th, the anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. There is a major Christian Peace Witness being planned for that day and we think Nova should be part of it. So, here's the plan: Show up in your Nova T-shirt (on the outside of whatever you're wearing, if possible) at:

12:00-1:30 - St. Aloysius Church, Capitol and I Sts. for a Peace Mass and spoken witness by: Joshua Casteel, Sr. Anne Curtis and Bishop Martin Holley. Walk to Upper Senate Park

2:30-4:30 - Interfaith Peace Witness in Upper Senate Park

We will also be contributing to the "10,000 Feet of Hope" Project. They would like to surround the Capitol with messages of peace and hope sent by churches from all over the country. Each church is asked to contribute as many 6 foot lengths of rope adorned with ribbons and cloth bands with messages of peace and hope written on them as they can. We will be making several of these together after the liturgy on March 2nd but would also invite each Nova family or household to make one if you can and bring them to liturgy on March 2nd. Leave one foot of clothesline type rope free at each end and attach messages of peace along the other 4 feet of rope. The ribbons or bands that hang down should not be longer than 2 feet. We will have materials ready to make some on March 2nd and will take all the finished ropes over to Clarendon Presbyterian Church where they are being assembled for the Peace Witness on March 7th.

We will have Nova T-shirts available soon for anyone who does not have a T-shirt. Even if you can't participate in this action, it would be good if everyone owned a T-shirt for future gatherings. We have also bought peace buttons for everyone to wear.

We are also hoping to incorporate some educational experience in non-violence as a way of life sometime this year. So there you have it.

Please let Gloria or one of the committee members know if you are able to participate on March 7th, so that we can publish a list of who is going and members can look for one another. We will try to sit together at St. Al's and at the Peace Witness.

Bring water and food to sustain you.

The organizers are also asking that everyone who is planning to participate sign up online so they will know how many to prepare for. <http://christianpeacewitness.org/>

In Peace and Hope,

The Committee:

Gloria & David Mog, Archer Heinzen, Serena Nelson, Marie Keefe, Kate Doherty (in absentia)

News, announcements . . .

Water into Light into Water: A Report from Las Huertas

Last September Rosa Flores, president of the Las Huertas Asociación de Desarrollo Comunal (ADESCO) and of La Nueva Esperanza, Co-partners' sister organization visited Nova and met with about 20 of us over lunch at the Cackley's. When Emma asked her what her community needed she talked primarily about the water problem and piqued the interest of a number of those in attendance. However, when Rosa returned home and consulted the community, there was so much conflict over the issue of water and how to resolve it, that the community decided to ask Nova for help with bringing light to 15 houses without electricity. We responded with a "Light for Las Huertas" campaign during Advent in which we raised \$1150.

On my January visit to El Salvador, Rosa and I visited the mayor of Ilobasco to inquire about the exact cost estimate that was supposedly in the works. We learned that the Las Huertas connections are dependent on a Millennium Challenge project that has been delayed and will not be implemented until early next year. While pondering this development and wondering how to proceed, we learned that the man who holds the water rights for the fuente that supplies Las Huertas had lowered his price for the rights from \$10,000 to \$3,000. It seemed like this might be a sign that this is the year to bring water, rather than light, to Las Huertas and I indicated to Rosa that the light money could be used for the water rights. I committed to Rosa to try to raise an additional \$ 1000 to support the water project. I trust that those of you who supported light and gave it for Christmas, will be ok with water. And I hope that in the future Nova can continue to support light and water for Las Huertas.

~Archer

Lenten Soup suppers with speakers –

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Arlington –
Friday evening

St. Charles Borromeo, Arlington –
Tuesday evening

St. Mary of Sorrows, Fairfax –
Friday evening



Announcements . . .

See Gloria for a brochure or pick one up at liturgy:

Creating Our Story
WomenCircles Retreat Week-end
April 18-20, 2008
Friday 4:00 p.m. to Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Harmony Farm Retreat Center - Parkton, Maryland

“If you aren’t the author of your life story, you’re the victim of it.”
-Jim Loehr, “The Power of Story”

Our stories shape our lives. Many have been telling tired stories about themselves that miss the magnificence of who they really are. This retreat will help you to recognize the inner voices that support the old and provide ways to create a new and transformative story to take into your future. Encircled by a safe and spirit-filled community, possibilities emerge that are both energizing and renewing.

