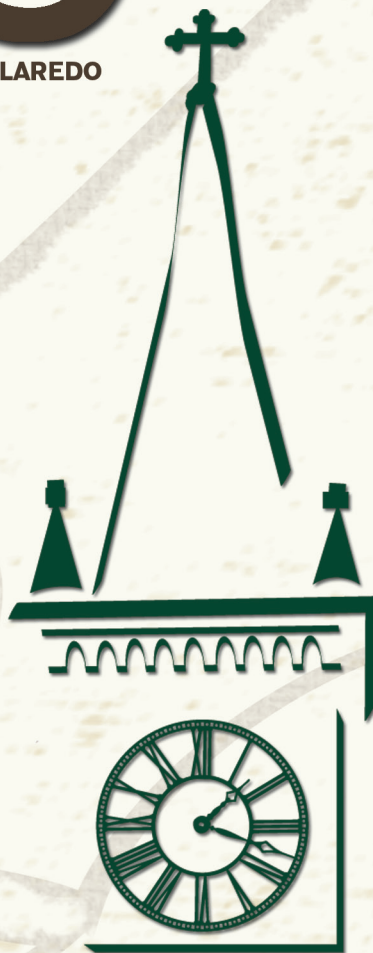


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In appreciation of our priests

>> Most Rev. James A. Tamayo is bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Laredo.

En Apresiasi3n de Nuestro acerdotes

>> Excelentísimo Jaime A. Tamayo es el obispo de la diócesis cat3lica de Laredo

In this issue of *La Fe*, we divert from our normal layout featuring stories of faith, hope and love to do something special for a group of extraordinary individuals.

As we begin the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Diocese of Laredo, we also commemorate the conclusion to the Year for Priests, which took place June 19, 2010. It's with this in mind that *La Fe* has decided on a special section highlighting the men of the cloth that serve the Diocese of Laredo with fervor, loyalty and compassion.

This multi-page special section features a small photo of each priest active in our diocese along with tidbits of information such as their date of ordination, ministry, parish, devotion, patron saint and hobbies.

This recognition of the clergy in this special issue of *La Fe* is just a small token of appreciation and an expression of gratitude for their ministry.

The priesthood is not merely a normal profession or a job. Pope Benedict XVI states that the calling is a vocation in which priests are on fire with love for Christ and His people.

Our priests focus their energies in key areas such as offering the Eucharist and the additional sacraments, preaching well as well as helping the poor and suffering.

Our clergy have cared for those who are marginalized from the table of material, social, cultural and spiritual goods.

The priest's ability to serve in this manner is a gift from God and it is through this gift of their religious vocation that they make His love present in the world.

They accomplish this by living their priestly promises to be faithful ministers of Christ, working not for their own interests, but for the good of all men and women.

The Year for Priests served as a reminder of our duties to the flock.

The Year for Priests fostered thanksgiving, purification and spiritual renewal for our clergy.

Catholics expect a lot from their priests and the June 2009-2010 Year for Priests highlighted the importance of priests in the life of the church by exhorting them to live up to their calling.

Pope Benedict XVI asked the men in black not just to be good priests, but to be holy ones.

Every priest understands that he is an instrument for God's saving action. This awareness that we are God's instrument makes priests humble and generous in the administration of the sacraments.

A priest's foremost role is to follow Jesus and to be a shepherd to his flock.

In living for the benefit of his flock, our priests remember the words of the Prayer of Priestly Ordination, "May he be a worthy co-worker with our Order, so that by his preaching and through the grace of the Holy Spirit the words of the Gospel may bear fruit in human hearts and reach even to the ends of the earth," *Todo Con Amor*.

En esta edici3n de *La Fe*, nos desviamos de nuestro dise3o normal con historias de fe, esperanza y amor para hacer algo especial para un grupo de individuos extraordinarios.

En conmemoraci3n de la celebraci3n del d3cimo aniversario de la Di3cesis de Laredo y la conclusi3n del A3o Sacerdotal, que se celebr3 el 19 de junio, la revista *La Fe* ha decidido destacar a todos los hombres de fe que sirven a la di3cesis de Laredo con fervor, la lealtad y la compasi3n en una secci3n especial.

Esta secci3n especial de varias p3ginas cuenta con una peque3a foto de cada sacerdote activo en nuestra di3cesis, junto con fragmentos de informaci3n como la fecha de su ordenaci3n, su ministerio, su parroquia, su devoci3n, y los santos patronos y aficiones.

Este reconocimiento del clero en este n3mero especial de *La Fe* es s3lo una peque3a muestra de apreciaci3n y una expresi3n de gratitud por su ministerio en nuestra di3cesis.

El sacerdocio es m3s que una profesi3n o un trabajo normal. El llamamiento es una vocaci3n en la que los sacerdotes arden de amor por Cristo.

Haciendo eco a las palabras del Papa Benedicto XVI, nuestros sacerdotes, concentran sus energias en las 3reas clave, tales como la Eucaristia y los sacramentos adicionales, la predicaci3n, asi como ayudar a los pobres y el sufrimiento.

Nuestro clero se ha preocupado por los pobres que est3n marginalizados con la mesa de cosas materiales, sociales, culturales y espirituales.

Su capacidad para servir de esta manera es un don de Dios y es a trav3s de este don de su vocaci3n religiosa que hacen presente su amor en el mundo.

Son capaces de lograr esto recordando nuestras promesas sacerdotales a ser fieles ministros de Cristo, trabajando no para nuestros propios intereses, sino por el bien de todos los hombres y mujeres.

El A3o Sacerdotal sirve como un recordatorio de nuestra obligaci3n para con el reba3o.

El A3o Sacerdotal se trat3 y fue m3s como una acci3n de gracias, de la purificaci3n y de la renovaci3n de nuestro clero.

Los cat3licos esperan mucho de sus sacerdotes y el A3o Sacerdotal de junio 2009 a junio 2010 destac3 la importancia de los sacerdotes en la vida de la iglesia exhort3ndolos a cumplir con su llamado.

El Papa Benedicto XVI pidi3 a los hombres de negro no s3lo ser buenos sacerdotes, pero ser santos.

Todo sacerdote entiende que 3l es un instrumento para la acci3n salvadora de Dios. Esta toma de conciencia de que somos el instrumento de Dios hace que los sacerdotes sean humildes y generosos en la administraci3n de los sacramentos.

La funci3n principal de un sacerdote es seguir a Jes3s y ser un pastor a su reba3o.

Al vivir para el beneficio de su reba3o, nuestros sacerdotes recuerdan las palabras de la oraci3n de la ordenaci3n sacerdotal, "Que sea un compa3ero de trabajo digno con nuestra Orden, para que por su predicaci3n y por la gracia del Espiritu Santo, las palabras del Evangelio den fruto en los corazones humanos y lleguen hasta los confines de la tierra." *Todo Con Amor*

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who serve our people



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St. Peter Claver: a minister to slaves

Born: 1580 | **Died:** 1654 | **Feast Day:** Sept. 9

▶▶ **Claim to fame:** St. Peter Claver was born in Spain and entered the Jesuit order in 1602, when he was just 22. St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, the “holy porter of Majorca,” prophesied that the young man would go to the Indies and save “millions of perishing souls.” So Peter Claver headed for Colombia, home to the largest slave market in the New World. After his priestly ordination in 1616, he made a vow to dedicate his life to ministering to the thousands of African slaves who arrived every month at the port of Cartagena. He always kept that vow, bringing an estimated 300,000 slaves into the Catholic faith, training African catechists to bring the good news to the slaves in their own languages and ministering to the slaves after they left the ships and began their lives on the Colombian plantations.

▶▶ **Little-known fact:** In addition to caring for individual slaves’ physical and spiritual needs, St. Peter Claver worked to change the laws that governed their lives. While he was not able to abolish slavery, he did fight for laws that allowed for Christian marriage for slaves and that forbade the separation of families.

▶▶ **What made him a saint:** St. Peter Claver willingly chose to spend his days entering the dismal, fetid holds of slave ships, caring for terrified, sick and dying slaves, rather than accepting more comfortable ministries among Cartagena’s well-to-do Catholics.

He personally begged from house to house to collect food to bring to the slaves. He used his own cloak as a covering for naked bodies, as a pillow for weary heads and as a bandage for wounded flesh. Not forgetting about the slaves after he ministered to them at the slave market, he traveled out to the countryside every spring to conduct missions at the plantations. He also ministered to others besides slaves, preaching and converting sailors and political prisoners in the city. Pope Leo XIII said, “No life, except the life of Christ, has moved me so much as that of Peter Claver.”

▶▶ **Best quote:** St. Peter Claver summarized his ministry to the slaves in this way: “We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips.”

▶▶ **How did he die:** After ministering to the slaves in Cartagena for nearly 40 years, St. Peter Claver fell ill from the plague and was partially paralyzed. For the final four years of his life, he was bedridden and nearly forgotten. However, upon his death at age 74 on Sept. 8, 1597, the governor of Cartagena ordered a public funeral for the saint, which was attended by thousands of people.



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San Pedro Claver Corberó: Un ministro a los esclavos

Nacimiento: 1580 | **Fallecimiento:** 1654

Día de fiesta: 9 de septiembre

►► **Motivo de su fama:** San Pedro Claver nació en España e ingresó a la orden Jesuita en 1602, cuando tenía sólo 22 años. San Alfonso Rodríguez, el “santo portero de Mallorca”, vaticinó que el joven iría a las Indias y salvaría a “millones de almas condenadas”. Así que Pedro Claver se dirigió a Colombia, el centro del mercado de esclavos más grande en el Nuevo Mundo. Después de su ordenación sacerdotal en 1616, hizo votos para dedicar su vida a atender a los miles de esclavos africanos que llegaban cada mes al puerto de Cartagena. Siempre mantuvo ese voto llevando la fe católica a unos 300,000 esclavos, capacitando a catequistas africanos para llevar las Buenas Nuevas a los esclavos en sus propias lenguas, y atendiendo a los esclavos después de que dejaban los barcos y empezaban sus vidas en las plantaciones de Colombia.

