

Pastor's corner - October 28, 2007

Here is some general information on the organizations which are benefiting in 2007 from the parish's annual charitable donations outlined on the previous page.

1. Development and Peace which acts in the name of the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops and the Catholic Church of Canada (all of us) in order to aid local Caritas ("Charity") Organizations in the so-called Third World as well as to sensitize the Canadian public to the necessary socio-economic, political, and structural changes necessary to bring about a more equitable sharing of the earth's resources and greater social justice.
2. Eritrea: a well known aid project coordinated by the Schroeder family. This faith community has raised money over a number of years to strengthen education in several small villages.
3. The Malawi Aids Angel Project: providing agricultural aid to grandmothers in rural Malawi who because of the Aids pandemic are looking after their own grandchildren as well as other children. This allows them to grow the necessary food and the financial help to send the children to school thereby preventing that these children end up on the street or in orphanages. It supports the traditional community response to children losing their parents
4. Talitha Koum House in Vancouver is a supportive and safe residential environment for Native women who have been on the street giving them the opportunity to restart their lives.
5. Covenant House, also in Vancouver, offering a safe haven for young people on the street.
6. Anawim House in Victoria, strongly supported by many in our Saanich Peninsula Parish. This completely voluntary organization gives the opportunity to a small number of people who have been living on the street to break the cycle and to become confident self-supporting individuals.
7. Bill Mudge House: a half-way house for persons coming from correctional institutions allowing them a slow transition to a normal life in the community. Bill Mudge was a priest who worked for years in the Saanichton area with the First Nation people there. He died in 1981.
8. Nias is a small remote island on the North-west coast of Sumatra in Indonesia which was first struck by the Tsunami on December 26 2004 and then by a severe 7.9 earthquake on March 28, 2005, which destroyed most of the coastal villages and killed more than 2000 people. The tribal people on the island are almost all Christians. International aid and Indonesian government aid has been primarily directed to the Muslim area of Aceh in Northern Sumatra. When I was teaching in Indonesia from 1990-1993 I visited Nias and admired the work of the SCMM Indonesian Sisters. On my return in June 2005 I found these hard-working sisters looking after more than 180 homeless young people aged 12-19. For 3 million rupiah (about \$500) per person per year the sisters provide room and board, clothing and most importantly, education, in three centres in Gunung Situli, Teluk Dalam and Lahusa.
9. East Timor (Timor Lorosae) one of the very poorest countries in the world, which after more than 300 years as a Portuguese colony was then occupied and brutally suppressed by Indonesia for thirty years before gaining independence with the help of the United Nations. I was there in 1991 and 1992 at the request of then Bishop Belo, later Nobel Peace laureate, looking at the possibility of the Dominicans starting a major seminary. In 2005 I found the Missionary Dominican Sisters running 2 orphanages in very difficult circumstances in Bidau (Dili) and Soibada with some 120 children aged 6-18. The currency is the US dollar. Cost per child for room, board, clothing, education: US \$ 500.- a year.

Fr. Rolf, OP

Saanich Peninsula Parish



A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm

RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

PASTOR: Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P. **PARISH COORDINATOR:** Neil Lensen

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Chair, Bob Fowler, 655-3078

EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am

Daily at 9am Tuesdays, Wednesdays

& Thursdays and First Fridays

Liturgy of the Word at 9am on Mondays

EUCHARIST AT

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Brentwood Bay

Sundays at 8:30am

Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11am

Remaining Fridays at 9am in a private home

See inside bulletin

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 28, 2007

Sir 35:15-17, 20-22 / 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 / Lk 18:9-14

MISSION STATEMENT

*Let us be open
accepting individuals
sensitive to change
and willing to take
Courses untraditional,
unknown to us.
Let us live as
examples of God's love.*

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you. Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name _____

Phone# _____

Need donation envelopes? Yes _____ No _____

PARRISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS

Oct. 7th	\$5,109.75
Oct. 14th	\$3,383.60
Oct. 21st	\$4,334.25
PAD's	\$2,275.00

World Mission Sunday	\$1,530.32
Budgeted Expenses 1/52	\$5,270.00

We offer condolences to the family and pray for the repose of the soul of:

Gerard (Gerry) Goulet

COVENANT

ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Nov. 4 9:00 St. Stephen's BCP Holy Communion
10:30 St. Mary's BAS Holy Communion

IN OUR PARISH

CHURCH SECURITY

As the Parish Office is closed during the afternoons, please be reminded that all groups using St. Elizabeth's meeting rooms or building during the afternoon and evening periods are responsible to ensure the building is secure before leaving. Please, use only the lights that you need and lower the heating thermostat.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, OCT. 29TH