Gloria and dava utilize a rich array of approaches and experiences in creating a Women-Circles retreat. Meditation and movement, journaling and song, story-telling and artistic creations all help to call forth the authentic story inside that is waiting to be told.

Our retreat will be held at Harmony Farm in the beautiful rolling hills of Maryland north of Baltimore, less than 2 hours from the DC area. Set on 102 acres of picturesque farmland overlooking woods, pastures and streams, the recently renovated retreat center has a spacious dining room, comfortable bedrooms (2-3 beds/room) and two large fireplaces. Food contributions and preparation will be shared by the group.

*Fee: \$325 if registered by 3/21 - \$350 after. A \$100 deposit holds your reservation until 3/21 when the balance is due; no refunds after 4/7. **Please call Gloria (703) 550-4164 with any questions.***

Limited to 15 participants - register early!

“The gentle nurturing of dava and Gloria helped to guide me towards my soul.” –R.B..

Gloria J. Mog, LCSW
The Stone House
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Falls Church, VA 22044
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Announcements . . .



The Carmelite Institute in conjunction with The Washington Theological Union's

Annual Carmelite Lecture

Invite you to a presentation by
Keith J. Egan, PhD., T. O. Carm.

Carmel's Love of Learning and the Desire for God

John of the Cross describes the goal of the Carmelite charism as transformation in God through love. This transformation is attained by the liberation and intensification of the divinely instilled desire for God. This lecture explores in the Carmelite tradition how the life of the mind nurtures the desire for God in the domain of the heart.

Saturday, March 8, 2008
9:30 am Continental Breakfast
10:30 am Lecture

Washington Theological Union
6896 Laurel Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012
Room 213 – Continuing Education Room

If coming for breakfast, RSVP by calling (202) 635-3534

Keith J. Egan, with a doctorate from Cambridge University, is the President of the Carmelite Institute, Washington, DC. He is Joyce McMahon Hank Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology Emeritus at St. Mary's College and Adjunct Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Egan has published extensively in Carmelite Spirituality and has lectured widely in North America and in Europe.

[This information comes to us via Tony Mazurkiewicz, one of the Carmelites who joined us for liturgy a few weeks ago, when Quinn was the celebrant.]

Announcements . . .

Spirituality and Peacemaking From a Buddhist, Christian and Muslim Perspective

Friday, March 14, 2008 - 7:30 pm

Whitefriars Hall

1600 Webster St. N.E.

Washington DC 20017

Space is limited. For reservations call: 202 526 1221

The Carmelite Library and the Whitefriars Hall Committee for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation is happy to present a coffee-house forum on the subject of Spirituality and Peacemaking from a Buddhist, Christian and Muslim perspective to explore ideas of how religion can play a positive role in conflict resolution. Our speakers will be:

Gen Kelsang Varahi, A Buddhist Perspective

Buddhist nun Gen Kelsang Varahi is a close disciple of Geshe Kelsang Gyatso. She was appointed Resident Teacher at Vajrayogini Buddhist Center in Washington DC by Geshe Kelsang in 2000. Gen Varahi brings sharp humor to her teachings on Buddhism and her examples for applying its principles in daily life. She is remarkable in her love for studying the Dharma and how accessible her teachings are to her students.

Rev. Kevin Culligan, O.C.D., A Christian Perspective

Kevin G. Culligan, a Discalced Carmelite friar, is a psychologist and charter member of both the Institute of Carmelite Studies and the Carmelite Forum. He is co-editor with Regis Jordan of *Carmel and Contemplation: Transforming Human Consciousness* (ICS Publications, 2000). His essays and reviews on Carmelite spirituality have appeared in *Spiritual Life*, *Carmelite Digest*, *America*, *National Catholic Reporter*, *Review for Religious*, and *The Way*.

Imam Yahya Hendi, A Muslim Perspective

Imam Yahya Hendi is the Muslim chaplain at Georgetown University, the first American University to hire a full-time Muslim chaplain. Imam Hendi is also the Imam of the Islamic Society of Frederick, and is the Muslim Chaplain at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. He also serves as a member and the spokesperson of the Islamic Jurisprudence Council of North America. He serves as adjunct faculty member for John Hopkins University, Office of Professional Development, and Fordham University.

Sponsored by Carmelite Library, Whitefriars Hall

Events, Meetings —

Following in the Footsteps of Jesus *An Overview of Catholic Social Teaching*

Sponsored by Parish Social Ministry of
**Church of the Nativity Parish, St. Mary of Sorrows Parish
and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington**

Noted speakers will help us explore the main ideas that are found in the Church's documents on Catholic social teaching. Each session will provide an opportunity for discussion and a question and answer period.

