



# nova notes

Newsletter of the NOVA Community

September, 2008

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## Chair Notes

Strange as it may sound last month was a time for examining our faith. As usual we were celebrating communion in our little corner of one of creation's many cathedrals. We were blessed with cool breezes and quiet deep prayers and thoughts that have expanded our spiritual horizons and enhanced our care for those around us.

Joe Kenna started us off with faith grounded in creation. It is a faith not based on a magic show nor on a rationalistic parsing of creation but of wonder at the miracle of creation itself and all the surprises it continues to reveal, a faith that believes in what it can't see, touch, feel and hear. This faith gives rise to our beliefs and values and then our behavior. Joe believes his own personal belief is amplified by sticking together. Bill Callahan carried us further into faith with his examination of Peter's doubts as he walked across the sea. Bill described faith as our response to life events. It tells us who we are and what we stand for, even though based on doubts.

The mysticism of creation was then shared with us by John Haughey with cautions about taking it for granted. Jesus and the apostles were caught off guard by the Canaanite woman in taking for granted His mission only to the lost sheep of Israel. Even Jesus had to broaden His own horizons which led John into his conclusions about the virtue of communion. He indicated we can't find the person/Jesus apart from the experience of communion which, when it happens, leads us to the ministry of communion.

As I pondered thoughts of communion/Eucharist/community I then heard during the following Sunday Joe Nangle's words of consecration that we recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread

together and in drinking the wine together. We come to know Jesus in that experience. After his experiences, when asked "Who do you say that I am?", Peter could rightly say "You are the Messiah..." With that Peter was entrusted with the keys to God's reign. On Peter's faith Jesus indicated He would build His community. The keys were a power, an influence. Joe ended by asking "How do we use the power given to us? It is a power to include or exclude, a power to pick up or ignore, the influence of the canary in the mine who tells us by its behavior of something we cannot smell, taste, hear or touch.

Our prayers and blessings went out to many including those going off to college for the first time, those going overseas to Turkey/Bolivia/Iraq and beyond to communion with others outside our own little community, some as an explicit Christian Peace Witness, to Anne Houck moving into Green Springs with Sonja's house blessing to bring in and keep the good spirits of the hearth, to those in need of meaningful employment, to those in need of hope in times of medical crises, to those with new grandchildren in whom we place much faith.

We are a spiritual community formed in the Vatican II Catholic tradition.

Namaste,

*~Eric*

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# September 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 Bob & Helen Michie (25th Anniversary)
- 3 Brian Ferguson
- 6 Rose & Jerry Barrett (56th Anniversary)  
Alida Yath
- 8 Barbara Formoso  
Cathy Showalter
- 9 Gloria Mog
- 10 Karen Coale
- 13 Hetty Irmer  
Adam Clarkson
- 14 Christopher Iskander  
Joseph Kane  
Jonie Whalen-Peck
- 16 Dave Gillmarten
- 18 John Michie
- 23 Bob Michie
- 24 Juliet Boyne
- 25 Nicco Mele
- 27 Daniel Cackley
- 28 Mike Chase  
Richard Markey
- 29 Ted Miller



**Newsletter Deadline is  
 September 21....2008**

# Liturgies: Year A — Cycle II

For inclusive Readings and Music Selections go to [nova.novacommunity.org](http://nova.novacommunity.org), member section, Documents/Liturgy Info. Please give all music selections to the Music Liaison the Sunday before your liturgy.

**SEPTEMBER MUSIC LIAISON**  
Tom Clarkson

**OCTOBER MUSIC LIAISON**  
Tim White

## September 7 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Joe Nangle – Helen Michie  
Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Psalm 95  
Philippians 1:20-24, 27  
Matthew 20:1-16

## October 5 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Joe Nangle – Barbara and Joe Formoso  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80  
Philippians 4:6-9  
Matthew 21:33-43

## September 14 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (*Retreat at Shrinemont*)

Bill Callahan – Cece and Kopp Michelotti  
Sirach 27:30-28:7  
Psalm 103  
Romans 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

## October 12 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Mog's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Quinn Conners – David and Gloria Mog  
Isaiah 25:6-10  
Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
Matthew 22:1-14

