

Welcome to *the catholic community of st. paul*

November 25, 2007 - Feast of Christ the King



Question of the Week

As you think about Jesus on the cross, having compassion on the "good thief", what lesson do you draw from it for our own life?

Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers sneered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not of the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

St. Paul's Gift Shop
365-6804

Open: Tuesday-Friday
9:30am-3:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am-1:00pm
Closed: Monday

St Paul's Thrift Shop
787-3388

NEW HOURS
Open: Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm
Closed: Sunday & Monday



Sunday on *cctn*

2:00-3:00pm Sunday Mass
3:00-3:30pm Octava Dies
3:30-4:00pm Christopher Closeup
4:00-4:30pm The Field Afar: Brazil

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| WTGL | Channel 45 |
| Comcast | Channel 17 |
| Direct/Dish TV | Channel 45 |
| BrightHouse | Channel 19 |

WLBE-790AM Radio—5:00pm

INTERNET Continuous TV & Radio
programming on the internet.

www.cctn.org
www.ccstpaul.com

Masses

Daily: 8:30am Monday- Friday (Rosary after Mass)
Saturday Vigil: 4pm (also 5:30pm from Advent to Passion Sunday)
La Misa en Español: 7pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am, & 12:30pm
Confessions: Saturday 2:30-3:30pm (also by appointment)

the catholic community of st. paul
1330 Sunshine Avenue, Leesburg, FL 34748
352-787-6354 FAX:352-787-5971 Web:www.ccstpaul.com

Priests of the Parish

Very Rev. John C. Giel, V.F., Pastor

Rev. Kent Walker, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Gianni Agostinelli, Hispanic Ministry

Deacons: Michael McGinnity, Sam Damiano, George Leonhardt

Parish Staff

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Linda Clark, Business Administratorext. 234
Teresa Bradley, Bookkeeperext. 232
Patricia Cable, Executive Secretary.....ext. 229
Jeffrey Shaw, Music Directorext. 223
Stephanie Everson, Music Ministry Assistantext. 223
Janice Roy, Children's Religious Ed.ext. 238
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Maintenance Staff: Randy Lee, Bob Bross, Art Kinsey, Jim Kertz

To Our Visitors...Welcome!

Registration forms are in the vestibule & parish office.

Baptisms Please contact Janice Roy in Children's Religious Ed Department.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday at 9:00am
Children ages 5-10 leave the assembly and return at the Presentation of Gifts.

Parish School Religion (PSR) Formation for children ages pre-K through 5th grade is held Sunday mornings from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Family Enrichment Center. Children must be registered to attend.

Confirmation is a two-year program beginning with 8th grade, and includes those students from St. Paul's School. **Confirmation catechesis will be administered through our Youth Ministry Program.** Contact Kevin Pinto, Youth Director for further information.

Preparation for Reconciliation/Eucharist The preparation for these Sacraments is immediate and intentional and is in addition to the religious formation received in Catholic School or the parish Religious Education Program.

RCIA is the process of inquiring about the Catholic faith. For more information, please contact Deanna Saxton in the Adult Religious Ed Department.

Weddings Please contact one of the Priests for this sacrament.

ST. PAUL'S GIFT SHOP

On Sale Now!!

Get your Advent calendars, candles, wreaths and prayer books—25% off!!



Fr. Kent's Book Club

Check next week's bulletin for the next selection for Fr. Kent's Book Club

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 25

8:00am Coffee & Donuts / *HFR*
9:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word / *212 FEC*
10:00am Religious Ed (PSR) Classes / *211-224 FEC*
10:00am Breaking Open the Word / *216-218 FEC*
10:30am Oneight Confirmation Session / *YAC*
12:00pm Catechist Meeting / *216/218 FEC*

Monday, November 26

6:00pm Tinninnabula Bell Rehearsal / *224 FEC*
6:00pm Hispanic Religious Ed / *216-218, 215-217, 219 FEC*
6:30pm Clown Ministry—Mid Social Hall
7:15pm Bronze Bell Rehearsal / *224 FEC*

Tuesday, November 27

5:30pm English as Second Language / *215-217, 219, 220, 223, nursery FEC*
7:00pm Prayer Meeting Growth Session / *Mid & North SH*
7:00pm AIDS Concert

