

## *VOCATION NEWS*

### *Did you know ...*

- Many vocation activities occurred this past Advent season...
- Roy McLaughlin reports that the Moeller Community had six seniors over for Mass, dinner, and a period of questions and sharing with the brothers. Thank you.
- Earlier in the semester, Roy also spoke with all of the freshmen about Blessed Chaminade and our Mission and ministries. Thanks, Roy!
- Tom Pieper reports the following about the recent Live-In experience at the Kiefaber/Stonemill Community in Dayton:

*"The following UD students attended our recent Live-In:  
Seniors – Keith Anderle, Blair Strum, and Mike Schulz and Freshmen – Mark Motz, Brian O'Toole and Eric Stoiber. The students followed the community schedule the entire week and a reflection booklet was created for use during meditation times. On Monday evening, the live-ins were introduced to our prayer life and the Marianist story. During the week, the live-ins were asked to interview two members of the community and to share their interview findings with the entire community. On Thursday night the community gathered together and a discussion about our formation program was held. On Friday evening, the brothers and the live-ins all shared their vocation stories. The week long experience concluded on Saturday after Mass."*

- Thanks to the entire Kiefaber/Stonemill Community. I am grateful for your sharing of your lives with others. If you have any questions about the live-in, please contact Tom Pieper.
- Did you see Brian Halderman's letter in *America*?

- I met Dario Amortegui at the Reflection Group in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dario contacted us through Tobias Ferrer. Dario joined the group for Eucharist and dinner.
- Doug Amber from Munster, Indiana visited the Marybrook Community last weekend. Thanks to the Brothers! Doug met us through John Melloh!
- Do you know someone that might be interested in learning more about The Society of Mary? Invite him or her to Mass and maybe dinner. Invite!!
- DVDs available to borrow through the Vocation Office:
  - a) Celebrate What's Right with the World – Dewitt Jones
  - b) Called, Vowed, Committed: Belonging in a New Generation – Ronald Rolheiser, OMI
  - c) Called, Vowed, Committed: Belonging in a New Generation – Laurie Brink, OP

Let me know if you are interested.

- Does your community or ministry need anymore copies of *Alive* magazine? Let me know.
- Rudy Vela, who has been very supportive in our vocation efforts, is now writing and responsible for Pastoral Reflections in *Liturgia Cancion*.
- Welcome back, Charlie Wanda! Charlie spent the last few months on a sabbatical program in Rome. Charlie returned on Sunday night and was working in the vocation office on Monday morning! Way to go, Charlie!
- Speaking of Rome, special thanks to our Secretary General, Michael McAward. Michael has been very helpful in some very specific vocation activities. Thanks, Michael.
- Look for a package from the vocation office to arrive soon after the holidays!
- What is your community doing about vocations? If you're doing nothing, why not?
- Please send me any news about what you or your community is doing so that I may share it with the rest of the Province.

- More news about the second semester retreats in our next issue. This includes our Artists Retreat, Aspirancy Retreat and the Hispanic Retreat.
- John Samaha recently published an article about the Founder entitled “Herald of Mary, Champion of the Laity” in the October-December 2006 issue of *Vocation and Prayer*. Way to go, John!
- Copies of John Samaha’s article and the article about Mel Meyer will be included in the January 2007 vocation mailing.
- Thanks to Les Kaehler and the Brothers at the Marianist Residence for inviting me to give a presentation on vocation ministry and our men in formation. Special thanks to Richard Wosman and Ken Barrett for their technical assistance with the Power Point presentation.
- Special thanks to Bill Chewning from the Marianist Residence Community for some vocation ministry suggestions.
- Thanks to Rudy Vela and Bernie Lee for the hospitality shown to me during my stay at the Ligustrum Community.
- Thank you to the Woodlawn Community for inviting me to Eucharist and dinner during my stay in San Antonio.
- The primary reason for my recent visit to San Antonio was to attend the Contact Retreat at Tecaboca. This retreat is not for people meeting us for the first time (inquirers), but rather for members of our Contact Program. The retreat presentations were given by Ed Brink, the Director of the Center for Catholic Education at UD. The theme of the weekend was on “Ministry and Mission.” One of the many highlights of the weekend was the visit of our Superior General, Manuel Cortes, to the retreat. Father Cortes celebrated the Eucharist for us and then joined the group for dinner. Fr. Cortes’ homily was very good and touched the topics of Advent and vocations. I will send the text of the homily out after Christmas. Special Thanks to Fr. Manuel!

Those participating in the retreat included:

*Matthew Bogner – Nolan grad from Austin*

*Norman Capinpin – Marianist volunteer living in San Antonio from Hawaii*

*Christ Nieport – Marianist volunteer living in San Antonio from Dayton*

*Reynard Nivera – from Hawaii*

*Brandon Paluch – Jesuit volunteer living in LA from UD*

*Michael Schulz – senior from UD*

*Allen Pacquing – from Hawaii*

*Kip Young – from Indiana*  
*Michael Chiuri – from LA*  
*Amiee Gessler – from San Antonio*

Special thanks to the following people who helped to make the retreat a success:

*Ed Brink, Sean Downing, Richard Wosman, Mike Sullivan, Jim Wisecaver,  
Evangeline Escobar, Dennis Schmitz, Tim Dwyer, Ken Barrett, Ray Dominguez,  
Brandon Alana-Maugaotega and Tom Heinle*

Thanks to Dennis Link and the Tecaboca staff.

Thanks to Kip Stander and the Casa Maria Community for the hospitality given to our retreat guests.

Special Thanks to Sean Downing for organizing and coordinating the entire weekend. Good job, Sean!

***That is enough for 2006. Thank you all for the prayers and support you have given our vocation team. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!***

*Christ's Peace,*

*Charlie*