

Dear Fr. Rolf and Parishioners,

August 15, 2007

With so much joy we send our greetings of our Father Founder – St. Dominic. May His spirit live on in our hearts as we live in this age of crucial exchange of realities and woundedness. May Dominic intercede for us all in the order and particularly for East Timor as it struggle everyday to value the sacredness of life...promoting it in the midst of a culture that doesn't give weight to life much less to promotion of human dignity these days!

With the money that we received from you we have finished two concrete fish ponds on the farm at Natarbora. We receive the fingerlings from the Department of Agriculture. These ponds provide fish for the kids because fish is so expensive in Dili...

We also had the opportunity to pay our electric bills as it was overdue since after the outbreak last year. With the 1400 refugees in our place last year for six months, we consumed a lot of electricity that we weren't able to pay. ...

Now we will be able to feed the children with foods like eggs, milk, meat and fresh fruits because we had reduced our meals to mere rice and vegetable and fish or meat once a week in the past months. The prices of commodities in Dili is horrible so we have to consider budget for food and school needs.... It is timely that we get the chance to enroll them all this school year and provide them with school supplies without having to worry as we used to when school year opens. This is the breakdown of expenses for 6 months: your US \$ 15,000 has covered the following: 2200.- for food; 1775.- electricity bill; 2523.- for tuition fees; 1850.- for school supplies and uniforms; 800.- for transportation of 20 kids to school/one semester; 425.- for mats, blankets, pillows; 600.- for four new tires; 485.- for 2 drums of fuel; 2600.- for finishing the concrete fish ponds; 1750 for fencing at the farm...

As you requested here are some of the costs per student here in East Timor: university student 481.- per semester; private senior high school 502.- per semester; government senior high school 303.-; junior high school 216.- per semester; elementary school 160.- per semester. This includes fees, transportation, uniforms, clothing, food and shelter...

You are such a gift to us or much more than a consolation in hours of drought!!!! The amount you and your friends shared with us will make miracles and will continue doing so this school year since the sisters will have lesser worries to the cares of the kids.

We hope to hear from you and your parish. Please extend our gratitude and wishes to all. Keep up the spirit and let the "Light of the Church" continue on with his torch in our hands as we face life's joys and challenges each day.

One with you in St. Dominic, Srs. Malou, Nini, Carmel, Laura & Ina and the children in Bidau and Soibada.

I hope that the pictures I showed you last week can bring to life this letter I received from East Timor. If you wish to help, please make your cheques payable to Saanich Peninsula Parish and designate it for East Timor. Cash payments may be made in a separate envelope, also designated for East Timor.

Fr. Rolf, op

Saanich Peninsula Parish

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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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

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 25, 2007

2 Sam 5:1-3 / Col 1:12-20 / Lk 23:35-43

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 _____

PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS

Nov. 4th Collection	\$4,717.55
PAD's	\$2,325.00
Nov. 11th Collection	\$2,870.00
Nov. 18th Collection	\$3,872.55
Nov. 25th Collection	\$4,334.50
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$1,006.50
Budgeted Expenses 1/52	\$5,270.00

COVENANT

ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

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

IN OUR PARISH

BAKE SALE, FOR EAST TIMOR: DEC. 2

After the 10:30 Mass at St. Elizabeth's. Some of the most talented bakers in the Parish will help you prepare for Christmas Visitors. Buy some goodies and freeze them!

C.W.A. NEWS: DEC. 3

Dec 3rd meeting will be a pot-luck luncheon (12:00 noon) at the home of Rosemary Norgaard, 10980 Setchell Rd. 655-0110.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH at ST ELIZABETH'S: DEC. 7

You are invited to join us for one hour of ADORATION of THE BLESSED SACRAMENT after the 9am Mass on December 7th 2007.

FUDGE SALE: DEC 8/9

After all Masses on Dec. 8/9 in aid of Victoria Birthright. All proceeds go to providing help to women in crisis pregnancies.