Wednesday, November 28

9:30am Rosary Makers / *215 FEC*
5:30pm Parish Finance Meeting - Conference Room
6:00pm Cub Scouts Pack Meeting / *North SH*
7:00pm The Edge / *YAC*
7:00pm Rehearsal Combined Choir
7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous / *215-217 FEC*

Thursday, November 29

9:30am CCW Executive Board Meeting / *215-217*
9:30am Cantor Rehearsal / *FEC 224*
12:15pm School Cantor Rehearsal
2:00pm Bereavement Meeting / *MTS Office*
5:30pm English as Second Language / *215-217, 219, 220, 223, nursery FEC*
7:00pm Sacramental Preparation on Forgiveness & Reconciliation / *216/218*
7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study / *North SH*
7:00pm PTO Meeting
7:00pm "Reality of AIDS" Panel Discussion / *HFR*

Friday, November 30

7:00pm World AIDS Day Prayer Service / *HFR*

Saturday, December 1

2:30pm Confessions / *CH*
2:30pm Rehearsal 4PM Choir / *224 FEC*
5:30pm Life Teen Night / *YAC*

Sunday, December 2

8:00am Coffee & Donuts / *HFR*

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| <i>CH</i> Church | <i>A</i> Administration Bldg |
| <i>SH</i> Social Hall | <i>NSH</i> North Social Hall |
| <i>MTS</i> Ministry to Sick | <i>SSH</i> South Social Hall |
| <i>CS</i> Community Service | <i>SP</i> Sports Pavilion |
| <i>SPS</i> St Paul's School | <i>YAC</i> Youth Activity Center |
| <i>HFR</i> Holy Family Room | <i>FEC</i> Family Enrichment Center |

*Flowers have been placed in the Church
By Carolyn Macias
In Memory of
Rosa Macias*



If you would like to place flowers in the church in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone or an event, please contact the parish office.

November 2007 Thrift Shop Specials

29th—all housewares 1/2 off

**Volunteers are needed for the Fall due to
extended hours**

Tuesday-Saturday

**Volunteer also needed to assist with
merchandise pick-ups on Wednesday.**

**Please contact Rick or David
at the Thrift Shop(352) 787-3388
We pick up furniture & appliances.
Call for a scheduled pick-up**



The Knights of Columbus will again conduct a Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, December 7th from 6:30 PM—7:30 PM. All parishioners are encouraged to join us in this first week of Advent.

Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets are back and will be sold throughout Advent by the Knights of Columbus. Watch for our Sunday sales tables.

Intentions



Beverly Antoff, Jenna Archer, Cindy Arias, Franklin Atherton, Frank Aviles, Kathleen Baar, Gena Barney, Joshua Bell, Bob Black, Virginia Bouhall, Garrett Burton, Madeline Campbell, Patrick Caroleo, Pat Chambers, Betty Chesney, Joseph Christ, Angela Colaiano, Mike Conflitti, Kay Connolly, Billy Conners, Marcy Cooper, Len Copus, Daniel Dechat, Rene Desmaris, Josephine Digaetano, Mary Dillinger, Dorothy Ennis, Chuck Fetzer, Sawyer Fink, Joanne Fiolette, Ken Frazier, Michael Wagner Fly, Joan Geiger, Joshua Geiger, Pat Gendreau, Janet Giel, Mike Gogolewski, Bruce Gore, Carlie Gray, Marie Hall, Shirley Hall, Kathy Hart, Jerry Higdon, Carmen Hippolyte, Elbert Houston, Maureen Huot, Danette Horton, Melanie Howell, Mary Ellen Jaeger, Dorothy Keller, David Ketner, Nancy Kertz, Clifford Kilpatrick, Colleen Kilpatrick, Brian Kinsey & Family, Greg Kinsey & Family, Phyllis Kish, Ken Kline, Elizabeth Knapp, Tyler Koehn, Bob Koss, Katie Krize, Ron Krupa, Kody Krupperbacker, Thomas LaBatt, Steven Lally, June Lane, Loretta Larimer, Lisa Lee, Savannah Lee, Robert Lennerth, Donna Leone, Irene Lewis, John Liboratore, Helen Lichtfuss, Hope Maddox, José Marrero, Ed May, Joan McGowan, Marian Meldrum, Hugh Moran, Bernard & Mary Moses, Hilda Navarro, Jewell Nefores, Jo Oliver, Tom Padden, Gilbert Padilla, Pampo family, Joseph Paulk, Margaret Peers, Jean Piekutowski, Karen Plankey, Eileen Plivka, Liz Pybas, Richard Rehm, Kenneth Riley, Robert & Florence Riley, Anita Rocheleau, Kevin Rodenski, Lenny Ruckman, Asya Saporito, W.F. Shanks, Thomas Shoemaker, Dorothy Smith, Gene Smith, Carl Spica, Jessica Sponsler, Rita Stephens, Bernice Taillieu, Edward Ural, Mary Watt, Zack Patrick Weber, Bob Zwissler.