►► **Hecho poco conocido:** Además de atender las necesidades físicas y espirituales de los esclavos, San Pedro Claver trabajó para cambiar las leyes que gobernaban sus vidas. Si bien no le fue posible abolir la esclavitud, sí peleó por leyes que permitieran a los esclavos el matrimonio cristiano y prohibieran la separación de las familias.

►► **Por qué es un santo:** San Pedro Claver eligió por voluntad propia pasar sus días entrando a las lúgubres y fétidas bodegas de los barcos de esclavos, cuidando a los esclavos aterrados, enfermos y moribundos, en lugar de aceptar ministerios más cómodos entre los católicos acaudalados de Cartagena. Mendigó personalmente de casa en casa para reunir alimentos para llevar a los esclavos. Utilizó su propia capa para cubrir cuerpos desnudos, como almohada para cabezas cansadas y como venda para carnes heridas. Sin olvidarse de los esclavos después de ayudarlos en el mercado de esclavos, viajó al campo cada primavera para realizar misiones en las plantaciones. Además de los esclavos, también ayudó a otras personas predicando y convirtiendo a marineros y prisioneros políticos en la ciudad. El Papa Leo XIII dijo: “Ninguna vida, excepto la vida de Cristo, me ha conmovido tanto como la de Pedro Claver”.

►► **Su muerte:** Después de ayudar a los esclavos en Cartagena durante casi 40 años, San Pedro Claver cayó enfermo debido a la plaga y quedó paralizado parcialmente. Durante los últimos cuatro años de su vida estuvo postrado en cama y casi fue olvidado. Sin embargo, a su muerte a la edad de 74 años el 8 de septiembre de 1597, el gobernador de Cartagena ordenó un funeral público para el santo, al que asistieron miles de personas.

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I hate my son's lip ring!

How can I get him to take it out?

>> **Dr. Cathleen McGreal** is a psychology professor and certified spiritual advisor.

Q Even though he knew I objected, the first thing my son did when he went to college was to get his lip pierced. Looking at that lip ring marring his handsome face is making me crazy. How can I get him to take it out?

A >> Researchers studying cultural rites of passage talk about tattoos and piercings that are used to mark those who have left childhood and entered into maturity. In our society, there aren't traditional markers that let us know when this transi-

tion takes place. In fact, each cohort has its own preferences for the body art, hair styles and clothing that it finds attractive. Inevitably, control over body image passes from parent to adult child.

So, what do you do?

- Your son honored your wish-

es until he was out of your home. Perhaps he will agree to take out the lip ring during family meals and some of the family photographs when he comes home to visit.

- Lip, eyebrow and tongue rings usually come out because a person gets a job that requires a different look, or when she decides to update her image. It's as unlikely that you could convince a college student to remove a piercing as it was to prevent it in the first place!
- Your own reaction is in your control. Instead of letting the piercing "make you crazy," concentrate on other characteristics when you're together: his twinkling eyes, sense of humor or quick wit.

Exploring issues of identity

During adolescence and early adulthood, individuals explore different aspects of identity. A person might enter college as a chemistry major, but a geology course steers her in a new direction. Likewise, aspects of physical presentation change.

- This time of transition in the lives of young adults can be somewhat disconcerting because they, not you, are at the helm. Trust in the "navigation charts" you have provided their first 18 years. Don't try to take control of their ships!
- New friends come on board as key people in your child's life. Remember that when it comes to issues of clothing, physical appearance and music, these college friends are more knowledgeable than you!
- "Oh, Lord. The sea is so large and my boat is so small." Responding with "I told you so," doesn't help when adult children struggle with the consequences of their choices. Many of life's lessons are learned through bad decisions and typically it's best not to "rescue" your children. But, a little bit of emotional support goes a long way!

Our catechism notes that adult children gain the right to make their own choices, while parents drop down to the role of trusted advisors (CCC, 2230).

¡Detesto el arete que lleva mi hijo en el labio!

¿Cómo puedo convencerlo para que se lo quite?

Q Aunque él sabía que yo me opondría, lo primero que hizo mi hijo cuando se fue a la universidad fue ponerse un arete en el labio. El ver ese arete en su labio que le daña su bonita cara me está enloqueciendo. ¿Cómo puedo convencerlo para que se lo quite?

A **Diferencias generacionales on el arte corporal**

Los investigadores que estudian los ritos de iniciación culturales hablan sobre los tatuajes y aretes que se usan para marcar a los que han dejado atrás la niñez para convertirse en adultos. En nuestra sociedad no hay marcadores tradicionales que nos indiquen cuando esta transición comienza. De hecho, cada cohorte tiene sus propias preferencias en cuanto al arte corporal, peinados y ropa que les atraen. Inevitablemente, el control sobre la imagen corporal se pasa de padre a hijo adulto.

¿Qué hacer entonces?

- Su hijo honró sus deseos hasta que salió de su hogar. Quizás él esté de acuerdo en quitarse el arete del labio durante las cenas familiares y para algunas de las fotografías familiares cuando venga a visitar.
- Ella se quitará el arete del labio, las cejas y la lengua usualmente cuando consiga un empleo que requiera una apariencia distinta o cuando decida actualizar su imagen. ¡Es tan raro el que usted pueda convencer a un estudiante universitario a que se quite un arete como lo fue el evitar que se lo hiciera en primer lugar!
- El cómo usted reaccione está bajo su control. En lugar de dejar que el

arete le "enloquezca", concéntrese en otras características cuando estén juntos: como el brillo de sus ojos, su sentido del humor o perspicacia.

Cómo explorar los problemas de identidad

Durante la adolescencia y los primeros años de la adultez, las personas exploran distintos aspectos de la identidad. Una persona pudiera entrar a la universidad a estudiar química, pero un curso de geología pudiera cambiarle el rumbo en una nueva dirección. De igual modo, los aspectos de la apariencia física cambian.

- Este tiempo de transición en las vidas de los adultos jóvenes puede ser un tanto desconcertante porque ellos, no usted, están al mando. Confíe en las "cartas náuticas" que le ha provisto durante sus primeros 18 años.

¡No trate de controlar sus barcos!

- Pasarán a bordo nuevos amigos como personas clave en la vida de su hijo. Recuerde que cuando se trata de asuntos de vestimenta, apariencia física y música, ¡esos amigos universitarios saben más que usted!
 - "Oh, Señor. El mar es tan grande y mi barco tan pequeño." El responder con un "te lo dije" no ayuda cuando los hijos adultos están luchando con las consecuencias de sus decisiones. Muchas de las lecciones de la vida se aprenden por medio de malas decisiones y típicamente es mejor no "rescatar" a sus hijos. ¡Pero un poquito de apoyo emocional rinde mucho!
- Nuestro catequismo nota que los hijos adultos se ganan el derecho a tomar sus propias decisiones y los padres asumen una función de consejeros de confianza. (CCC, 2230)



I lost my job eight months ago and have been collecting unemployment ever since. I have about 10 more months to go before my benefits run out, but I was just offered a job. While this would normally be good news, my new salary would be quite a bit less than unemployment is paying – should I take the job or wait for something better to come along?



Working as a career coach, I often hear similar questions. Should I relocate or remain here until ...? Should I go back to school full-time or should I wait until ...? Should I take a job that is not on my current career path or ...? Should I settle for good enough or hold for a great next step?

I wish there were quick answers to complex career questions. There aren't. For example, is the job you are being offered with a large, growing organization? If it is, take the job now! Even a "lousy

I've been offered a job do I take it or stay on unemployment?

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job" in a great organization with a strong future is one to pursue, since you will have a foot in the door and be able to demonstrate your capabilities. Is it a small, privately held company with low pay? Perhaps even that should be considered, if the owner is an individual who treats employees well and is likely to increase your pay as the company grows and profits increase.

Additional questions to consider include: Is it a job in an emerging industry, where your experience will pay future dividends? Does the job pay less, yet provide lifestyle options with limited stress

and generous time off? Is the job a match for who you now know yourself to be? Does the job have a social service benefit or mission with which you are connected?

When working with our clients in similar situations, we begin writing key questions and a range of bullet-point answers on flipchart paper. Next, we highlight critical factors, re-sort and restate them until we have a collage of information that collectively begins to speak to the situation being evaluated. This storyboard approach is often highly productive in moving individuals from endless thought to well-thought-

out decisions. (It is interesting to observe how the mind uses the eyes to think.)

One of the intriguing aspects of Jesus' life is how he needed time alone to pray, and, we assume, to think. This is certainly an example of how we should live our lives. I, too, would recommend you spend considerable time in prayer and in thought before making your decision. The only thing I would add is that for us who often process our thoughts visually, I would take along a flipchart pad. Jesus is available to meet with you and help you to make the best decision.

work life



Perdí mi trabajo hace ocho meses y he estado recibiendo el desempleo desde entonces. Me quedan como 10 meses más antes de que se me acaben

los beneficios, pero me han ofrecido un empleo. Aunque esto normalmente sería una buena noticia, mi salario nuevo sería un poco menos de lo que me está pagando el desempleo. ¿Debo tomar el empleo o esperar a que llegue algo mejor?



En mi trabajo como asesor vocacional, muchas veces oigo preguntas similares. ¿Me debo mudar o quedarme aquí hasta...? ¿Debo regresar a la escuela a tiempo completo o esperar hasta...? ¿Debo tomar un empleo fuera de mi campo profesional o...? ¿Debo conformarme con lo suficiente o esperar a la próxima gran oportunidad?