## September 21 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Return to Kenmore 10:15 a.m.*)

Joe Kenna – Tim White  
Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm 145  
Philippians 1:20-24, 27  
Matthew 20:1-16



## October 19 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan – Jeanne Clarkson  
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
Psalm 96  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
Matthew 22:15-21

## LITURGY TIME/LOCATION CHANGE

## October 26 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan – Peace and Justice Group  
Exodus 22:20-26  
Psalm 18  
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

## September 28 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan – Cathy and Larry Goldschmidt  
Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalm 25  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

## IRAQ Casualty Toll

(Operation Iraqi Freedom)

US Military Deaths	4,148
Suicides**	No report
Missing or Captured	1
Civilian Deaths*	86,428—94,296
American Wounded	30,561

\* documented to 8/21/2008. This number may be seriously understated.

\*\*Every day, five U.S. soldiers try to kill themselves. Before the Iraq war began, that figure was less than one suicide attempt a day.

**Afghanistan Casualties: 580**

(Operation Enduring Freedom)

### On Suicides . . .

It's been reported that the suicide rate of Iraq Conflict vets is at an all-time high. States report this individually, and some states have stopped reporting since 2005. Whatever the toll is, it is in addition to our active military personnel who choose to take their own lives. 987 American troops died of non-combat causes, perhaps some of them by their own hand. Somehow our press continues to report of "suicide bombers" (mail & female)



## NOVA is praying for ...

**Jim Furlong . . .** His health appears to be improving in every way, except for a few worrisome tests. Jim's outlook remains positive, and don't you know it, he's already been on a long gliding journey. We continue to pray for total recovery and rejuvenation.

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**Mary Grace . . .** We pray in thanksgiving for Mary's safe return from Iraq.

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**Josh White . . .** We pray for a wonderful day for Josh's upcoming wedding, and followed by a lifetime of happiness.

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**Joe & Barbara Formoso . . .** Because of health and age conditions, Joe's parents are relocating to Formoso's Virginia home. We are praying for all concerned, the parents that they may make this transition easily, and Joe & Barbara themselves, that this transition will have a minimum of challenges and a maximum of grace.

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**NOVA's aging members . . .** not that there are so many, but the few we do have are awesome in facing the ravages of aging. God bless!

*Lord, hear our prayer*

# 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](mailto:diacarroll@comcast.net) or call 703-536-2616*



## September Schedule

Sept 4 Lani Lee, Kopp/Cece Michelotti  
Sept 11 Lani Lee, Tim White, Jerry Barrett  
Sept 18 Lani Lee, Syd Boyne  
Sept 25 Eric, \_\_\_\_\_

*~Dianne*

## *Nova's Social Justice Project to provide rental assistance for families in order to prevent homelessness/eviction*

1. An Arlington family with a grandmother, daughter, and grandchild. The grandmother took time off from work to care for her daughter and grandchild after a transplant operation, therefore temporarily couldn't pay rent.
2. A family with a woman whose husband had been in an alcohol rehabilitation program and was not receiving pay during his inpatient stay. He is returning to work and was offered his old job back. This was to prevent eviction.

## Homeless Prevention Family Project Update August 2008

The family is making great progress! The baby is almost 8 months and is growing and developing well. The 3 older girls will start school after Labor Day – kindergarten, 4th, 5th. In July we reduced the mother's rental subsidy to one half of her rent for the second half of the year. The mother continues to work at Legal Seafood, and at the same time is conducting a job search for a full-time job with benefits. (Reminder: she has been a prep chef and they keep her hours under 40 so she is not eligible for benefits.) Jenny Carroll continues to work with the mother on a variety of issues such as internet help for the job search, helping her get the baby signed up for Infant Head Start (she's on the list but hasn't been invited yet), encouragement and leads to take English classes that fit into her work schedule, and recently to make use of the Arlington Pediatric Clinic for the children. Jenny also spends time with the children each week, reading with them and giving them opportunities for outings. The mother has been faithfully paying off her bills with some assistance from the children's father. She works hard, lives very sensibly and is striving to eliminate debt. Jenny has received some budget advice from another Nova person.