Ministry to The Sick



St. Paul's ever-growing community has an everlasting demand for more Sacramental Ministers to the Sick. These Lay Ministers visit, comfort, and bring Prayer and the Sacrament of Holy Communion to our parishioners who are in the hospital, nursing homes, or home-bound due to advanced age or illness. This special ministry has its roots in antiquity and has always been one of the Church's most important functions. It would cause Our Lord to say, "What you have done to the least of my brethren you have done to me." Should you feel the Lord is urging you to learn more about this ministry, call 728-5652.



Closed Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are every Wednesday Night at 7:30 pm in rooms 215 of the Family Enrichment Center. All are welcome who feel they have a problem with alcohol and have a desire to stop drinking. For further information, please call Tom P. at 728-1104

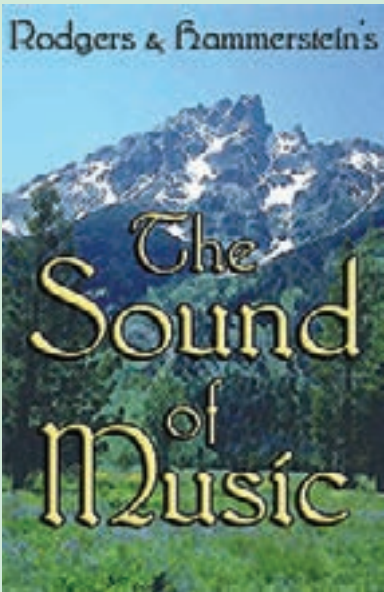
THANK YOU! The national and diocesan offices of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) wish to extend their thanks to our parishioners who generously contributed to the CCHD Collection. Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers living below the poverty line and for community groups working to make long-term change. Visit www.usccb.org/cchd to learn more and to see how your support is making a real difference.

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MUCHAS GRACIAS! Las oficinas nacionales y diocesanas de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD, por sus siglas en inglés) desean exender su agradecimiento a nuestros feligreses que contribuyeron generosamente a la Colecta de la CCHD. Los exhortamos a seguir orando por nuestros hermanos y por los grupos comunales que trabajan por suscitar un cambio de largo plazo. Visiten www.usccb.org/cchd para conocer mas y ver cómo su apoyo constituye un verdadero aporte.

Religious Education Notes:

No Sunday morning Pre-K through Grade 5 classes on December 2nd. All children registered in these grade levels and their families are required to attend the All In The Family session in the Social Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring a pot luck dish to share. Regular classes will resume on December 9th.



**December 1, 2007
Melon Patch
Playhouse
311 N. 13th St.
Leesburg, FL**

**2:00 PM Matinee
Tickets: \$15 each**

**Sponsored by
St. Paul's CCW
To Benefit
St. Paul's School
& other Charities**

**Tickets available
Parish Office
Or call Maria Whitaker
250-3167**



1st Collection \$
2nd Collection— Campaign for Human Development \$
Children's..... \$
Next Week:

Our Capital Campaign

To enlarge the **CHURCH** by 400 seats and add:

- 2 more reconciliation rooms
 - a new larger priest sacristy
 - a large working sacristy
 - a room for the children's liturgy of the word group
 - a choir room to practice and library
 - a robing room for choir members
 - more restrooms and handicap restrooms
- enlarge the CCTN studios

To enlarge the **SCHOOL** and add:

- an all purpose room for assemblies and displays
- a cafeteria and new kitchen
- a new science lab
- a new media/library center
- a new computer lab
- storage and elevator
- a fine arts center

ST. PAUL'S BEREAVEMENT

**For those bereaving a loved one, every
Thursday (except holidays) at 2:00 P.M. in
the Ministry to the Sick Office located next to
the Gift Shop.**

**Diocese trained bereavement counselor on
hand.**

WE ARE THERE FOR YOU

Rosary Makers Needed



Once you have learned to make Rosaries you will find it enjoyable and rewarding. It is something useful you can do while watching TV. Please consider helping spread devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Rosary. If interested, come to our Wednesday morning meetings at 9:30am in room 215. Call Judy Severance at 315-4180 for more information.

