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“YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS.....EXODUS 20:1-17”

By Deacon Ed Condon

Paul says we proclaim Christ crucified. God came to show us how to live and how to die.

Jesus is angry with the money changers in the temple. A legitimate enterprise was turned into a den of thieves.

God is angry about the deterioration in society. He has a just anger for the corruption visible to Him and to everyone. Do we need any evidence of fallen human nature?

Our economic system is built on trust and faith.

We should be angry when we see the current business situation. I believe that it began to crumble when the accounting firms used “creative accounting” to audit businesses. Two sets of books; one for the planners and a different set for the regulators.

In effect, lies were told by the trusted auditors. Banks made bad mortgages when coerced by some legislators. And the housing market collapsed. Banks collapsed because they held bad paper.

Speculators inflated oil prices and the economy began to gasp for energy. Enron had given us a warning: “PREACHING THAT PERCEPTION IS REALITY.” Perception is not reality. “TRUTH IS REALITY.” Ponzi schemes and embezzlements were discovered as cash became vital.

We must be truthful about our endeavors. Telling lies destroys the trust that is required for the well being of all citizens. Now we are experiencing the evil that men do.

Regulators don’t regulate. Legislators look for ways to milk the system for their own financial gain.

We must **look to our own consciences** to make sure that we are faithful to Jesus’ teachings.

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MARRIAGE IS A VOCATION!

TEN CHEAP DATES

Romance doesn't have to be expensive. If you're looking for a fun but low-cost (or no cost) way to celebrate your relationship, check out the ideas below. Then use them to spark your own creative ideas.

(1) Plan a picnic. If the weather is cold, spread a blanket on the living room floor. Romanticize the occasion by adding some wine, a rose, and mood music.

(2) "Tech-free" night. Turn off your cell phones, computer, the TV, and the lights. See what's left to do without electricity. Sing old songs, have a pillow fight, recount stories of how you met, plan for the future.

(3) Be a tourist. Pretend you're a tourist in your own town. Visit a museum, a scenic overlook, or a quaint neighborhood. Discover something new together!

(4) Midnight bowling. It's more than just bowling! Some places have special music, lighting and gimmicks. Even without these, it can be a lot of fun if you don't take it too seriously.

(5) Down memory lane. Look through old photos and tell each other stories of your childhood and families. If you feel really energetic, begin to put those loose photos in albums or on a disc. Your children will appreciate it one day.

(6) "Evening at the Ritz." Dress up and go to the lobby of an elegant hotel. Sit in the lounge and order a drink or snack. People watch and fantasize.

(7) Home spa. Create a home spa for the evening. Put on soothing music, light some scented candles, give each other a massage. Give your husband a pedicure or paint your wife's toenails, if you dare.

(8) Cheap gift challenge. Head to your local department store and challenge each other to come up with the most romantic gift possible. Two requirements: It can't cost more than \$20, and it must be used that night.

(9) Shall we dance? Visit the local music store and pick up the latest hot dance CD (maybe your kids can help you choose). Buy a few snacks and plan your own party later that evening.

(10) Find-My-Heart treasure hunt. Cut out some paper hearts and hide them around your home. On each heart write an endearing statement about your spouse plus a clue to the next heart. At the end enjoy a heartfelt treat together.

"Marriage however remains the usual human vocation, which is embraced by the great majority of the people of God. It is in the family where living stones are formed for that spiritual house spoken of by the Apostle Peter (cf. 1 Pet 2:5)." - Pope John Paul II
Visit www.foryourmarriage.org

Virtues of a Catholic Man

By Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

- **A Catholic man has some sense of what or whom he would die for if necessary.**
- **A Catholic man passes his faith to his children and sees to their religious education.**
- **A Catholic man informs himself about his faith, reads Scripture, select Catholic literature, and studies the Catechism of the Catholic Church.**
- **A Catholic man insures that there are sacred symbols in his household, such as, a crucifix(es), Bible, use of sacramentals such as the Advent wreath, Christmas cre`che, etc.**
- **A Catholic man leads prayer in his household at significant domestic events, such as, birth, Baptism, graduation, marriage, illness, death, and other special meals and events with use of a passage from Scripture or other Catholic sources.**
- **A Catholic man practices presence with his wife and children.**
- **A Catholic man invests himself in some project or apostolate at the parish or diocesan level.**
- **A catholic man is faithful to his wife, his children, his Church and his friends, indeed all his commitments.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OFFICERS BOARD MEETING

PLACE OUR LADY OF VICTORY
5240 W. AGATITE AVE. CHICAGO
TIME 7:30PM
Wednesday April 29th 2009