Me gustaría que hubiera respuestas fáciles a las preguntas profesionales complicadas. No las hay. Por ejemplo: ¿es el empleo que le están ofreciendo con una organización grande que está creciendo? Si es así, ¡tome el empleo ahora! Incluso un

"empleo pésimo" en una gran organización con un buen futuro se debe aceptar puesto que le abre la puerta para que pueda demostrar lo que es capaz de lograr. ¿Es una compañía privada pequeña con poca paga? Quizás deba considerar hasta eso, si el dueño es un individuo que trata bien a los empleados y es probable que le aumente el sueldo a medida que la compañía crezca y aumenten las ganancias.

Otras preguntas que debe considerar incluyen las siguientes: ¿Es un empleo en una industria nueva, en la que su experiencia pagará dividendos futuros? ¿Paga

Me han ofrecido un empleo. ¿Lo tomo o me quedo desempleado?

menos el empleo, pero le da mejores opciones de calidad de vida con estrés limitado y una buena cantidad de tiempo libre? ¿Se acopla bien el empleo a su personalidad? ¿Tiene un beneficio de servicio social o misión el empleo con la cual usted se identifica?

Cuando trabajo con nuestros clientes en situaciones similares, comenzamos a escribir preguntas clave y hacemos una lista de puntos con las respuestas en un rotafolio. Luego resaltamos los factores cruciales, la reacomodamos y los escribimos de nuevo hasta que tengamos un collage de información que en conjunto nos hable sobre la situación que estamos evaluando. Este enfoque gráfico es frecuentemente muy productivo para sacar a la persona del

pensamiento eterno y llevarla a tomar decisiones pensadas. (Es interesante observar cómo la mente usa a los ojos para pensar.)

Uno de los aspectos intrigantes de la vida de Jesús es cómo el necesitaba tiempo solo para rezar y, suponemos, que para pensar. Esto ciertamente es un ejemplo de como debemos vivir nuestras vidas. Yo también recomendaría que pasara una cantidad de tiempo considerable en oración y pensamiento antes de tomar su decisión. Lo único que añadiría es que para aquellos de nosotros que con frecuencia procesan sus pensamientos visualmente, llevaría una libreta de rotafolio. Jesús está disponible para reunirse con usted y ayudarlo a tomar la mejor decisión.

“I make more money than my husband.”

she says

Jessica says: I have worked hard to get a graduate degree in my field, and I have a good job with a good salary. In fact, I make enough that we have some money for travel and some of life’s little luxuries. Instead of being happy about that, Steve seems to resent my success. We seem to argue about money all the time.

“I hate not being the breadwinner.”

he says

Steve says: I don’t resent Jessica’s success, but I admit it bothers me that she is the primary breadwinner. I grew up assuming that I would make more money than my wife. Jessica’s salary makes me feel a little like a failure. I don’t mean to snipe at her about it, but I can’t seem to get past this.

what do they do?

What is really important here is not who is the most successful based on salary, but how successful the two of you are at building up your marriage relationship. Steve is now experiencing what many women have experienced for centuries – being paid less than their spouses (sometimes for the same level of work effort and position) and feeling like second-class citizens.

We would suggest Steve count his blessings and be thankful that both of you are earning a wage. Of course, it would also help if Jessica, as a primary breadwinner, does not treat Steve as a bread-loser! In marriage, there is no room for one spouse to be “the primary” and the other spouse to be “secondary” for anything. Marriage is about two individuals becoming one, lifting each other up and helping your spouse become the greatest person he or she can become. There is no room in a marriage for jealousy, envy or pride. Neither is there room within a marriage for competition between the spouses.

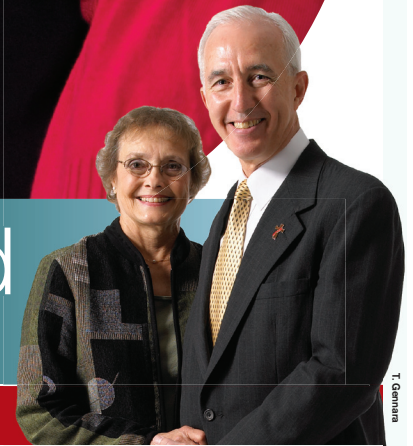
From our experience, we can almost assure Steve and Jessica that, without some third-party assistance, they will find it difficult to get beyond this issue – primarily because Steve doesn’t seem to know how to “get past” the idea that Jessica makes more money than he does. This is not just Steve’s problem, even though he may be the one who is exhibiting the behavior. It is Steve and Jessica’s mutual problem.

Too often in marriage, we believe the person who is most vocal or who is exhibiting the unacceptable behavior is the one

who needs the help, but this is far from being true in a marriage. If one spouse has a problem concerning or involving the other spouse, then, like it or not, both spouses have the problem. It will take both spouses working together to find an acceptable solution that is life-giving for both, not life-depleting. Prior to seeking professional assistance, Steve and Jessica can begin the process by discussing the “why” of the issue. Such as, why does Steve believe he should be making more money than Jessica, and why is the amount of money being made a source of arguments? They may also wish to begin reviewing how money was handled within their own families of origin. It’s likely that in Steve’s family, it was his father. Going back a generation, it was probably his grandfather as well. This may give Jessica a glimpse into why Steve may be feeling the way he does; it is a matter of family tradition and how a family unit should operate. To change a family tradition takes a lot of love, understanding, time and commitment from both spouses to weather the ridicule and suspicion that family of origin members may impose. Jessica could offer Steve assurance that in no way does it make Steve any less of a success to this relationship. Steve and Jessica should remember the two of them are a team and this argument has to end! It is not life-giving and does not show unconditional love, which Jesus has called us to give. Steve and Jessica should take this to prayer, asking the Holy Spirit for the strength and guidance to overcome this obstacle in their relationship. ☺

He said | She said what do they do?

>> **Deacon Tom Fogle and JoAnne Fogle**
help prepare couples for marriage.



Él dice | Ella dice

¿qué hacen?

» El Diácono Tom Fogle y JoAnne Fogle ayudan a las parejas a prepararse para el matrimonio.

“Gano más dinero que mi esposo.”

ella dice

Jessica dice: He trabajado fuerte para conseguir un posgrado en mi industria y tengo un buen empleo con un buen salario. De hecho, gano lo suficiente como para tener algo de dinero para viajar y darnos algunos pequeños lujos de la vida. En lugar de alegrarse por eso, Steve pareciera resentir mi éxito. Pareciera que discutimos por dinero todo el tiempo.

“Odio no ser el que traiga el dinero a la casa.”

él dice

Steve dice: No resiento el éxito de Jessica, pero admito que me moleste que sea la que traiga más dinero a la casa. Crecí con la idea de que yo ganaría más dinero que mi esposa. El salario que Jessica gana me hace sentir como un fracaso. No es mi intención atacarla por eso pero pareciera que no lo puedo superar.

¿qué hacen?

Lo que es realmente importante aquí no es quién es más exitoso basado en su salario, sino qué tan exitosos los dos pueden ser en construir su relación matrimonial. Steve está experimentando ahora lo que muchas mujeres han experimentado por siglos: el recibir menos paga que sus cónyuges (a veces por el mismo nivel de esfuerzo y posición laboral) y sentirse como ciudadanos de segunda clase.

Sugerimos que Steve sea agradecido por sus bendiciones porque ambos están devengando un salario. Por supuesto, también ayudaría si Jessica, como la que gana más dinero, no tratara a Steve como un perdedor! En el matrimonio no hay lugar para que uno de los esposos sea “el primario” y el otro “secundario” para nada. El matrimonio se trata de dos individuos que se convierten en uno, dándose ánimo el uno al otro y ayudando a su cónyuge a convertirse en la mejor persona que él o ella puede ser. No hay lugar en un matrimonio para los celos, envidia ni orgullo. Tampoco hay espacio en un matrimonio para la competencia entre los esposos.

Según nuestra experiencia, casi podemos asegurarles a Steve y Jessica que, sin la ayuda de una tercera persona, se les hará difícil sobrepasar este problema, primordialmente porque Steve no pareciera saber como “puede superar” la idea de que Jessica gana más dinero que él. Ese no es sólo el problema de Steve, aunque él pudiera ser el que exhibe el comportamiento. Es un problema mutuo entre Steve y Jessica.

Con mucha frecuencia en el matrimonio creemos que la persona que más habla o que exhibe un comportamiento inaceptable es la que necesita la ayuda, pero esto no pudiera estar más lejos de la verdad en un

matrimonio. Si uno de los esposos tiene un problema que concierne o implica al otro, entonces, les guste o no, ambos esposos tienen el problema. Hará falta que los dos esposos trabajen juntos para encontrar una solución aceptable que les dé vida a los dos y no que le reste a sus vidas. Antes de buscar ayuda profesional, Steve y Jessica pueden comenzar el proceso si discuten el “porqué” del problema. Por ejemplo, ¿por qué Steve cree que él debe ganar más dinero que Jessica, y por qué es la cantidad de dinero que están ganando una fuente de argumentos? También es recomendable que comiencen a analizar cómo se administraba el dinero en sus propias familias de origen. Es probable que en la familia de Steve fuera el padre. Al considerar una generación anterior, probablemente su abuelo también. Esto pudiera darle a Jessica un vistazo sobre el porqué Steve pudiera sentirse como se siente; es una cuestión de tradición familiar y sobre cómo una familia debe operar. Cambiar una tradición familiar requiere mucho amor, comprensión, tiempo y compromiso por parte de ambos esposos para sobrepasar la humillación y sospecha que los familiares de las familias de origen pudieran imponer. Jessica pudiera ofrecerle a Steve la seguridad de que de ninguna manera esto hace que Steve sea menos exitoso en esta relación. ¡Steve y Jessica deben recordar que los dos son un equipo y que este argumento no puede ser! No da vida y no muestra amor incondicional, el cual Jesús nos ha llamado a dar. Steve y Jessica deben rezar sobre esto y pedirle al Espíritu Santo que les dé la fuerza y guía para sobreponerse a este obstáculo en su relación. ⊕



Will evangelize for food

>> By Michelle Sessions DiFranco | Photography by Philip Shippert

culture

Have you ever considered how dining together can break down walls? The meal, as a social endeavor, can transcend whatever differences divide us and can help relax our guards. Important business meetings often take place over lunch. Nervous couples meet for a first date at a nice restaurant. When you want to break the ice with a new neighbor, you invite them to dinner. Even Jesus knew he could win souls and open hearts by dining with sinners and tax collectors. Yes, Jesus used food in a very important way: to evangelize.