Intentions for the Month of November

The Pastoral Council asks that all parishioners pray for the following intentions:

November 25th

- ◇ Educating others on the AIDS Awareness Week
- ◇ For success of the Musical Program being held on November 27th
- ◇ For National AIDS awareness work
- ◇ For Fr. John for patience as he guides our parish

Join Fr. John Giel on his Annual Tour

May 30—June 14, 2008

to Scandinavia & Russia (brochure available in office)



**ROOMS WILL
NOT BE SAVED
MUCH LONGER!!**



**BOOK
NOW!!!**

Cruise 14 Nights on the Celebrity Cruise Constellation

Ports of Call: Harwich –UK, Oslo –Norway, Copenhagen –Denmark, Berlin (Warnemunde)-Germany, Tallinn-Estonia, St. Petersburg-Russia (2 Days), Helsinki-Finland, Stockholm-Sweden (2 Days), Harwich-UK

Prices Per Person:

Inside Staterooms starting at \$4,234.00
Ocean View Staterooms starting at \$4,644.00
Deluxe Ocean View w/Veranda Staterooms starting at \$5,314.00
Celebrity Concierge w/Veranda Staterooms starting at \$5,641.00

**PRICES WILL BE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE
SOON AS TIME IS
GROWING SHORT!!
BOOK NOW!!!**

Price includes:

Roundtrip Air to/from Orlando to London. Transfers to/from airport & cruise ship, 14 Nights aboard the Constellation, onboard gratuities, all air/cruise taxes, port charges and government fees.

Price does not include:

Shore excursions, onboard personal expenses, transport to/from Orlando Airport.

Space is very limited. Prices subject to availability at time of booking. A credit card deposit of \$450.00 per person is due at time of booking. Final payment is due: March 1, 2008

Optional: Additional Post cruise nights available in London on individual basis.

For more cruise information and reservations please contact:

DEBBIE BRIMS—TRAVEL PROFESSIONAL

Phone: (352) 357-8800 Email: Debbie@BrimsTravelProfessional.com

Choir Notes

St. Paul' choirs are beginning musical preparations for Christmas and all are invited to take part in the beautiful "music of the season" as permanent or auxiliary choir members. Featured celebrations include a festive Christmas Eve concert prelude to Mass and video taping of a Christmas special to be broadcast on CCTN. No special musical background is needed, only a love of singing. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Family Enrichment Center, room 216/218.

There is always an ongoing need for singers (& ringers) in all areas of our music program: Resurrection Choir, 4:00pm Mass Choir, 9:00am Mass Choir, 11:00am Mass choir, and Handbell choirs.



Let's Go!
It's Time for
ALL IN THE FAMILY

Come join your fellow parishioners on Sunday, December 2nd in the Social Hall from 1:30pm – 3:30pm for a **Pot Luck Dinner**. We will experience the rich meaning of the scriptural symbols of the 4 weeks of Advent - Pray, Laugh, Share and Learn about Advent! Every family that attends will make and take home their Advent Wreath.

The Theme for December is:
“Symbols of Advent”

Everyone will be there, young and old alike, so don't miss out.

The Confirmation Candidates will be present.

The Little Children will put a smile on your face and you will have a great time. **GUARANTEED!!!** Bring any of the following: casserole, pastas, tossed and fruit salads, vegetables, meat dishes, fried chicken, desserts, breads and butter.

To help us be prepared, please tell us how many will be coming from your family.

| Family Name | Number Attending | Telephone Number |
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Please drop in collection basket or bring to the Parish Office.



High School Youth Ministry(Grades 9-12)

LIFE NIGHTS

What's a LIFE Night?..

We have skits, games, music, food, awesome talks, and you get to learn more about Jesus, His Church, your faith, the Sacraments, and more! It's a ton of fun! Come check it out!

Where and When?

LIFE Nights are on Saturday nights in the Youth Activity Center at 5PM following the 4PM vigil Mass.

Nov 24th – NO LIFE NIGHT... Hope you all have a very happy Thanksgiving!