*~Dianne*

# News . . .

from Mali . . .



Mali (on right) with the Franciscans of Cochabamba.

Familia y Amigos,

I have been in Bolivia for 2 weeks now and it's an amazing experience already. I made a blog so it would be easier to share what I'm doing with all of you! I'm going to try to update it at least once a week.

Hope you all are doing well!  
[maliinbolivia.blogspot.com](http://maliinbolivia.blogspot.com)

from Mike Schultheis

Peace ... and just a few lines from Juba/Sudan, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August.

You likely have wondered a few times if I am still alive and what if anything has gone on with the proposed Catholic University of the Sudan and plans to get it underway. I returned to the Sudan on 10 June ... a few days in Khartoum and then came on to Juba ... and finally some good news -- on Thursday two weeks ago (St Ignatius Day, no less), after spending most of the day in the GoSS Education Minister's outer office, I succeeded in obtaining a document signed by the Minister approving in general the proposed programs for the Catholic University of the Sudan. With that and a subsequent document, we are licensed to engage in "official activities," in the name of the Catholic University of the Sudan.

So now we continue with plans to begin the propedeutic year in September, with first lectures on Monday 22 Sept – *se Deus quiser!*—as the attachment = promotion brochure (2 pp, landscape) indicates. And the plans are pretty well along. This first year, we will be using the

facilities of the Comboni Secondary School here in Juba – for the second year, well my hope is that the Bishops' Conference will give the go ahead to construct facilities on four or five acres of land on the NW corner of the Seminary Grounds in Juba. *Vamos ver!*

A Consortium of US Universities/Land Grant Colleges (VA Tech, Cornell U, WSU and perhaps Texas A&M and Cal-Davis) continues discussions on a collaborative program with us to establish a Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – interesting with my ties to both Cornell (grad studies) and Washington State (undergrad)!! Some members of the Consortium (headed by VATEch) plan an exploratory visit in early October with a bit of a research component ... following what we did in Mozambique, we plan a workshop that includes representatives from the three state universities and the Ministries in Southern Sudan, to look at a wider range of issues related to Univ. training programs and research in the agricultural & environmental sciences. Groups here are positive in their response to this proposal ... so these initiatives are beginning to bear fruit ... or at least are positive.

Sudan remains much in the news ... tho perhaps this week the Olympic Games will crowd it out. There has been much 'consternation and indignation' on the part of the President of the Govt of National Unity (Bashir, a military man who comes out of the Nile River = Islamic families) and his supporters over the ICC charge that he be indicted for his crimes against the Darfur Communities. On the positive side, the fact is that he/they are concerned about this charge and as a result are beginning to take steps (at least to appear as if they are doing so) to resolve this conflict. So we will see how this develops.

Let me get this along to you. Trust you are enjoying these mid-summer days – with many comings and goings ... and at least for the younger set, anticipating/dreading the end of summer and the return to school days! Still good memories of visits your way – most recently the Palm Sunday liturgy!

With blessings and best wishes, to all of you and ... your extended families ...!

Mike Schultheis, sj  
Coordinator of Planning, the Catholic University of the Sudan

# News . . .

from Quest for Peace, Quixote Center

July 19th marked the 29th anniversary of the triumph of the Sandinista revolution and the context of impossible dreams and social transformation in which the Quest for Peace was born. On July 22, the Institute of John XXIII celebrated 47 years of service and solidarity with the poor of Nicaragua. Together with the Central American University, the Institute shared the anniversary with the Quest for Peace and honored Bill Callahan with the “Medal of Service, Solidarity and Hope,” in recognition of his 25 years of spirit-filled collaboration.