This 8-session series was developed in response to the results of a survey in June at Nativity and St. Mary of Sorrows parishes. Guest speakers will be encouraged to include a broad range of issues reflecting the concerns of parishioners as expressed in the survey.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE Tuesday Evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**+ At Church of the Nativity
6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015**

- + March 25, 2008 *“Rights and Responsibilities”***
Walt Grazer, Grazer and Associates, LLC, formerly a USCCB policy advisor on human rights
- + April 8, 2008 *“Care for God’s Creation”***
Rev. Pat Watkins, Virginia Interfaith Power and Light and
Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
- + April 29, 2008 *“Solidarity”***
Carole Zemont-Ndiaye, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), US Operations

For information contact: Anne Murphy, Catholic Charities, 703-841-3831;
Joe Pettit, Nativity, 703-455-4937; or Pat Seiler, St. Mary's, 703-978-4141, x18



Events, Meetings —

FORUMS FOR THE FAMILY

Offered by Catholic Charities Family Services Arlington Diocese



**WE ARE ONCE AGAIN OFFERING A SERIES OF FREE WORKSHOPS
THAT MAY BE HELPFUL TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!**

MARCH 13, 2008

COPING WITH STRESS

IF YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE WIND, HOW CAN YOU ADJUST YOUR SAILS?

Pat Cole, LCSW, earned her Masters degree in Social Work from The Catholic University of America. Pat is Assistant Program Director of Catholic Charities' Family Services and has worked with individuals, families and groups for ten years. She will be offering a presentation on how to deal with the stress that we all experience in our daily lives, especially living in the high pressured environment of our Washington, DC area.

APRIL 17, 2008

HOW TO COPE WITH BULLYING

Michele Cole, LCSW, earned her Masters degree in Clinical Social Work from The Catholic University of America. She has extensive experience working with children and adolescents, providing individual and family therapy as well as social skills groups. She will offer a presentation about bullying, including the phenomenon of internet bullying, which may aid parents, teachers and administrators helping children in K – 12th grade.

THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH 5300 NORTH 10TH STREET ARLINGTON

7:30 – 9:00 PM

Please RSVP to Carol at Catholic Charities Family Services

703-841-2531

Events, Meetings —

Let My People Go! A Spiritual Journey Along the Underground Railroad by Donald McCullough

Join the [Master Chorale of Washington](#) for an afternoon of superb spirituals and moving stories of the freedom seekers on the underground railroad. The work, "Let My People Go!" addresses the spiritual and emotional struggle of escape through spirituals and spoken word. This original work by DC-based composer Donald McCullough was inspired by a stop on the underground railroad in a graveyard in Georgetown. The Master Chorale will be joined in this performance by the Morgan State University Choir, actress Lynn Godfrey, actor Richard Bellazin, well-known African-American artists Angela Powell, Marietta Simpson, Jermaine Smith and Morris Robinson. More information and tickets available online at [masterchorale.org](#).

What: Let My People Go! A Spiritual Journey Along the Underground Railroad by Donald McCullough
Who: Master Chorale of Washington, joined by the Morgan State University Choir, actress Lynn Godfrey, actor Richard Bellazin, soprano Angela Powell, mezzo-soprano Marietta Simpson, tenor Jermaine Smith and bass Morris Robinson
Where: Kennedy Center Concert Hall
When: Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 3pm
Tickets: 202.337.7464 or [masterchorale.org](#)

The Big Question: A Film About Forgiveness premieres at the D.C. International Film Festival. Please plan on going to this one time showing on Sunday March 9th at 1:30 pm at the Jack Morton Auditorium on the campus of GW University.

You can get information and buy tickets here: <http://tinyurl.com/3b7gbn>

Please help to get the word out about the film. If you know anyone in leadership at any peace and justice groups such as Amnesty International, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Pax Christi please help me get in touch with them. I'm also interested

in getting leaders of psychological, mediation or education associations to the screening.

The film features:

- dramatic stories of forgiveness
- commentaries by world-renowned scientists
- spiritual leaders such as:
Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Sr. Helen Prejean
Deepak Chopra M.D
The Venerable Thich Nhat Hahn
Rev. Joseph Lowery
Hopi Elders and others.