Tandoori chicken

8-10 **chicken thighs or breasts**, skin removed
 1 cup **plain yogurt**
 1 **medium onion**, finely chopped
 3-4 cloves of **garlic**, minced
 1-2 tablespoons **vegetable oil**
 Juice of ½ **lemon**
 ¼ stick **butter**, melted (for basting)
 1 tablespoon **paprika**
 2 teaspoons **cumin**
 1 teaspoon **coriander**
 1 teaspoon **chili powder**
 1-2 teaspoons **salt**
 1 teaspoon **garam masala**
 1 teaspoon **ginger**
 1 teaspoon **turmeric**
 ¼ teaspoon **cayenne pepper**

>> For the marinade: Blend the yogurt, onion, garlic, oil, lemon juice and dry spices. Set aside. Cut 2-3 one-inch slits in each piece of chicken and place in large airtight container. Pour marinade over chicken and mix so all pieces are coated. Cover and store in fridge for 4-6 hours.

Remove chicken from marinade and cook one of the following ways: On a grill for 8-10 minutes (or until cooked through) on each side basting very lightly with melted butter, or place on a baking sheet and cook in a 425 degree oven for 35-40 minutes. Serve with Basmati rice.

Channa masala

Two 15-ounce cans **chickpeas**, rinsed and drained
 2 **medium onions**, finely chopped
 4-6 cloves of **garlic**, minced
 3-4 tablespoons **butter**
 2 tablespoons **tomato paste**
 Juice of ¼ **lemon**
 1 cup **chicken broth**
 2 cups **water**
 2 teaspoons **cumin**
 1 teaspoon **paprika**
 1 teaspoon **coriander**
 1 teaspoon **salt** (or to taste)
 ½ teaspoon **garam masala**
 ½ teaspoon **chili powder**
 ½ teaspoon **turmeric**
 ½ teaspoon **ginger**

pinch of **cayenne pepper**
 4-6 **whole cloves**

>> Blend all dry spices and set aside. In a large saucepan, combine chickpeas, water, chicken broth and tomato paste and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to simmer. In a medium sauté pan with butter, cook the onions on medium heat for 6-7 minutes. Add garlic and cook for an additional minute. Add lemon juice and dry spice mixture and stir until combined and fragrant. Add the onion, garlic and spice mixture to the chickpea mixture and stir until combined. Continue to simmer (uncovered) for 45 to 50 minutes or until thickened (stirring occasionally). Remove cloves and serve over Basmati rice.



My husband and I were all over the idea of exchanging good eats with our new neighbors down the block. We met them and their young son on a walk one day and totally hit it off. Not only was I imagining play dates in the park and occasional walks with our children, I was salivating at the thought of maybe having dinner with them. Specifically, at their house. They happen to be from India. And I love Indian cuisine. Well, “love” isn’t a strong enough word. When it comes to the aromatic and savory flavors of the Asian subcontinent, it’s more like “passion.” Indian food is my favorite.

So, with enough hinting, it was arranged. The seven-course spread they prepared exceeded our wildest dreams. Exotic spices and unique ingredients opened our senses to completely new sensations. We shared food, compliments, stories and laughter. But that wasn’t all. We shared culture and, yes, faith.

My husband enjoys foreign cultures and loves to converse about theology. His innate curiosity about their Hindu faith was welcomed, and we each learned something about our respective beliefs. Now, we had no specific intention of converting souls for Christ at that moment. But there is nothing wrong with letting others see how happy and affirmed we are in our faith. And that night, they were visibly moved by our convictions.

Since then, they have raised additional questions about our faith and culture, and I like to believe that some walls were eroded during that first dinner. Perhaps a gentle and respectful curiosity was born in a way that might help lead some very good people to the Lord who loves them so much.

So what was it about food in particular that helped bring us together? For me, it is more than the enjoyment of tastes and textures. It is about sharing the flavors of cultures, history and community. On the evenings I make Indian at home, I think of our friends down the street. The fragrant aroma of distinct spices reminds me of our friendship. It also makes me salivate. If you want to try for yourself, a couple of tasty recipes follow. Enjoy them with friends! ☺

tandoori chicken and channa masala

Pollo tandoori

8-10 caderas o pechugas de pollo sin piel
1 taza de yogur simple
1 cebolla mediana, picada en trocitos pequeños
3-4 dientes de ajo, en trocitos pequeños
1-2 cucharadas de aceite vegetal
Jugo de ½ limón
¼ barra de mantequilla, derretida (para untar mientras se cocina)

1 cucharada de paprika
2 cucharaditas de comino
1 cucharadita de achiote
1 cucharadita de polvo de chili
1 a 2 cucharaditas de sal
1 cucharadita de garam masala
1 cucharadita de gengibre
cucharadita de cúrcuma
¼ cucharadita de pimienta cayenne

>> Para marinar: Mezcle el yogur, cebolla, ajo, aceite, jugo de limón y especias secas. Deje a un lado. Corte de 2 a 3 incisiones en cada presa de pollo y colóquelas en un recipiente al vacío. Vierta la mezcla para marinar sobre el pollo y mezcle para cubrir todas las presas. Cubra y almacene en el refrigerador de 4 a 6 horas.

Saque el pollo de la mezcla para marinar y cocine usando uno de los siguientes métodos: En una parrilla durante 8 a 10 minutos (o hasta que se cocine completamente) por cada lado untando levemente la mantequilla derretida o coloque en una hoja de hornear y cocine en el horno a 425 grados durante 35 a 40 minutos. Sirva con arroz Basmati.



Channa masala

Dos latas de 15 onzas de garbanzos enjuagados y colados
2 cebollas medianas, picadas en trocitos pequeños
4-6 dientes de ajo picados en trocitos
3 a 4 cucharadas de mantequilla
2 cucharadas de pasta de tomate
Jugo de ¼ de limón
1 taza de caldo de pollo
2 tazas de agua

2 cucharaditas de comino
1 cucharadita de paprika
1 cucharadita de achiote
1 cucharadita de sal (o al gusto)
½ cucharadita de garam masala
½ cucharadita de polvo de chili
½ cucharadita de cúrcuma
½ cucharadita de gengibre
pizca de pimienta cayenne
4 a 6 clavos enteros

Mezcle todas las especias secas y deje a un lado. En una cacerola grande combine los garbanzos, agua, caldo de pollo y pasta de tomate y hierva. Cocine a fuego lento. En una sartén mediana con mantequilla sofria las cebollas a fuego mediano durante 6 a 7 minutos. Añada el ajo y cocine por un minuto más. Añada el jugo de limón y mezcla de especias secas y agite hasta que se mezclen y emitan su fragancia. Añada la mezcla de cebolla, ajo y especias a la mezcla de garbanzos y agite hasta que se mezcle. Continúe sofrriendo (sin tapar) durante 45 a 50 minutos o hasta que espese (agitando ocasionalmente). Saque los clavos y sirva sobre arroz Basmati.



THE DIOCESE

In gratitude to the men wh

*L*a Fe begins its coverage of the 10th anniversary of the Diocese of Laredo by highlighting a group of special men who serve an important part in our lives – the priests of our community. I encourage you to pause, pray and give thanks for all our fathers. Our priests teach us, feed us, console us and shepherd us. Among the many duties of a priest, the members of our clergy look after the daily spiritual needs of the faithful of our diocese by celebrating Mass, witnessing marriages, hearing confessions, performing funeral rites and baptizing babies as well as adults.

They are the ones that are there in our time of joy and of need.

As the spiritual leader of this Catholic community, I have witnessed the many good deeds and the edifying growth of spirituality our priests have fostered among our people.

I sincerely appreciate the contributions my brother priests make on a daily basis.

Our priests also need to be aware of your care, support and appreciation.

Join me in giving thanks to God for all these wonderful and dedicated servants of the Lord.

By Bishop James A. Tamayo



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La revista *La Fe* comienza su cobertura del 10º aniversario de la Diócesis de Laredo, destacando un grupo de hombres especiales que sirven a una parte importante en nuestras vidas—los sacerdotes de nuestra comunidad. Yo los animo a hacer una pausa, orar y dar gracias por todos nuestros padres.

Nuestros sacerdotes nos enseñan, nos alimentan, nos consuelan y nos pastorean.

Entre las numerosas obligaciones de un sacerdote, los miembros de nuestro clero cuidan de las necesidades espirituales diarias de los fieles de nuestra diócesis con la celebración de la Santa Misa, atestiguando los matrimonios, escuchando confesiones, realizando ritos funerarios y bautizando a bebés y adultos.

Ellos son en quienes podemos contar en nuestros tiempos de alegría y de necesidad.

Como líder espiritual de esta comunidad católica, he sido testigo de muchas buenas obras y del crecimiento edificante de espiritualidad que nuestros sacerdotes han fomentado en nuestro pueblo.

Agradezco sinceramente las contribuciones que mis hermanos sacerdotes hacen día con día.

Nuestros sacerdotes también están conscientes del cuidado, apoyo y reconocimiento que la comunidad les brinda.

Les suplico que se unan a mí para dar gracias a Dios por todos estos siervos maravillosos y dedicados al Señor.

*“You are a priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.”*

HEBREWS 7:17



*“Tú eres sacerdote
para siempre a semejanza de
Melquisedec.”*

CARTA A LOS HEBREOS 7:17

Most Rev. James A. Tamayo, D.D.