**“Thank you for a solidarity that is transparent, unconditional, that has always accompanied and never imposed.”**

Edwin Novoa,  
Director, Institute Juan XXIII

## Quixote Center

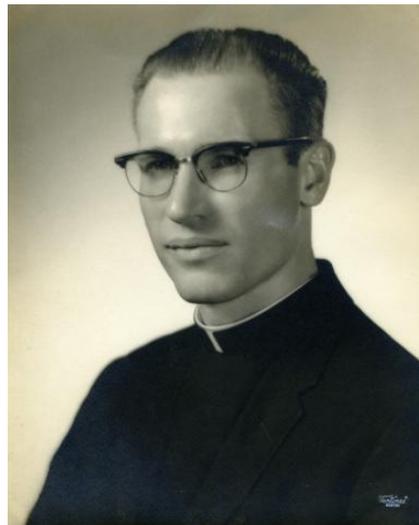
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**Striving for Justice, Peace & Equality**



**Bill  
Callahan  
plans to  
Retire!**

Bill is in training for this year’s Army 10-miler on October 5th. Quixote Center would love to receive your pledges for Bill’s run (perhaps he is a parkinsonian turtle, but he always finishes the race). All proceeds would go to support Quest for Peace.

**Save the date** – On **October 11** there will be a celebration in honor of Rev. Bill Callahan, as he retires from the position of Co-director of the Quixote Center. Invitations will be forthcoming. The celebration is expected to be in three parts – Liturgy from 10 am to 12 pm. Lunch after liturgy until 2 pm. Party from 2 pm to 5 pm. Although there will be no charge to attend the event, contributions are now being accepted to help fund the event, which will be held at the Quixote Center, itself. [For more info, contact John Tarrant [JohnFTarrant@comcast.net](mailto:JohnFTarrant@comcast.net) or John Mooney [jmooney7@verizon.net](mailto:jmooney7@verizon.net)]



# News . . .

## Jeanne Clarkson & Marie Keefe Travel to Turkey

The Rumi Forum, Georgetown University, led a tour of 10 people of different faith and cultural backgrounds to Istanbul, Izmir, and Cappadocia, Turkey to deepen their understanding of the work being done by the Gulen movement to foster peace through interfaith dialogue. The opportunity to meet with the managing editor of the Zaman newspaper, hospital administrators and doctors, university professors and a school principal at their work was living testimony to the efforts of these Turkish Muslims to engage in dialogue. Best of all, were the dinners hosted by families: unbridled hospitality and warmth.

### Jeanne & Marie at the ruins of Ephesus



Jeanne  
does  
liturgy  
readings  
at  
"Mother"  
Mary's  
house at  
Ephesus



## Benefit for Central Buganda University October 25 — 7pm



### Save the date:

Mosaic Harmony

([www.mosaicharmony.com/](http://www.mosaicharmony.com/)) will perform a concert to benefit Central Buganda University ([www.centralbugandauniversity.info](http://www.centralbugandauniversity.info)).

The concert will be at St. Barnabas Church in Anandale. A few NOVA members perform with Mosaic Harmony. [Please contact John Veldhuis ([c\\_b\\_u\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:c_b_u_2000@yahoo.com)) for additional information.]

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## Anne Houck, comfortably



settled in new home.....

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# Thank you, to NOVA. . .

from Anne Houck . . .

The Nova house blessing was wonderful, beautiful, and also I hope a good time was had by all. I certainly enjoyed every moment of it. I already know that I will enjoy the rest of my life here.

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from Pete Henriot . . .

Lusaka, Zambia  
Blessings for all of you, with my continued appreciation for your continued support!  
Your help helps me help in Zamiba!

May the Anniversary “Spirit” continue!

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from Kenmore MS

Your generous contribution of \$750.00 to our summer school scholarship fund has given 14 Kenmore Middle School students the opportunity to take two summer school courses which will greatly help raise their reading and math proficiency levels.

Each of these 14 students is a second language learner. The financial need of these students would have prevented them from registering for courses in Math and English. Due to the generosity of your community, these students will be attending summer school and getting the academic assistance they need to be successful.

On behalf of the students, their parents, and Kenmore Middle School, I would like to convey a most sincere expression of appreciation. Your generosity improves the students’ chances for increased academic achievement.