Dec 1st – READ INTO IT.. LECTIO DIVINA STYLE!!! You say, "How can I pray with the Scriptures?" I say, "How about tryin a little Lectio Divina!.." You say, "Lectio what? Hey, is that Latin?" I say, "yup! Grab a seat and let's get to talking!!" Come on out for some Lectio Divina!

FAIR TRADE CAFÉ!

Who's this for?

All High School youth! This is going to be AWESOME! Bring all your friends! You really don't want to miss this!... Keep reading to see why.

What's this?

Café Highlights:

- **Steve Angrisano LIVE IN CONCERT!** (one of the WORLD's most dynamic and effective communicators with Christian youth!! A singer, songwriter, and storyteller, Steve has preformed at World Youth Day, and mceed at Steubenville conferences)
- Fresh-brewed coffee, chocolate and crafts for sale, all fair trade!
- Skits, demonstrations, & performances by high school youth!
- FREE and "sort of authentic" Guatemalan farmer's dinner – eat in solidarity!
- Cool raffle prizes!

Continuous entertainment in a coffeehouse atmosphere!

When and Where?

Saturday, December 8, 2007 at Prince of Peace Parish, Ormond Beach, Florida. We will travel by car, mini van, or bus.

What do I need?

You need to fill out our Field Trip Permission and Release of Liability for Catholic Community of St. Paul Form pronto! You can pick this up at Life Nights or come by the Youth Activity Center (call ahead 787-6354). The deadline to turn this in is Saturday, Dec 1st at the Life Night at 5pm!



9th grade Confirmation Preparation Program

Oneight meets Sundays, 6PM, at the Youth Activity Center.

Nov 25th – NO ONEIGHT. Have a happy thanksgiving!

Dec 2nd – All In The Family! 1:30PM at the Social Hall.

Candidates, All In The Family will take the place of our normal Sunday evening sessions. You'll need to be there! Your family and sponsor are also encouraged to come! It'll be a great time to be All In The Family!



Middle School Youth Ministry(6-8)

Confirmation preparation is a two year process starting in 8th grade. **8TH GRADERS WANTING TO BE CONFIRMED IN THE 9TH GRADE MUST COME TO THE EDGE!**

EDGE NIGHTS

What are EDGE Nights?

The EDGE Night is cool because it gives Middle Schoolers the Word of God in a way Middle Schoolers can understand it. It's a lot of fun... Come check it out and bring your friends!

Where and When?

EDGE Nights occur every Wednesday, 7PM, at the Youth Activity Center.

Nov 28th – GAME NIGHT!!

Dec 5th – PUT DOWNS!!

Help Bring our Youth Closer to Jesus by VOLUNTEERING! You can be a CORE MEMBER too!! Contact Kevin Pinto, Youth Director, kpinto04@yahoo.com, 352-78

November 24 - December 2, 2007

In recognition of

WORLD AIDS DAY 2007

An Ecumenical Gathering:

To Remember, To Educate, To Pray

In cooperation with the *Names Project Foundation*
the **AIDS QUILT** will be in Leesburg for viewing, throughout the week.

Saturdays: 12-7 PM

Sundays: 8-1:30 PM

Monday, Wednesday: 9-5 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9-8 PM

A Musical Concert to help benefit Local HIV/AIDS Organizations.

“An Evening of Hope”

Tuesday, November 27th; 7 PM

Starring: Actress “Kaye Stevens” & Fr. Kent Walker with Stephanie Everson, Jeff Shaw &
Brandon Weltz
Freewill offering.

Panel Discussion on the **“Reality of AIDS”**

Thursday, November 29th; 7 PM

Panel members include: A member of the Ryan White Foundation, Medical and Religious professionals.

HIV Testing by the Lake County Health Dept.

Friday, November 30th; 9-11:30 AM 1-3 PM

WORLD AIDS DAY VIGIL

Ecumenical Prayer Service

Friday, November 30th; 7 PM

At the Family Enrichment Center of *the catholic community of st. paul*
(ACROSS FROM PALM PLAZA) 1330 SUNSHINE AVENUE, LEESBURG, FLORIDA
For more information call 352-787-6354

Parishioner in Need

This faith community attempts in numerous ways to take care of the less fortunate. We work behind the scenes in many cases to aid and assist those most needy, not drawing attention to ourselves. We do this both locally and globally.

It has come to our attention that a disabled parishioner in our parish is in need of funds to pay for a special van equipped to serve her handicap. Although, almost one-half of the van is paid for, for they are no longer able to pay the \$900.00 per month payments.