9:00am Liturgy of the Word
7:00pm Reflection Group

TUESDAY, OCT. 30TH

9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31ST

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong

THURSDAY, NOV. 1ST

9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm Prayer Group
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, NOV. 2ND

9:00am Liturgy of the Word (No Mass)

SATURDAY, NOV. 3RD

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, NOV. 4TH

8:30am Mass at OLO Assumption
9:45am Children's Religious Education
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

FAITH REFLECTION GROUP: OCT. 29

Monday at 7pm with Sr. Donna & Fr. Rolf.
Theme: "Halloween and Communion of Saints".

GARDENER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For the grounds at Assumption. If you can help please contact the office at 656-7433.

GENERAL

ONE DAY TOURS: OCT. 30, NOV. 1 & 6

Tour the Ismaili Jamatkhana and Centre, Burnaby. These one day excursions from Victoria will provide an opportunity to tour the centre and learn more about the religious and social life of the city's Ismaili Muslim community. Lunch and transportation from the Tsawwassen ferry terminal included. For more details and to reserve see: www.csr.s.uvic.ca or call 721-6325. See bulletin board.

SIDNEY CLASSICAL ORCHESTRA: NOV. 2

7:30pm at St. Elizabeth's. The works of Haydn, Mozart and Brown will be presented. This is the Orchestra's 15th season of concerts at St. Elizabeth's. For more details call Mark Wright at 656-7793.

SACRED HEART FALL BAZAAR: NOV. 3

9am - 2pm at Sacred Heart Church, 4040 Nelthorpe St. Attic treasures, tea room, etc.

A TIME TO REMEMBER!: NOV. 10

On Saturday, Nov. 10th at 9:30am, Bishop Richard Gagnon will offer Mass for the deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious of the Diocese at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

YOUTH CONFERENCE: NOV. 10

One day diocesan youth conference at the Church of Ascension, Parksville, Sat. Nov. 10th from 10am to 10pm. Guest speaker & musician Mark Mallett. All youth, grade 7 and up are invited to participate. Details on bulletin board.

QUEENSWOOD 2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria
www.queenswoodcentre.com

For Registration or Information call 477-3822

CARING FOR EARTH VIDEO SERIES:

OCT. 25-NOV. 15. With Judy Schachtel, 4 Thursday evenings, 7-8:30pm. \$30 for all 4.

SACRED DANCE: OCT. 29

5 Mondays, 7-9pm from Oct. 29 to Dec. 3. Old classical dance form of south India with Sidney Sparling. Fee \$100.

WRITER'S ONE-DAY RETREAT: NOV. 3

9am-4pm. Reconnecting Body, Spirit and Nature with Briony Penn. Fee \$60 incl.lunch.

POSITION AVAILABLE

A chief Executive Officer is needed at Queenswood Centre. For more details check the web site www.queenswoodcentre.com.

MESSAGES - THANK YOU

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Would like to thank everyone who made the Oktober Harvest Family Festival a huge success. Thanks to Denis Courchene, Ralph Gillis, the KofC, the catechists, and everyone who supported this great event. It was a wonderful evening of good food, fellowship and fun. A special thank you to the clean up crew - you guys are amazing. Lynn & Els.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Would like to thank everyone who supported the annual Oktoberfest. Over 220 meals were served and we hope everyone had a good time. Thanks again.

BLESSINGS ON YOUR GENEROSITY!

A Huge Thank You to each person who made the ERITREAN BENEFIT LUNCHEON such a wonderful success! Your generosity of heart and pocket raised \$8,380.47. Dennis will leave for Eritrea November 7th for one month. None of other donated funds ever goes to our travel or personal expenses. God Bless each one of you. Stephanie

SAANICH PENINSULA PARISH APPROVED CHARITABLE DONATIONS

(Refer to the back page)	2006	2007
Eritrea	\$2,200	\$2,000
Development & Peace (Emergency Relief)	\$2,200	\$2,300
Nias (Indonesia)	\$2,000	\$1,500
East Timor	\$2,500	\$2,800
Malawi Aids Angel Project	\$ 600	\$ 600
Coastal Missions (Diocesan)	\$2,000	\$2,000
Talitha Koum House, Vancouver	\$1,500	\$1,500
Covenant House, Vancouver		\$ 400
Anawim House	\$1,500	\$1,500
Bill Mudge House	\$ 500	\$ 400
Total	\$15,000	\$15,000