Again, many thanks for your assistance.  
Sincerely,  
/s/ Gladys Sossa-Schwartz,  
ESOL/HILT Team Leader

from ludmila villarroel, NOVA’s HOPE Fund recipient

Life is full of circumstances I will never completely understand. All I can do is fight as hard as I can for the goals I want to achieve. Sometimes it is not that easy, especially when my goal of getting my Hospitality Management degree is being limited. Getting a higher education is a challenge, since I have to pay out-of-state tuition. College is already expensive, and paying almost triple is a gigantic obstacle; an obstacle that will not defeat me. Even if it takes me more than four years to finish my degree, I have faith in myself I will do it.

My family is composed of my little brother, my mother, and me. Due to economical problems I had to start working at an early age. Since I am fifteen years old I am working as a cashier because my mother, alone, doesn’t earn enough to cover all the expenses. I have always tried to save as much money as possible to invest on my education. Since I was a freshmen at high school, I knew my education was not going to stop there.

No one in my family had the opportunity to go to college. Some of them didn’t even finish high school. I am the first one in my generation enrolled in a college. I am already working seven days a week at two different places because I am trying to save money for my tuition, but it’s not enough. For the Fall Classes I wanted to be enrolled as a full-time student, but I don’t have enough money. I can’t work more hours because I have to go to school and I can’t go to school because I don’t earn enough. It’s like a circle where both are essential in my life. Working at two places at the same time and being a full-time student hasn’t been easy in the previous semesters, but I got A’s and B’s in all my classes. My current GPA at Northern Virginia Community College is 3.25, which is a decent GPA having in mind all the hours I am working per week. All I want is to continue going to school; I want to keep making the difference among my family. Education is the key to open the door of success. My high school diploma is not enough; I want to keep learning; I want to get a higher education. My economic situation will not limit my academic abilities; I will not let it defeat me.

/s/ Lu

# Thank you, to NOVA. . .

from Escuela Bolivia

On behalf of Escuela Bolivia, thank you for your generous contribution of \$200.00.

Thanks to your donation, Escuela Bolivia was able to continue providing educational programs to the Latino community, and specifically provide scholarships for Latino children to attend our Saturday School.

Over 150 students completed a year of studies at Escuela Bolivia. Many who would not be able to afford the tuition were able to improve their language and academic skills thanks to your support. Thank you again for your belief in Escuela Bolivia's important work in empowering Latino families. Your contribution makes a difference in the lives of the many children we serve. We deeply appreciate your gift.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Natasha Quiroga,  
Executive Director

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from Nonviolent Peaceforce



I am pleased to send you the current annual report of the Nonviolent Peaceforce, "Impact 2007". [See <http://nonviolentpeaceforce.org/files/AR2007.pdf>.] This comprehensive document will provide you with our work as an international nongovernmental organization providing an unarmed protective force of trained civilians from around the world. Our vision is to create a large-scale nonviolent peace force supporting and protecting local civil society in conflict areas through the development of field projects and additional models for deployment, public education, training and advocacy.

The Nonviolent Peaceforce has active peacekeepers in the Philippines and in Sri Lanka. The need for our presence in those two areas is critical. In January 2008, we completed our protective accompaniment in Guatemala and have made the transition of the work to local human rights organizations. We are in collaboration with other organizations on providing peacekeepers on the Ecuador and Columbian border. We are in the exploratory stage of sending peacekeepers to southern Sudan to oversee the 2009 election process. The requests for our presence far outpace our financial ability to meet the needs.

We are pleased to report that the Nonviolent Peaceforce was granted Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations. This designation is a testament to the quality of the people working worldwide on our vision and the hard work and expertise that several of our colleagues have applied over the past several years to make this occur. In June 2008, the Nonviolent Peaceforce made a presentation to UN member states – including some of the Security Council and the Peacebuilding Commission – on the political, economic and social impact of unarmed peacekeeping.

We encourage you to learn more about the Nonviolent Peaceforce through our website, <http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org> or at [mdesroches@nonviolentpeaceforce.org](mailto:mdesroches@nonviolentpeaceforce.org)

Thank you again for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary DesRoches,  
U.W. Grants Coordinator

# From Christian Witness for Peace in Iraq:

Events:

<http://christianpeacewitness.org/>

## September 21, 2008: The International Day of Prayer for Peace

This annual event is an opportunity for church communities around the world to pray and act together to nurture lasting peace in the hearts of people, their families, communities and societies. The idea for an international day of prayer for peace was proposed in 2004 during a meeting between World Council of Churches general secretary Rev. Dr Samuel Kobia and United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan ([press release](#)), and coincides with the [UN International Day of Peace](#). The Day of Prayer is one of the initiatives of the WCC's [Decade to Overcome Violence \(DOV\)](#). Congregations worldwide are invited to pray for peace - possibly using the same prayers - on [September 21](#) or the Sunday preceding it.