Frank Desiderio, CSP
Paulist Productions
310 454 0688

Thank you, NOVA

From Sister Adriana, Nairobi, Kenya

Greetings to you and all the members of the NOVA Community. May God's grace help you to walk this season of Lent with love and devotion.

Thank you for the letter and the check for \$200.00, and the photo of the poster board you prepared about our project in South Sudan. I hope and pray that the 40th Anniversary of the NOVA Community was very much participated and that many people learned about the work and services that you render to the church's family around the world. Congratulations and may God's love and blessings be on you today and every day of your lives.



At this moment I am in Nairobi. I came here at the end of January for the annual provincial assembly. We were about 35 or us and it was time for evaluation and planning our ministries for this year. After the four days, I went for my annual eight day retreat. I feel renewed and with energy to go back to Leer. I am sending you two photos of the youth and catechists of our parish. They were taken on our way to the Thonyor Catholic Community which is in the interior, four hours walk. This area has been very isolated due to the number of swamps and strong rains. The celebration of Christmas was very beautiful and the Nuer people rejoice and thank God for all that they have received, especially the gift of peace.

Please greet all the NOVA members for me and thank all for what they share with us over here. United in the loving heart of God as we walk this



Lent towards the Joy and Hope of Easter, a big hug,
con carino,

~ Adriana

Dear Nova Family,

I just arrived home from 3 weeks in Uganda. I built 3 classrooms, set up a computer lab at the Kasaka campus and ordered another one to be set up at the Jinja campus, conducted a professional development work shop for the faculty of both campuses, found more students in need of sponsors, etc. etc. but the highlight of my visit was when I was able to challenge the Kyengera Rotary Club to take part in their Walk for Kenyan Refugees. They were ecstatic and extremely thankful for your generous donation to the cause of providing much needed assistance to the refugees who are living in tents just across the Uganda border in safety but with often only the clothes they wore as they reached the safe haven of Uganda.

Thank you Nova members. God is good but so are you.

~John Veldhuis

NOVA Dialogues

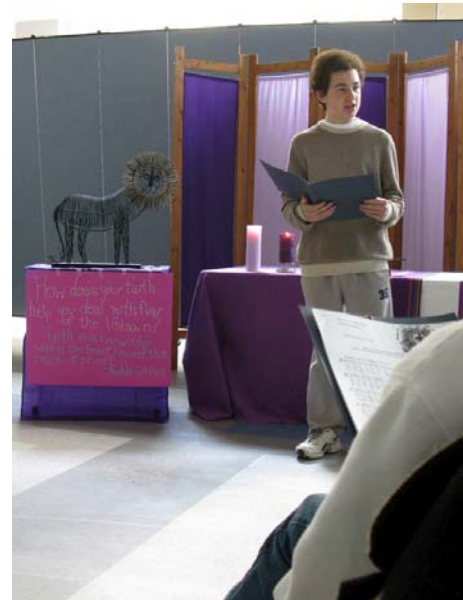


Immigration

Social Justice



Intl economy





March, 2008



NOVA Calendar

Every Thursday.... Food distribution at Gunston, see page 4
Every Sunday ... Cereal boxes brought to liturgy for Gunston
First Sunday of Month ... Paper products (towels, toilet) for Doorways

Friday, March 7...12:00 noon, Christian Peace Witness, Washington DC see page 7 & 8

Saturday, March 8 ... 7:30 pm, NOVA Adult Ed, Fr. Haughey, page 5

Saturday, March 8... 9:30 am (Breakfast), Annual Carmelite Lecture, page 11 RSVP

Sunday, March 9 ... 1:30 pm, The Big Question, film, page 15

March 13 ... 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Coping With Stress, Catholic Charities, page 14 RSVP

March 14 ... 7:30 pm, Spirituality and Peacemaking, Whitefriars Hall, page 12 RSVP

Tuesday, March 25 ... 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Rights & Responsibilities, page 13

Saturday, March 29 ... 7:00 pm, NOVA Adult Ed, Aisha Taylor, page 5

Tuesday, April 8 ... 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Care for God's Creation, page 13

April 17 ...7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Coping with Bullying, Catholic Charities, page 14 RSVP

April 18-20 ... Creating Our Story, WomenCircles Retreat, page 10 RSVP

Sunday, April 20 ... 3:00 pm, Master Chorale of Washington, page 15

Tuesday, April 29 ... 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Solidarity, page 13