

Tuesday Morning



A group of enthusiasts from the "regular" Tuesday Morning group has met during the summer to study/pray through SIMPLICITY by Richard Rohr. "Rave reviews" have come from several folks. You're welcome to join us as we continue "Rediscovering God in our Great Story" - the subtitle of a book by D. O'Murchu called EVOLUTIONARY FAITH. The "regular" Tuesday Morning Group meets each Tuesday 10 a.m. till noon at the Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge St.

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Glen Rose Retreat 2009

The 2009 Glen Rose Retreat will be one to remember.

Small things: return of old friends; a room transformed with simple decorating touches; a nicely edited, illustrated program booklet; the wonderful talent and serendipitous accompaniment contributed by the musicians who must be named (Mike and Jan Horsch, Barbara and Mark Hokamp, Thank You!); storytellers who surprised and delighted; our celebrant and old friend Fr. Schumacher...

Soggy weather caused us to miss out on the evening Vespers Point experience, but the morning song there filled up our senses.

Now consider the presenter: We had so looked forward to meeting our presenter. We knew her music, her books. She spoke of things we have all been contemplating, so we appreciatively, easily hung on to her words and message.

Well, perhaps not always "easily" because Miriam Therese Winter, Medical Missionary Sister, introduced us to a brilliant new vocabulary for the pres-



Retreat photos by Ed Houters

ence and works of the Holy Spirit in her theme of Paradoxology, Spirituality in a Quantum Universe.

"Paradoxology is, above all, uninterrupted praise, the multifaceted energies of all God's creation—past, present, and still to come—echoing amen upon amen upon amen to all that is, just as it is, paradoxically" (pg.25). "At the core of quantum spirituality is one's consent to live the questions and leave the answers to God" (pg.162).

We hope that "M.T." enjoyed herself enough to come back to us again, because with theophany as the topic, we can never have enough time together with her. She reminded us (pg.64) "we are people of the story who need to hear one another's stories for our own to be complete. Spirituality in a quantum universe is rooted in God's story revealed in and through the universe story, in and through our planet's story, in and through our storied lives."

50th Anniversary Watch

By Ray Szempruch

Human interest stories were all the media served up 50 summers ago about the new pope.

There were his spontaneous drives to Rome's older neighborhoods where John would get out and talk with his people. The Romans loved it even if his security did not.

John became "*il papa buono*," which had layers of connota-

tion for Italians. "*Buono*," *good-hearted* and *taken to heart*, a pope as a pope ought to be.

Vatican Insiders called him "this holy old boy" if they liked him (e.g., Cardinal Montini, later Pope Paul VI).

Montini was one of many informal counselors that the astute "holy old boy" began to gather to himself privately to help him find language for his own as yet unarticulated aspirations for his Council.

Fifty years ago this summer, John XXIII began doing what he knew the Church must, namely, to face up to the problems of the contemporary world, to begin by meditating on Church not as a juridical institution but as an unfolding mystery central to the healing of the world.

(Note: Ray is much indebted to Thomas Cahill's *Pope John XXIII, A Life*.)

CALENDAR

2008-09 PIM I: Upcoming dates are Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 24 and Dec. 5.

PIM II: See page 2 for information about PIM II.

Open Window: Living in a Post-Clerical Church is set for Oct. 10. Mary E. Hunt comes with great recommendations. Kay and Pat strongly encourages all partners to attend.

Winter Solstice: Dec. 21 at the Catholic Renewal Center

Sign up for Partners II

How have you personally benefited from being part of a Vatican II Catholic Church?

How can we mutually share the great gifts that Vatican II has been to each of us?

How much do we know about the gifted Pope John XXIII and the life-blood that he gave to a church that badly needed the fresh air?

October 3, November 14, January 23 and March 6 are the dates reserved for the "meeting of great minds" regarding our commitment to the Spirit of Vatican Council II. There will be presenters both from our group and "experts" brought in at the various sessions. A book which may help us in our discussions is Thomas Cahill's POPE JOHN XXIII-- A Life. (Penguin Books is the Publisher) You might want to look it up ahead of time. Books will be available at the sessions. (Order below!!)

With your suggestions in mind regarding the planning for this year, we will keep some things the same:

Bring your lunch.

9 am - 2 pm for most meeting times.