## October 2008: Week of Nonviolence in Iraq

During the first ten days of October, members of the Iraqi nonviolence network *LaOnf* will engage in its third annual "Week of Nonviolence" throughout Iraq, promoting a peaceful, stable, democratic and united Iraq through nonviolent means. This year, *LaOnf* asks for solidarity from the international community. CPWI requests your local support of *LaOnf's* efforts through vigils, actions and a showing of a DVD of last year's *LaOnf's* events. To participate, contact [peacefultomorrow.org](http://peacefultomorrow.org) for more information on *LaOnf* and the solidarity campaign, or to sign up to host a DVD screening at your local congregation. Prophetic Service Opportunities! For information on how your local congregation can support the efforts of Iraqi groups working for peace and healing for and with Iraqis, contact Noah Baker Merrill, convener of CPWI's Prophetic Service working group, [noah@directaidiraq.org](mailto:noah@directaidiraq.org).

## January 19-20, 2009: "Rebirthing America - Rebirthing King's Dream"

Monday, January 19 and Tuesday, January 20 converge to unite the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., with the inauguration of a new President of the United States. Olive Branch Interfaith Peace Partnership and Christian Peace Witness for Iraq encourage you and your faith community to join in public worship and action to point the United States toward fulfilling Dr. King's vision of justice and peace. An interfaith event is planned in Washington, D.C. on January 19.

## 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. As we seek together to be faithful followers of that "radical rabbi from the ghettos of Nazareth" (Rev. Rafael Warnock, CPWI witness 2007), we need your help. We need:

- [partner organizations](#) to recommit with funds and volunteers;
  - volunteers to serve on committees:
  - Building Diversity (reaching out to young adults and racial/ethnic leaders)
  - Prophetic Service (humanitarian relief and peace building with Iraqis)
  - Engaging the Church (resourcing & empowering local congregations)
  - D.C. 2009 Event Planning
  - Communications (website, newsletters, etc.)
  - Olive Branch Interfaith Peace Partners (strengthening our relations with people and groups of other faiths);
- [financial donations](#).

# Recently at NOVA . . .

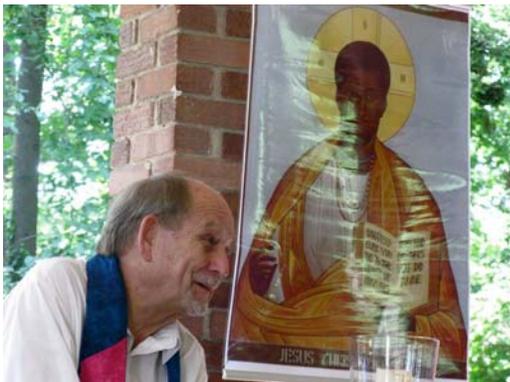
**Birthday agape for Joe Annunziata and Eric Carroll**