PARISH/MINISTRY: First bishop of the Diocese of Laredo
DATE OF ORDINATION: Priesthood: June 11, 1976
 Ordination as bishop: March 10, 1993
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Memorare
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni,” which means teacher.*
 John 20:16
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Theresa of Lisieux
HOBBIES: Visiting friends



Rev. Francisco J. Aceves Aguilar, OFM

PARISH/MINISTRY: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Hebbbronville – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: June 29, 2000
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: The Rosary
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *“El que no ama no ha conocido a Dios, pues Dios es Amor.”* 1 Juan 4:8
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Francis Xavier
HOBBIES: Music, guitar and travel



Rev. Jose Luis Balderas

PARISH/MINISTRY: Christ the King Church and San Carlos Mission, Laredo – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: Aug. 15, 1968
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Holy Rosary/Blessed Virgin Mary
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: St. Paul
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Jude
HOBBIES: Music, drawing, reading and carpentry



Rev. Iden J. Bello M.

PARISH/MINISTRY: Vocations Director/Vice Chancellor
DATE OF ORDINATION: April 9, 2005
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Liturgy of the Hours and Rosary
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”* John 6: 67-68
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Ignatius of Antioch
HOBBIES: Play guitar, read, gym and movies



Rev. Alirio Corrales

PARISH/MINISTRY: Santa Margarita de Escocia, Laredo – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: May 21, 1978
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Ofrecimiento a la Virgen
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Yavé entró y se paró, y llamó como las otras veces: “Samuel, Samuel.”*
ESTE RESPONDIÓ: *“Habla, Yavé, que tu siervo escucha.”* 1 Samuel 3:10
PATRON SAINT(S): San Judas Tadeo
HOBBIES: Soccer and volleyball



Rev. Noel Davis

PARISH/MINISTRY: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Encinal – Pastor
 Ministries: jail ministry and desert missions
DATE OF ORDINATION: June 17, 1962
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Eucharistic adoration and the Holy Rosary
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* John 3:16
PATRON SAINT(S): San Martin de Porres and Santo Niño de Atoche
HOBBIES: Golf and sports



Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Davis

PARISH/MINISTRY: Hospital ministry, jail ministry and desert missions
DATE OF ORDINATION: June 9, 1968
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Eucharistic Adoration and Divine Mercy devotion
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Thérèse of Lisieux
HOBBIES: Racquetball and gardening



Rev. William Davis

PARISH/MINISTRY: San Francisco Javier Church, Laredo – Pastor
 DATE OF ORDINATION: June 1, 1957
 FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Memorare
 FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *El ladrón sólo viene a robar, matar y destruir, mientras que yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en plenitud.* Juan 10:10 y Juan 6
 PATRON SAINT(S): San Lazaro and Santa Magdalena
 HOBBIES: Gardening and carpentry



Rev. Michael de Leon

PARISH/MINISTRY: Divine Mercy Church, Laredo – Pastor
 DATE OF ORDINATION: Jan. 14, 1995
 FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Sacred Heart of Jesus
 FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.* 2 Timothy 4:7
 PATRON SAINT(S): St. Benedict
 HOBBIES: Cooking



Rev. Santiago Domingo

PARISH/MINISTRY: Santo Niño Church, Laredo – Administrator
 DATE OF ORDINATION: July 15, 1965
 FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Prayer of St. Francis
 FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *¡Así amó Dios al mundo! Le dio al Hijo Unico, para que quien cree en él no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna.*
Dios no envió al Hijo al mundo para condenar al mundo, sino para que se salve el mundo gracias a él. John 3:16-17
 HOBBIES: Soccer and reading



Rev. James C. Erving, OMI

PARISH/MINISTRY: Our Lady of Refuge Church, Eagle Pass – Parochial Vicar
 DATE OF ORDINATION: May 27, 2000
 FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Holy Rosary, the Office and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope.*
When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the LORD, and I will change your lot; I will gather you together from all the nations and all the places to which I have banished you, says the LORD, and bring you back to the place from which I have exiled you. Jeremiah 29:11-15
 PATRON SAINT(S): St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, St. Joseph, St. Longinus and St. Eugene de Mazenod
 HOBBIES: Cooking, painting, hunting & sports



Rev. Agustín Escalante

PARISH/MINISTRY: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Zapata – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: April 9, 1988
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Prayer of St. Francis
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”*
He then said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”
He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” (Jesus) said to him, “Feed my sheep.” John 21:15-17
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Augustine and St. Francis of Assisi
HOBBIES: Arts, crafts, sports, making rosaries and religious items



Rev. Mario Hugo Flores

PARISH/MINISTRY: Sagrado Corazon de Jesus Mission, Peñitas West – Administrator
DATE OF ORDINATION: December 15, 2002
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Santo Rosario y celebrar Misa
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: 1º Carta a los Corintios, 13
PATRON SAINT(S): San Francisco y Santo Cura de Ars
HOBBIES: Jugar golf, hacer ejercicio y leer.



Rev. J. Alfredo Gaytan, SOLT

PARISH/MINISTRY: St. Frances Cabrini Church, Laredo – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: Jan. 2, 1982
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: The Holy Rosary and Our Lady Rosa Mystica
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *For God so loved the world that he gave 7 his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* John 3:16
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Frances Cabrini and St. Benedict
HOBBIES: Travel, art and music



Rev. Janusz Glabinski

PARISH/MINISTRY: Santa Rita de Casia Church and Santa Monica Mission, Rio Bravo and El Cenizo – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: May 25, 1986
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION : The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: New Testament
PATRON SAINT(S): St. John
HOBBIES: Fixing, driving and riding cars and motorcycles



Rev. Toribio “Toby” Guerrero

PARISH: St. Peter the Apostle Church – Pastor and spiritual director for Cursillos de Cristiandad

DATE ORDINATION: June 14, 1996

FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: The Prayer of Jabez, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosa Mística

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Jabez prayed to the God of Israel: “Oh, that you may truly bless me and extend my boundaries! Help me and make me free of misfortune, without pain!” And God granted his prayer.* 1 Chronicles 4:10

PATRON SAINT: Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo and Santo Toribio Romo

HOBBIES: Eating flower seeds



Rev. Jose Maria Guevara

PARISH/MINISTRY: St. Jude Church, Laredo – Pastor

DATE OF ORDINATION: Aug. 22, 1968

Favorite Prayer/Devotion: Memorare and Prayer of St. Jude

Favorite Scripture: *“Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”* Matthew 28:18-20 and Psalm 50

Patron Saint(s): St. Jude and St. John Bosco

Hobbies: Photography and travel



Rev. Richard Hall, OMI

PARISH/MINISTRY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Laredo – Pastor

DATE OF ORDINATION: June 12, 1983

FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: St. Anthony

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! My very self you knew; my bones were not hidden from you, When I was being made in secret, fashioned as in the depths of the earth. Your eyes foresaw my actions; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.* Psalm 139:13-16

PATRON SAINT(S): St. Anthony and St. Michael

HOBBIES: Travel, fitness and movies



Rev. Msgr. James E. Harris

PARISH/MINISTRY: St. John Neumann Church, Laredo – Parochial Vicar. Chaplain to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart; Prison Ministry; Hospital Ministry; Pastoral Institute; Spiritual Director to the Christian Family Movement & Ethics Review Board at Texas A&M International University.

DATE OF ORDINATION: December 28, 1985

FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: The Eucharist

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: Psalm 63

PATRON SAINT(S): St. James of Jerusalem

HOBBIES: Philology & Genealogy



Rev. Francisco Hernandez

PARISH/MINISTRY: San Agustín Cathedral, Laredo – Administrator
DATE OF ORDINATION: November 23, 1990
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass, Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Jude
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.* Luke 15:23-24
PATRON SAINT(S): Señor de Tlaxacala
HOBBIES: Walking, Music & Travel



Rev. P. Nolasco Hinojosa, Jr.

PARISH/MINISTRY: Holy Family Catholic Church - Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: Jan. 27, 1996
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: The Holy Rosary/the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. (And) be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.* Ephesians 4: 29-32
PATRON SAINT(S): San Pedro Nolasco and St. Peter the Apostle
HOBBIES: Reading, listening to easy listening music, watching sci-fi movies/TV series and spending time with my family



Rev. Tomás L. Juarez, SDB

PARISH/MINISTRY: San Luis Rey – Parochial Vicar/Youth Ministry
DATE OF ORDINATION: Dec. 22, 1966
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: The Eucharist
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you, I give men in return for you and peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; from the east I will bring back your descendants, from the west I will gather you.* Isaiah 43:4-5A
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Thomas the Apostle and St. John Bosco
HOBBIES: Piano, jogging and reading



Rev. Wojciech Kosowicz

PARISH/MINISTRY: St. Patrick Church, Laredo – Administrator
DATE OF ORDINATION: May 27, 1965
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: The Holy Rosary
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: The Book of Gospels
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Wojciech, first martyr of Poland
HOBBIES: Sports



Rev. Jerzy Krzywda

PARISH/MINISTRY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Carrizo Springs
–Administrator

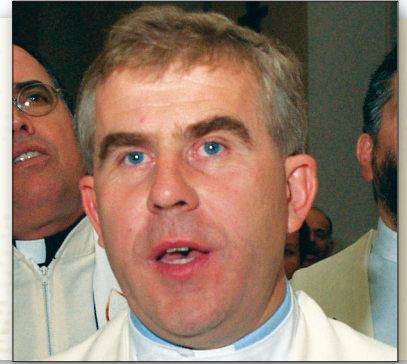
DATE OF ORDINATION: June 4, 1989

FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Oraciones por los difuntos

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Y oí la voz del Señor que decía: ¿A quién enviaré, y quién irá por nosotros? Y respondí: Aquí me tienes, mándame a mí.* Isaías 6:8

PATRON SAINT(S): San Jorge, San Marco y San Pablo

HOBBIES: Muchos



Rev. Richard Kulwiec, OMI

PARISH/MINISTRY: St. Joseph Church, Eagle Pass – Pastor

ORDINATION DATE: Sept. 12, 1981

FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Holy Rosary

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* John 3:16

PATRON SAINT(S): St. Peter and St. Paul

HOBBIES: Sports



Rev. Francisco Leon, OSA

PARISH/MINISTRY: Holy Redeemer Church, Laredo – Pastor

DATE OF ORDINATION: June 2, 1978

FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Novena de la Confianza al Divino Niño Jesus

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *“y ahora no vivo yo, es Cristo quien vive en mí. Lo que vivo en mi carne, lo vivo con la fe: ahí tengo al Hijo de Dios que me amó y se entregó por mí.* Galatas 2:20

PATRON SAINT(S): St. Augustine of Hippo

HOBBIES: Walking



Rev. James A. Loiacono, OMI

PARISH/MINISTRY: Our Lady of Refuge Church, Eagle Pass, Our Lady of Lourdes, Seco Mines & Our Lady of Guadalupe, Quemado – Pastor

DATE OF ORDINATION: May 19, 1979

FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Daily Eucharist, Holy Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Miraculous Medal Novena

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.”* John 2:5

PATRON SAINT(S): St. Eugene de Mazenod, St. Thomas Aquinas & Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

HOBBIES: Reading philosophy, theology, spirituality and science (physics). Also, music, art, hiking & biking.