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE ST. PRISCILLA PARISH
6949 W. ADDISON ST. CHICAGO
TIME 9:00AM
Saturday May 16th 2009

SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING MEETINGS

PLACE ST. CONSTANCE PARISH/BOROWCZYK HALL
NEXT TO CHURCH ON 5800 W. AINSLIE AVE CHICAGO
TIME 7:30PM

***** NOTE DATE CHANGE *****
WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD 2009 (WALK THROUGH)

2009 CAHNS ANNUAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY

PLACE ST CONSTANCE PARISH
5843 W. STRONG ST. CHICAGO
1-773-545-8581
TIME 7PM (ARRIVE BY 6:30 FOR PROCESSION)
FRIDAY JUNE 12TH 2009

2009 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOLY NAME SOCIETIES ANNUAL CONVENTION IN BOSTON

The Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies of Boston will be hosting the 39th Annual National Holy Name Convention. The convention will be held at the Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA from Thursday, October 8 through Sunday, October 11, 2009. A link to the retreat center's website: <http://www.miramarretreat.org/>.

Send your reservations to:
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Do we do our work with honesty and integrity? Do we distort Church teachings or ignore them? We need to have faith in a lot of things. We must believe that each person is faithful to their work. Can we talk about our work to Jesus, heart to heart? At this time, let's be sure that our own house is in order.

We should hunger and thirst for righteousness. – Sister Dorothy Stang of Brazil fought for justice- The Amazon river developers were stealing land for deforestation and abused the local people. Four years ago she was shot to death while reading scripture to the perpetrators.

Pope Benedict XVI says, "Justice cannot be created with economic reforms, which are necessary, but it also requires the presence of JUST PEOPLE."

LIES GOT US INTO THIS MESS. TRUTH WILL HELP GET US OUT.

NEWS AROUND TOWN

St. Cletus

First, I'd like to thank **Frank Eder**, the president of the former HNS chapter at St. Marcelline in Schaumburg, for meeting with me and giving St. Cletus the wonderful banner his chapter used the last few years. I took it to our meeting April 1, and one of our guys took it home and had Saint Cletus sewed (may I say, *seamlessly*) *on blue cloth over the name. St. Marcelline. We will be displaying the banner on. St. Cletus Day, April 26, at a parish ministry day. Thanks to Frank and we assure him that the banner will be treasured in its new home!*

St. Cletus HNS ran its annual Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 5. with much support from parishioners. Our May 1 meeting will be at a restaurant where we celebrate Past Presidents' Day, a salute to the past presidents of HNS over the past 59 years. This summer, we may sponsor a bus to a minor league baseball game for interested parishioners.

Jim Matthews, St. Cletus HNS president

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday May 2nd, Immaculate Conception's HNS (Talcott/Chicago) will be hosting their first ever "Candlelight Bowl". This will be held at their bowling alley on their parish grounds. This was organized in response to some requests to have a spouse or girlfriend join them at these gatherings.

There is Summer recreational co-ed softball league that meets on Sunday's at 5:00pm and 6:30pm. The games are played at Horner Park (Irving Park Rd. and California Ave.) For starting date and rules go to www.sundaysoftball.com.

For information on these activities or to let us know about your fun activities give a call to our Marshal Don Johnsson at 773-267-4910.

"Each man's life touches so many other lives"

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BUY A RAFFLE TICKET!!

Our 2009 Raffle is coming. There will be an Early Bird Raffle held at our quarterly board meeting on April 29th. The Grand Prize drawing will be at our annual Mass at St. Constance Parish on 6/12/09. The prizes are as follows: Grand Prize: \$5000, 2nd Prize \$1500, 3rd Prize \$1000, 4th Prize \$500 and 5th Prize \$250. The donation for a raffle ticket is \$50 each or five for \$200. (Only 225 tickets will be sold!) You may acquire raffle tickets at all our gatherings through the annual Mass on 06/12/09. You may contact Lou Rexing at 773-447-7964 (Rexing@aol.com) to get them.

2008 C.A.H.N.S. Man of the Year Award

It's not too early to start thinking about who to nominate for the "Man of the Year" award. Consideration will be given for this award to a man who made major contributions and distinguished themselves by outstanding meritorious service to the society. You can pick up a nomination form at the upcoming planning meetings and quarterly meeting. Or contact President John Ortiz @ 708-452-3168 to have one mailed to you. The deadline to submit is mid-April. The award will be presented at the 29th Annual Spiritual Assembly at St. Constance June 12th 2009.

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