After conferring with Fr. John, it was decided we would bring it to our parishioners, who in the past have been so generous with the special needs of our community. We have placed a box in the narthex of the church for donations to assist our sister-in-Christ. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

“If one of your kinsmen in any community is in need, in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor close our hand to him in his need. Instead, you shall open your hand to him and freely lend him enough to meet his need.”



The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly breakfast on Sunday, December 2nd, from 8am to 11am. The menu is: eggs, sausage, grits, all you can eat pancakes, orange juice and coffee. The price is only \$4.00.

**Now serving buffet style—
no waiting!!**

St. Paul's Loan Closet

The Loan Closet is located in the Pastoral Care suite of rooms along with the Ministry to the Sick, and Catholic Charities Office. The Loan Closet provides physical aid for those who need: crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, and bath chairs, for as long as necessary, but should be returned when no longer needed. Please contact the Ministry to the Sick Office at 728-5652.



October 23, 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The year 2008 will mark the 40th anniversary of the Diocese of Orlando. To celebrate this milestone in the life of this local Church, I have asked that we observe this jubilee as a Year of Evangelization so that, as Catholics here in Central Florida, we will increase our efforts to grow in our faith and to lead others to a greater knowledge of Our Lord Jesus Christ by sharing with them the saving message of the Gospel.

To this end, special liturgical celebrations are being planned throughout the year, but the most anticipated event of this jubilee year will be the Diocese of Orlando's first ever Festival of Faith which will take place at the Orange County Convention Center South Concourse from May 8-10, 2008. This gathering will be a celebration of our 40th anniversary as well as a "convention of evangelization" or a Catholic "home show and exhibition". Some of the activities planned include beautiful liturgies, dynamic invited speakers, sacred music, youth gatherings and an expo of the parishes, people and ministries that comprise our diocese.

So that everyone can participate, Catholics and well as non-Catholics, we plan to offer all the events and activities free of charge.

To do this, of course, I need your help. I ask for your prayers, your enthusiastic participation in the events planned throughout next year and during the Festival of Faith. I am also asking you to help underwrite the costs of the Festival of Faith by generously supporting a special collection that will be taken up in our parishes on the First Sunday of Advent December 1 and 2, 2007.

As Jesus was sent to bring the good news so too are we. I thank you for your continued response to his Great Commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Bishop of Orlando



23 de octubre de 2007

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

El año 2008 marcará el 400 aniversario de la Diócesis de Orlando. Para celebrar este evento significativo en la vida de nuestra Iglesia local, he pedido que observemos este jubileo como un Año de Evangelización. De modo que, como católicos aquí en la Florida Central, aumentaremos nuestros esfuerzos para crecer en nuestra fe y dirigir a otros hacia un mayor conocimiento de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, compartiendo con ellos el mensaje salvador del Evangelio.

Con este fin, se están planificando celebraciones litúrgicas especiales durante todo el año, pero el evento más esperado de este año del jubileo será el primer Festival de la Fe de la Diócesis de Orlando, que tendrá lugar en el Orlando Convention Center / Centro de Convenciones de Orlando, del 8 al 10 de Mayo, 2008. Esta reunión será una celebración de nuestro 400 aniversario, así como una "convención de evangelización" o una "exhibición". Algunas de las actividades planeadas incluyen liturgias, oradores invitados dinámicos, música sagrada, reuniones de jóvenes y una exposición de las parroquias, las personas y los ministerios que componen nuestra Diócesis.

Con el propósito de que todos puedan participar, tanto católicos como no-católicos, ofreceremos todos los eventos y todas las actividades libres de costo.

Por supuesto, para poder hacer esto, necesito su ayuda. Les pido sus oraciones, su participación entusiasta en los eventos planificados durante todo el año próximo y durante el Festival de la Fe. También les pido que nos ayuden a financiar los costos del Festival de la Fe, mediante su generoso apoyo a una colecta especial que se efectuará en nuestras parroquias el Primer Domingo de Adviento — el 1 y 2 de Diciembre, 2007.

Como Jesús fue enviado para traer la Buena Nueva, así también lo somos nosotros. Les doy las gracias por su continua respuesta a Su Gran Mandato: "Por tanto, vayan y hagan discípulos a todas las naciones..." (Mateo 28:19).

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Reverendísimo Tomás G. Wenski
Obispo de Orlando