Rev. Leonel Martinez, OSA

PARISH/MINISTRY: St. Vincent de Paul Church, Laredo – Parochial Vicar

DATE OF ORDINATION: April 20, 1974

FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Virgin Mary

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: The Book of Gospels

PATRON SAINT(S): San Agustín, Santa Rita de Casia, St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua

HOBBIES: Reading and gardening



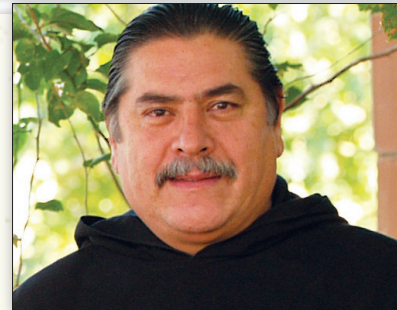
Rev. Oscar Martinez

PARISH/MINISTRY: San Agustin Cathedral – Parochial Vicar
 DATE OF ORDINATION: Dec. 20, 1997
 FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Sacred Heart of Jesus
 FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: Biblical exegesis
 PATRON SAINT(S): St. Oscar, Bishop of France
 HOBBIES: Walking and running



Rev. Pastor Martinez, OSA

PARISH/MINISTRY: St. Vincent de Paul Church, Laredo – Pastor
 DATE OF ORDINATION: June 2, 1978
 FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Our Father
 FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: The Book of Genesis
 PATRON SAINT(S): Santa Rita de Casia
 HOBBIES: Sports



Rev. R. Anthony Mendoza

PARISH/MINISTRY: St. Joseph Church, La Pryor and St. Patrick Church, Batesville – Pastor; director of the Office of Respect Life and chairman of the Priests' Spirituality Committee.
 DATE OF ORDINATION: June 5, 1999
 FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: The Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.* Romans 12:1-2
 *Also, Luke 15, John 15, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 and Ephesians 5:21-32
 PATRON SAINT: St. Joseph, St. Anthony and St. Martin de Porres
 HOBBIES: Bicycling, kayaking, swimming and gardening



Rev. John Jesus Moloney, CSJ

PARISH/MINISTRY: Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Laredo – Prior of the community. Chaplain, St. Augustine High School.
 DATE OF ORDINATION: June 1, 1995
 FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Prayer of St. Francis
 FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.* Matthew 15: 21-28
 PATRON SAINT(S): St. John the Disciple
 HOBBIES: Running, soccer, guitar and siestas.



Rev. David Muñoz

PARISH/MINISTRY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Laredo – Parochial Vicar
DATE OF ORDINATION: May 22, 2010
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Sacred Heart of Jesus
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”* 1 Samuel 3:10
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Christopher
HOBBIES: Reading



Rev. Juan Francisco Muñoz, SDB

PARISH: San Luis Rey Church – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: April 29, 1973
FAVORITE DEVOTION: Liturgy of the Hours
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Sirvan al Señor con alegría.* Sal 100 (99):2
PATRON SAINT: St. John the Baptist
HOBBIES: Reading, sports and travel



Rev. Jacinto Olguin

PARISH/MINISTRY: St. Patrick Church, Laredo – Parochial Vicar
DATE OF ORDINATION: June 9, 1974
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Liturgy of The Hours and the Holy Rosary
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: The Book of Gospels
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Jacinto
HOBBIES: Sports, crossword puzzles and reading



Rev. Miguel Ortiz Uribe

PARISH/MINISTRY: San Agustín Cathedral – Parochial Vicar
ORDINATION DATE: July 6, 1987
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Jesus Sacramentado – Alma de Cristo
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Todo lo puedo en aquel que me fortalece.* Filipenses 4:13
PATRON SAINT(S): Santa Teresita
HOBBIES: Gardening and sports



Rev. Salvador Pedroza

PARISH/MINISTRY: Immaculate Conception Church, Asherton – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: July 11, 1981
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Prayer of St. Francis
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where (I) am going you know the way.”* Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:1-6
Patron Saint(s): St. Toribio Romo
Hobbies: Walking and reading (especially theology)



Rev. Wojciech Przystasz

PARISH/MINISTRY: Blessed Sacrament Church – Administrator
DATE OF ORDINATION: May 31, 1998
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Rosary, Lectio Divina / Divine Mercy
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”* Philippians 4:4-6
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Wojciech (Adalbert) † 997; bishop, martyr
HOBBIES: History of Poland, listening to classical music



Rev. Daniel Ramirez-Portugal

PARISH/MINISTRY: Pastor of St. John Neumann, family life minister, board member representing Region X, (Oklahoma and Texas) of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers
DATE OF ORDINATION: Jan. 19, 1991
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Serenity Prayer
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”* John 11:27
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Peter, St Paul, Mary Magdalene and her sister Martha
HOBBIES: Working with my hands, stone sculpture, ceramics, needlework, reading & good movies.



Rev. Msgr. Alejandro Salazar

PARISH/MINISTRY: San Martin de Porres Church, Laredo – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: Jan. 19, 1991
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Mass
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one.* 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 and Luke 24:13-32
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Teresa of Avila and St. Augustine
HOBBIES: Golf, raquetball, mountain biking, cooking, sports and movies.



Rev. Michael Therese Scheerger, CSJ

PARISH/MINISTRY: Congregation of St. John – head of Catholic Campus Ministry, the Newman Club
DATE OF ORDINATION: Aug. 25, 2007
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father’s side, has revealed him.* John 1:18
PATRON SAINT(S): St. John, St. Michael and St. Therese
HOBBIES: Canoeing, camping, extreme sports, wilderness activities



Rev. Gerardo Silos

PARISH/MINISTRY: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Zapata – Parochial Vicar
DATE OF ORDINATION: Aug. 9, 2008
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Prayer of St. Francis
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Llegó a Nazaret, donde se había criado, y el sábado fue a la sinagoga, como era su costumbre. Se puso de pie para hacer la lectura, y le pasaron el libro del profeta Isaías. Jesús desenrolló el libro y encontró el pasaje donde estaba escrito: El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí. El me ha ungido para llevar buenas nuevas a los pobres, para anunciar la libertad a los cautivos, y a los ciegos que pronto van a ver, para despedir libres a los oprimidos.* Lucas 4:16-18
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney, Curé of Ars
HOBBIES: Swimming, running and reading



Rev. Msgr. Stanley A. Sliwiak

PARISH/MINISTRY: Vicar General for the Diocese of Laredo.
 Blessed Sacrament Parish, Laredo – Pastor Emeritus.
DATE OF ORDINATION: June 24, 1960
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Our Father, *Memorare*, the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: Passages about the family, parts of Book of Tobit, call of the first disciples and many others
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Stanley Kostka
HOBBIES: Reading, golfing, outdoor activities and visiting people, especially those who are ill



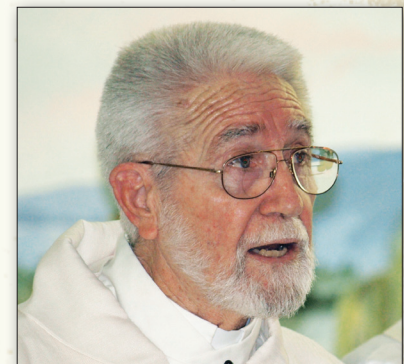
Rev. Francisco Stodola

PARISH/MINISTRY: Sacred Heart Church, Cotulla – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: Jan. 21, 1989
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Hail Holy Queen
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.* Psalm 118:22
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Francis of Assisi
HOBBIES: Preparing for death



Rev. Edward Vrazel, OMI

PARISH/MINISTRY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Laredo – Parochial Vicar
DATE OF ORDINATION: June 1, 1958
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”*
 Matthew 11:28-30
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Joseph and St. Patrick
HOBBIES: Carpentry, hunting and fishing



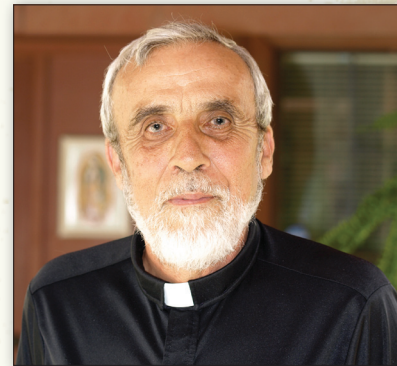
Rev. Leszek J. Waclawik

NAME OF PRIEST: Rev. Leszek J. Waclawik
PARISH/MINISTRY: St. Joseph Church, Laredo—Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: June 24, 1984
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Novena de la Confianza al Sagrado Corazon de Jesus.
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 6:68*
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Joseph
HOBBIES: Traveling



Rev. Paul Wilhelm, OMI

PARISH/MINISTRY: Sacred Heart Church, Eagle Pass – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: Sept. 7, 1968
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Oracion con Alegria y Fiesta)
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" Matthew. 5:13-14*
PATRON SAINT(S): St. Paul
HOBBIES: Hiking in the wilderness



Rev. Jan Ziemniak

PARISH/MINISTRY: Nuestra Señora del Rosario Church, Laredo – Pastor
DATE OF ORDINATION: June 8, 1980
FAVORITE PRAYER/DEVOTION: El Vía Crucis
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *Todo lo puedo en aquel que me fortalece. Filipenses 4:13*
PATRON SAINT(S): St. John the Baptist
HOBBIES: Music



Rev. Alessandro DiTaddeo

PARISH/MINISTRY: Retired diocesan priest. Retired from the U.S. Military
ORDINATION DATE: February 24, 1954



Rev. Josef Glabinski

PARISH/MINISTRY: Sacred Heart Church, Crystal City – Administrator
ORDAINED DATE: June 4, 1989



Family Rosary has named two students from Laredo as winners in the 2010 U.S. "Try Prayer! It Works!" contest, a national competition that encourages students to express their faith through art, poetry and prose.