**David & friend at Tim's song-book-signing & party**



**Fr Joe Kenna**



**Ella and Elena**

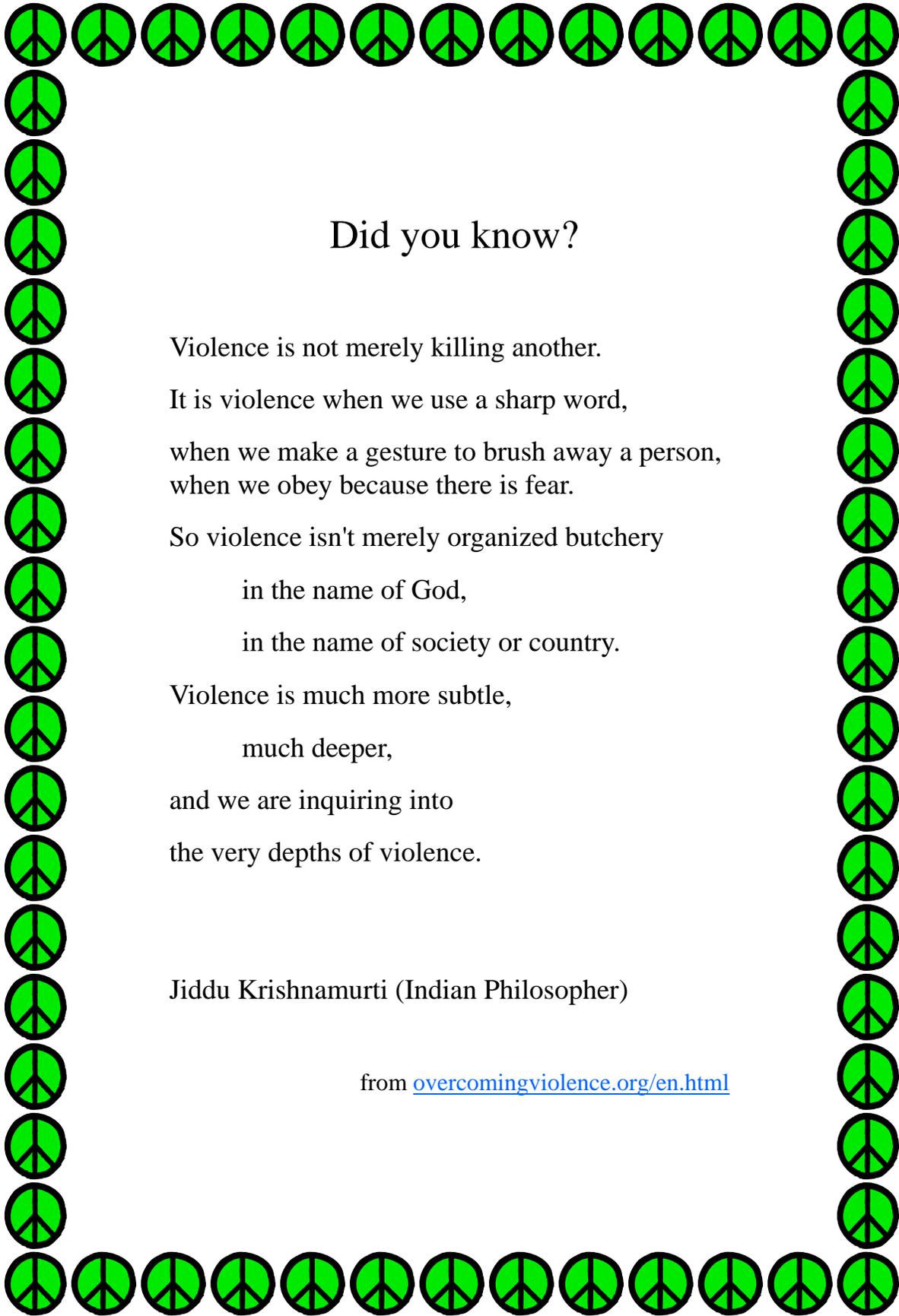


**Joe Bonsignore, fashionista**



**Fr Joe Nangle**





## Did you know?

Violence is not merely killing another.

It is violence when we use a sharp word,  
when we make a gesture to brush away a person,  
when we obey because there is fear.

So violence isn't merely organized butchery

in the name of God,

in the name of society or country.

Violence is much more subtle,

much deeper,

and we are inquiring into  
the very depths of violence.

Jiddu Krishnamurti (Indian Philosopher)

from [overcomingviolence.org/en.html](http://overcomingviolence.org/en.html)



September, 2008



### NOVA Calendar

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

Remember, all liturgies at Lacey Woods Park begin at 9:30 am. Socializing at 9:15 am.  
It would help to arrive a bit early and help set up.

September 12-14 ... Retreat at Shrinemont, No liturgy in Arlington

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**Note:** all liturgies at Kenmore begin at 10:15 am. Socializing at 10 am.

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