St. Philip's in Lewisville, 1897 W. Main Street (972-436-9581) has graciously offered to host the gatherings.

Please bring your Bible and your Documents of Vatican II

We are hoping and praying that many of you will be helping **WHY CATHOLIC** to take life in your parish. To that end, we believe that coming together to share the enthusiasm that so many of us have known regarding our last Vatican Council can be advantageous in your work with your parish.

REGISTRATION FOR PARTNERS II

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Please order me a John XXIII book. _____

Please send to PARTNERS II, 2115 Crestwood, Denton TX, 76209 or notify ebhouters@aol.com

We will again ask \$10 per session

Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

- **Edwin Gerik** of Whitney as he recovers from a stroke and goes through the rehab of his left arm and leg
- **Fr. Warren Murphy** from St. Andrew/St. Bart parishes as he struggles with his eyes.
- **Fr. Carl**, also from St. Andrew, as he works through a medication complication from his MS medication
- **Merritt**, daughter-in-law of **Richard and Barbara Kazda**, for expected serious surgery
- **Roger and Pat Halverson** as they continue to face health challenges
- **Oliver**, grandson of **Diane Kruse**, and his parents as they cope with his colic and Silent Reflux condition
- **Marcia**, friend of **Monica Moen**
- **Laura Greenwood**, mother of **Bonnie Svehla**, passed away in Wisconsin.
- **Lovie Melkus's** grandson and his mom
- **Dick Schiefelbein's** father, who is in hospice care
- All of our friends and family with cancer so that they may have complete healing
- And **Ray Szempruch** asks for prayer for the courage and protection for the many unemployed, un-insured, and desperate.

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... Blessings Received ...

By **Cathy Wallace**

My son, Steven, took his jeep to have the brake pads replaced, the first week of June. After driving his jeep for several weeks, he was on his way to the doctor's office for an apt. He was close to home so he decided to stop over, before he went for his x-ray.

While he was driving his jeep jerked and swerved across the road, he continued to our house. He came in and said, "Mom, I'm lucky I'm not dead."

We went outside and he showed me the passenger rear wheel. It was leaning out like one of those cartoon cars that have been wrecked. As we looked at the wheel, we saw only one lug nut holding his tire on, the rest were gone

and the pegs that hold them on were sheared off. We went in and called the company where he had it done and they sent a wrecker out to get his jeep.

When they rolled his jeep down the driveway the tire almost came off it was wobbling so bad.

He had been on the Interstate while he was driving home from his office, going 60 or 65 miles per hour. We are so blessed that it didn't come off then. I went into the house and said, "Thank you Jesus!!"

I told him it was a good thing Mom prayed for him and to remember not to drive faster than his guardian angel could fly.

... Goodbye Eleanor ...

By **Peg Kennedy**

We will miss the wit and wisdom Eleanor so often shared on Tuesday Mornings. She like all of us in various ways drew from its 10 O'clock well of wisdom and returned her own insights.

The sharing, support and sometimes lively debate nourishes all of us and meant much to her. We used to marvel at how we saw an enlarged picture of the world, the Universe and our Church never dreamed of before we had an opportunity to see it in a new light.

Eleanor was an inquiring mind that inspired learning more and avoiding the mundane that so easily carries us forward without effort.

Best of all, she enjoyed a joke, she could understand the depth of our "ignorance" as we struggled with our of our



Eleanor

usual ways of learning from minds like O'Murchu et.al. without judging us hopeless.

For me who had no sisters, Eleanor filled a spot I didn't know was empty. In many ways, but some of our adventures in Iran (which never could have happened without Tom's being driver and navigator.) gives an example. In what seemed remote village area, stuck on a railroad track, one of those "how did this happen" moments unfolded.

Our little VW Bug awaited the inevitable rescue. In a totally empty countryside full of advice and actual assistance. They picked up the impaled insect, tenderly placed her on the other side of the track and gave instruction on returning to the main road.

Eleanor was unflappable, I somewhat less so, and we have shared many such memories in retrospect with others. To us, it confirmed the basic good in so called "ignorant peasants" and the reality of Guardian Angels!

Not a traditional tribute to a friend we miss, but a heartfelt expression how good it was she was in various ways part of our lives.

"Thanks for the Memories Eleanor, as you head into the next adventure and we await our turns!"