The winning students – Juan Jose Bondoc III of St. Peter's Memorial School, who won first place in the Kindergarten Division, and Aaron Matthew Aranda of Mary Help of Christians School, who was named the third-place winner in the Grade 3 Division – were selected from more than 4,000 entries and more than 40,000 participants in the 15th annual contest.

Each year, children and teens from Catholic schools, parishes and other Catholic organizations utilize their creative skills to illustrate a different faith-based theme. This year, the theme was *The Family That Prays Together Stays Together™*. Students from kindergarten through 12th grade creatively depicted, in various art forms, how their families are united by daily prayer and faith.

For his award-winning entry, Juan Jose drew a colorful picture of his family praying and a large rosary. The 6-year-old lives in Laredo with his brother and parents. Juan enjoys playing T-ball, riding bikes and visiting his grandmother. His favorite subject in school is art.

For his entry, Aaron submitted an inspiring poem entitled "Prayer rocks!" The 9-year-old lives in Laredo with his parents and younger brother. Aaron likes to play basketball and watch football, while his favorite subjects in school are language arts, math and science.

"The contest enables children of all ages to express creatively the importance of prayer and faith in their daily lives," said Father John Phalen, CSC, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries. "Our founder, Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, created the expression that we used as the theme this year. He lived in a small village in Ireland and his family would gather together each evening to pray the rosary. Father Peyton realized at a very early age just how important this prayer is in helping families to grow closer as they face the trials and tribulations of modern society."

In addition to the "Try Prayer! It Works!" contest in the United States, separate competitions are conducted in Mexico, East Africa, West Africa, Bangladesh, Brazil, India, Ireland, France, Chile, Haiti and the Philippines. Entries are judged on content, ability to capture and interpret the theme, artistic and technical proficiency and adherence to rules.

In the United States, up to three winners are chosen per grade: first-place winners are awarded \$100, while the sponsoring organization earns \$200 and the "Think Good Thoughts" DVD. Runners-up in grades 6-12 get the *Assumptions* and *Finding Mary* DVDs while runners-up in grades K-5 receive *The Life of Christ* DVD series from Holy Cross Family Ministries.

Family Rosary was founded in 1942 by the late Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC. The "Try Prayer! It Works!" contest derives its name from an experience in his

» St. Peter Memorial School student Juan Jose Bondoc III, winner of the national competition in the kindergarten division, poses with his principal, Dr. Linda Garcia Mitchell.



Try prayer!

life. While a seminarian, Father Peyton was stricken with severe tuberculosis. At one point, a frustrated physician said, "Try prayer! We have done all we can for you." Father Peyton prayed his rosary to the Blessed Mother and he made a miraculous recovery.

This experience – coupled with his spiritually rich family life as a youth in Ireland – inspired Father Peyton to devote his life to Mary, Mother of God, and to the spiritual well-being of the family. His famous slogan, "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together," still resonates today.

In the spirit of its founder, Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, Holy Cross Family Ministries serves Jesus Christ and His church by promoting and supporting the spiritual well-being of the family. Faithful to Mary, the Mother of God, the Family Rosary in the United States, a member ministry, encourages family prayer, especially the rosary. For more information, call **800.299.7729** or visit www.hcfm.org.

Story and Photography by Goyo López



It works!

“Rosario Familiar” ha nombrado a dos estudiantes de Laredo ganadores en el concurso Estadounidense “¡Intenta la Oración! ¡Si Funciona! del 2010. Este es un concurso nacional que anima a los estudiantes a que expresen su fe a través del arte, la poesía y la prosa.

Los estudiantes ganadores, Juan José Bondoc III de la Escuela Memorial de San Pedro, quien ganó el primer lugar en la división de pre-escolar, y Aarón Mateo Aranda de la Escuela María Auxiliadora de los Cristianos,

quien fue nombrado el ganador del tercer lugar en la división de grado 3, fueron seleccionados de entre más de 4,000 entradas y más de 40,000 participantes en el decimo-quinto concurso anual.

Cada año, los niños y adolescentes de las escuelas católicas, parroquias y otras organizaciones católicas utilizan sus habilidades creativas para ilustrar un tema diferente basada en la fe. Este año, el tema fue “La Familia Que Reza Unida, Permanece Unida”™ y estudiantes desde el kinder hasta el grado 12 creativamente representaron en varias formas de arte, como sus familias están unidas por la oración diaria y la fe.

Como su entrada de galardón, Juan José hizo un dibujo colorido de su familia rezando y un Rosario grande. El menor de 6 años de edad, vive en Laredo con su hermano y sus padres. A Juan le gusta jugar “T-ball”, andar en bicicleta y visitar a su abuela. Su materia favorita en la escuela es el arte.

Como su entrada, Aarón presentó un poema inspirador titulado “Prayer Rocks!” o “Orar es Lo Máximo!” El menor de nueve años de edad vive en Laredo con sus padres y su hermano menor. A Aarón le gusta jugar baloncesto y ver fútbol mientras sus materias favoritas en la escuela son las artes del lenguaje, matemáticas y ciencias.

“El concurso permite a los niños de todas las edades a expresar de forma creativa la importancia de la oración y la fe en su vida diaria”, dijo el Padre John Phalen, CSC, Presidente de los Ministerios de la Familia Santa Cruz. “Nuestro fundador, el Siervo de Dios Padre Patrick Peyton, CSC, creó la expresión que hemos usado como tema de este año. Vivía en un pequeño pueblo de Irlanda y su familia se reunía cada noche para rezar el Rosario. El Padre Peyton se dio cuenta a una edad muy temprana lo importante que esta oración es en ayudar a las familias a acercarse mas y para cuando se enfrenten a las pruebas y tribulaciones de la sociedad moderna. Además del concurso llamado “¡Intenta la Oración! ¡Si Funciona!” en los Estados Unidos, una competencia separada, se llevan a cabo en México, África Oriental, África Occidental, Bangladesh, Brasil, India, Irlanda, Francia, Chile, Haití y Las Filipinas. Las entradas se juzgan basándose en el contenido, la capacidad de captar e interpretar el tema, la competencia artística y técnica, y la adhesión a las normas.

En los Estados Unidos, un máximo de tres ganadores son elegidos por grado: a los ganadores del primer lugar se les otorgan \$100.00, mientras que la organización patrocinadora gana \$200.00 y un DVD titulado “Piensa Pensamientos Buenos”. A los subcampeones en los grados 6-12 se les otorgan los DVDs llamados “Asunciones” y “Buscando a María” mientras que los grados K-5 reciben “La Vida de Cristo” en DVD serie de Ministerios de la Familia Santa Cruz. “Rosario Familiar” fue fundada en 1942 por el difunto Siervo de Dios, Padre Patrick Peyton, CSC. El concurso “¡Intenta la Oración! ¡Si Funciona!” deriva su nombre de una experiencia en su vida. Cuando era seminarista, el Padre Peyton fue afectado por una tuberculosis grave. En un momento, un médico frustrado, dijo, “¡Intente la oración! Hemos hecho todo lo posible para usted. “El Padre Peyton rezaba su rosario a la Santísima Madre y así tuvo una recuperación milagrosa.

Esta experiencia - junto con su vida familiar espiritualmente rica, en su juventud en Irlanda –inspiró al Padre Peyton a dedicar su vida a María, Madre de Dios, y al bienestar espiritual de la familia. Su famoso lema, “La Familia Que Reza Unida Permanece Unida”, todavía resuena hoy.

En el espíritu de su fundador, el Siervo de Dios Padre Patrick Peyton, CSC, los Ministerios de la Familia Santa Cruz sirven a Jesucristo y su iglesia al promover y apoyar el bienestar espiritual de la familia. Fiel a María, la Madre de Dios, el “Rosario Familiar” en los Estados Unidos, un ministerio de miembros, alienta la oración en familia, en especial el Rosario. Para obtener más información, llame al **800.299.7729** o visite www.hcfm.org.

Sacrament of Confirmation

>> Bishop James A. Tamayo traveled throughout the Diocese of Laredo during the months of April, May and June for the sacrament of confirmation. More than 1,000 Catholics were confirmed in 2010. Pictured with Bishop Tamayo are students from the parishes of St. Joseph in La Pryor. To learn more about receiving any of the sacraments, please contact your pastor or the director of religious education in your parish.



>> El Obispo Jaime A. Tamayo viajó por toda la Diócesis de Laredo durante los meses de abril, mayo y junio para celebrar el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Más de mil católicos se han confirmado en el 2010. En la foto con el Obispo Tamayo se observan adultos jóvenes de las parroquias de San José en La Pryor. Para obtener más información sobre la recepción de cualquiera de los Sacramentos, por favor comuníquese con su párroco o director de educación religiosa en su parroquia.