CWL: DEC. 11

Will Continue taking memberships during the annual wind-up Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 2pm. For more information phone Maureen at 655-4234 or Jo at 656-4961.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, DEC. 3RD

9:00am Liturgy of the Word

TUESDAY, DEC. 4TH

9:00am Liturgy of the Word
11:30am Friendly Hours

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5TH

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong
7:30pm RCIA, Adult Faith Formation

THURSDAY, DEC. 6TH

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 7TH

9:00am Mass at St. Elizabeth's followed by Eucharistic Adoration

SATURDAY, DEC. 8TH

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, DEC. 9TH

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

GIFTS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

Our Christmas tree this year at St. Elizabeth's has two kinds of decorations. The envelopes are for our project of uniting the AWOR family in Victoria (William from Lebanon and his wife Mary and their 3 children from the Philippines). Please place donations in the envelopes, write your name and address and/or envelope number on them (for tax receipts) and drop them in the collection basket. For needy Peninsula children, please follow instructions on the sign on the tree. Thanks.

Fran & Clem Tisserand.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: DEC. 14
OUR RECONCILIATION SERVICE WILL BE ON DECEMBER 14, 2007 AT 7 P.M.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

to support the Poor Clare's contemplative nuns in Duncan. For sale in the foyer - 6 pack of cards \$5.50.

2007-2008 SUNDAY MISSALS

Available in the foyer at St. Elizabeth's @ \$5.00

DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?

Are you, your family or a friend in crisis, ill or dealing with a tragedy? Your Parish Prayer Group members will individually and as a group join their prayers to your during these times of need. You may leave a message in the Prayer Intention Box in the foyer of St Elizabeth's Church or phone for prayers. CALL CARMEL at 655-4464 or CATHY at 652-2365.

VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

This Ministry makes visits to Saanich Peninsula Hospital and Resthaven Lodge visits on Wednesday mornings and home visits on Thursday mornings, bringing Communion to those unable to come to the weekend Masses. If you are unable or know of someone who is unable, due to sickness or disability, to come to the weekend Eucharistic Celebration, and would like to receive Communion during one of these visits, we invite you to call Neil at 656-7433 to register your name for such a visit.

GENERAL

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: DEC. 5

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society UVic. Wednesday, Dec. 5, David Strong Building, Rm C118 at 4:30pm. Speaker: John Sandys-Wunsch, CSRS Associate Fellow. Theme: *Death and the Modern Religious Dilemma*. A 40 minute talk, followed by discussion, free, open to the public.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: DEC 7

7pm at St. Andrew's Cathedral with the St. Andrew's Cathedral Choir. A free will offering will be taken at the door for the 9-10 club which serves breakfast to those in need.

THE PENINSULA SINGERS: DEC. 7-9

Present the *Spirit of the Season* on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7th & 8th at 7:30pm and Sunday Dec. 9th at 2pm at the Mary Winspear Centre. Conductor: Glenda Korella and special Young Artist Flautist Chelsea Fern, Accompanist Matthew Poon on piano. Tickets: Adults \$18, Children \$10 available at the Mary Winspear.

YOUTH DANCE: DEC. 15

The first Christmas Island Youth Dance will be held at Christ the King Parish, 1599 Tunner Drive, Courtenay, on Saturday, Dec. 15th following the 5pm Mass. Come about 4pm, bring a sleeping bag, billets will be arranged. Special guest band Jove. Cost \$10 includes pizza and pop. Contact Michelle and Phil at 250-339-5495 to register.

ANAWIM HOUSE

Would like to thank you for your generosity over the years. We will be doing our clothing drive again and we are asking for the following clothing items: new or nearly new jeans, sweat pants, sweaters, t-shirts, sport socks, runners, men's underwear, etc. We will be placing a box in the back of the church that you can place the items for us to pick up. Again, thank you for your continued support and may God bless you all. If you have any questions feel free to contact one of the staff at Anawim at 382-0283.

TEN-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

where you will explore Thomas Merton's life and thought with Merton scholars Donald Grayston, Michael Higgins and Judith Hardcastle. Cost: \$2,495 Cdn (based on double occupancy); and \$2,820 Cdn (single). For more information or to reserve your space, please contact Judith Hardcastle, Program Director, @ 604-669-2546 or judithhardcastle@telus.net.