National Flag Day

>> The Knights of Columbus organized a flag-raising ceremony at City Hall in Laredo in honor of Flag Day on June 14. A color guard of local, county, state and federal members of law enforcement participated in this patriotic event with Fourth Degree Knights raising the Stars and Stripes on the flagpole adjacent to the statue of George Washington.

>> Los Caballeros de Colón organizaron una ceremonia de izamiento de bandera en las oficinas del ayuntamiento de Laredo, Texas en honor al día de la bandera el 14 de junio. Una guardia de honor compuesta por miembros de la policía local, del condado, estatal y federal, participó en este evento patriótico con Caballeros del Cuarto Grado levantando la bandera en el asta, junto a la estatua del primer presidente de los Estados Unidos, George Washington.



(l-r) Former Faithful Navigators SK Jesus Martinez (A#1129) & SK Guadalupe Javier Medellin (A#2565) along with Faithful Navigator #2565 SK Jaime Garcia salute the United States Flag during the Star Spangled Banner.

Lamar Bruni Vergara Mass

>> A special Mass was celebrated on April 16 at San Agustín Cathedral commemorating the 21st anniversary of the death of one of Laredo's most philanthropic women – Lamar Bruni Vergara. James H. Pearl, trustee of the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust, was in attendance for this commemoration.

He was joined by representatives of the numerous beneficiaries of the trust's generosity.



LBV trustee, James H. Pearl, was in attendance for the 21st annual LBV Memorial Mass.

>> Una misa especial fue celebrada el 16 de abril en la Catedral de San Agustín para conmemorar el vigésimo primer aniversario de la muerte de una de las mujeres más filantrópicas de Laredo-Lamar Bruni Vergara. James H. Pearl, un administrador de los fondos fiduciarios de la Lamar Bruni Vergara, estuvo presente en esta conmemoración. A él, se unieron en asistencia representantes de los numerosos beneficiarios de la generosidad del fideicomiso.

STFB donation

>> The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Laredo combined their resources to present the South Texas Food Bank with a check in the amount of nearly \$2,000. Receiving the check was STFB employee Mike Kazen, along with STFB board members Annie Dodier and Jaime Arizpe.

>> Las escuelas católicas de la Diócesis de Laredo combinaron sus recursos para presentar al Banco de Comida del Sur de Texas un cheque con valor de casi \$2,000. El cheque fue recibido por el empleado del banco, Mike Kazen en conjunto con los miembros de la mesa directiva del South Texas Food Bank, Annie Dodier y Jaime Arizpe.



CDA priest appreciation

>>The different councils of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas united to sponsor and organize a priest appreciation luncheon in honor of the Year for Priests. An estimated three dozen priests attended the luncheon at La Posada Hotel & Suites. At the conclusion of the buffet-style lunch, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas presented the clergy with a small token of appreciation.



Rev. Francisco Hernandez, left, shares a laugh with Rev. Msgr. Stanley Sliwiak during the CDA luncheon.

>> Los diferentes consejos de las Hijas Católicas de las Américas se unieron para patrocinar y organizar un almuerzo de agradecimiento a los sacerdotes en honor del Año Sacerdotal. Se estima que tres docenas de sacerdotes asistieron al almuerzo en el Hotel La Posada, en la "Sala de Felipe V". Al concluir el almuerzo tipo buffet, las Hijas Católicas de las Américas presentaron al clero un pequeño regalo de agradecimiento.

CSS recognition dinner



>> Catholic Social Services of Laredo recognized Martin S. Cuellar, an immigrant from Mexico, and Odilia Cuellar, his wife of 53 years, for their life successes at the inaugural recognition dinner held on May 20 at the Laredo Country Club. The Cuellars were commended for parenting eight children, all of whom are contributing members of our community. For more information on the services provided by CSS, call **956.722.2443**.

>> El Departamento de Servicios Sociales Católicos de Laredo reconoció al señor Martin S. Cuéllar, un inmigrante de México, y Odilia Cuellar, su esposa de 53 años, por los éxitos de sus vidas en la cena de reconocimiento inaugural celebrada el 20 de mayo en el Laredo Country Club. Los Cuéllar fueron elogiados por criar ocho hijos, todos los cuales son miembros contribuyentes de nuestra comunidad. Para obtener más información sobre los servicios que ofrece el Departamento de Servicios Católicos de Laredo, llame al **956.722.2443**.

Pentecost vigil

>> Rev. Francisco Leon, OSA, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church in Laredo, organized a Pentecost vigil on May 22. The Pentecost vigil began with Mass and was followed by an evening of adoration, prayer, testimonies, the sacrament of reconciliation and the renewal of baptismal vows. The event also featured live music courtesy of Revelation IV and a talk from Father Iden Bello, director of vocations for the Diocese of Laredo, about the fruits of the Holy Spirit.



Percussionist Eric Carillo of Revelation IV plays the drums during the Pentecost vigil at Holy Redeemer Parish.

>> El Rdo. Francisco León, OSA, pastor de la Parroquia del Divino Redentor en Laredo, organizó una Vigilia de Pentecostés el 22 de mayo. La Vigilia de Pentecostés comenzó con una misa y fue seguida por una noche de adoración, oración, testimonios, el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y la renovación de los votos bautismales. El evento también contó con música en vivo cortesía de Revelación IV y una charla del Rdo. Iden Bello, director de vocaciones de la Diócesis de Laredo, acerca de los frutos del Espíritu Santo.

Day of discernment

>> An estimated 50 young men and women spent a day at Casa Guadalupe discerning their call to the priesthood and consecrated life. The director for vocations for the Diocese of Laredo, Father Iden Bello, organized the daylong retreat with the intention of fostering more local vocations. Contact Father Iden at **vocations@dioceseoflaredo.org** if you, or someone you know, is discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life.



>> Se estima que al alrededor de 50 hombres y mujeres jóvenes pasaron un día en Casa Guadalupe discerniendo la llamada al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada. El Director de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Laredo, el Rdo. Iden Bello, organizó el retiro de un día de duración con la intención de fomentar las vocaciones locales un poco más. Usted puede ponerse en contacto con el Padre Iden Bello a través del correo electrónico: **vocations@dioceseoflaredo.org** si usted, o alguien que usted conoce, esta discerniendo una llamada al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa.

Holy Hour for vocations

>> The director for vocations for the Diocese of Laredo, Father Iden Bello, organized a Holy Hour and concert to foster more local vocations. The event, which included Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, was held on May 22 at San Agustin Cathedral. Contact Father Iden at vocations@dioceseoflaredo.org if you or someone you know is discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life.



>> El Director de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Laredo, el Rdo. Iden Bello, organizó una Hora Santa y concierto para fomentar las vocaciones locales un poco más. El evento, que incluyó la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, se celebró el 22 de Mayo en la Catedral de San Agustin. Puede ponerse en contacto con el Padre Iden Bello a través del correo electrónico: vocations@dioceseoflaredo.org si usted, o alguien que usted conoce, esta discerniendo una llamada al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa.

May the month of Mary

>> Students from St. Augustine High School gathered on the front lawn on May 3 for a special prayer session and for the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each member of the student body placed roses at the Blessed Mother's feet after she was crowned with a tiara made of flowers. The ceremony included a reading and numerous songs of praise by the SAHS choir.



>> Los estudiantes de la escuela preparatoria San Agustin se reunieron en el jardin delantero el 3 de mayo para una sesión especial de oración y para la coronación de la Virgen María. Todo el cuerpo estudiantil ofreció rosas a los pies de la Santísima Virgen después de que ella fue coronada con una tiara de flores. La ceremonia incluyó una lectura y numerosas canciones de alabanza por el coro de la escuela preparatoria San Agustin.

59th National Day of Prayer

>> The 2010 National Day of Prayer was held on May 6 at Laredo's City Hall. The 2010 theme, *Prayer ... for such a time as this*, echoed throughout the outdoor, ecumenical gathering. Father Iden Bello, director of vocations and vice chancellor, represented the Diocese of Laredo. The event was co-organized by Pastor Esther R. Gallegos and Father David E. Garcia. Also participating were Jorge A. Espitia of Dunamis Ministries, Pastor Zulma Vélez of Iglesia Cristiana Misericordia, Pastor Chad McCartney of Grace Bible Church and Pastor Israel Téllez of Dunamis Ministries.



>> El Día Nacional de Oración del 2010 se celebró el 6 de mayo en las oficinas del ayuntamiento de Laredo. El tema del 2010, "La Oración... Por Un Momento Como Este", se hizo eco en todo el encuentro ecuménico al aire libre. El Rdo. Iden Bello, director de vocaciones y vicescanciller, representó a la Diócesis de Laredo. El evento fue co-organizado por la Pastora Esther R. Gallegos y el Rdo. David E. Garcia. También participaron Jorge A. Espitia de los Ministerios Dunamis, la Pastora Zulma Vélez de la Iglesia Cristiana Misericordia, el Pastor Chad McCartney de Grace Bible Church y el pastor Israel Téllez de los Ministerios Dunamis.

Pentecost fiesta

>> St. Peter the Apostle Church, located in downtown Laredo, organized a fiesta in El Cuatro Park to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. The event, open to the public, featured the live music of the charismatic group Coro Pentecostés, refreshments and hot dogs. An estimated 100 people joined Father Toribio "Toby" Guerrero for the inaugural celebration. El Cuatro Park is located in the neighborhood of the same name and is just blocks north of the Rio Grande.

>> La Parroquia de San Pedro Apóstol, ubicada en el centro histórico de Laredo, organizó una fiesta en el parque "El Cuatro" para celebrar el Domingo de Pentecostés. El evento, abierto al público, contó con la música en vivo del grupo carismático "Coro Pentecostés", refrescos y perros calientes. Se estima que 100 personas se unieron al Rdo. Toribio "Toby" Guerrero para la celebración inaugural. El parque "El Cuatro" está situado en el barrio del mismo nombre y está a sólo unas cuerdas al norte del Rio Grande.



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