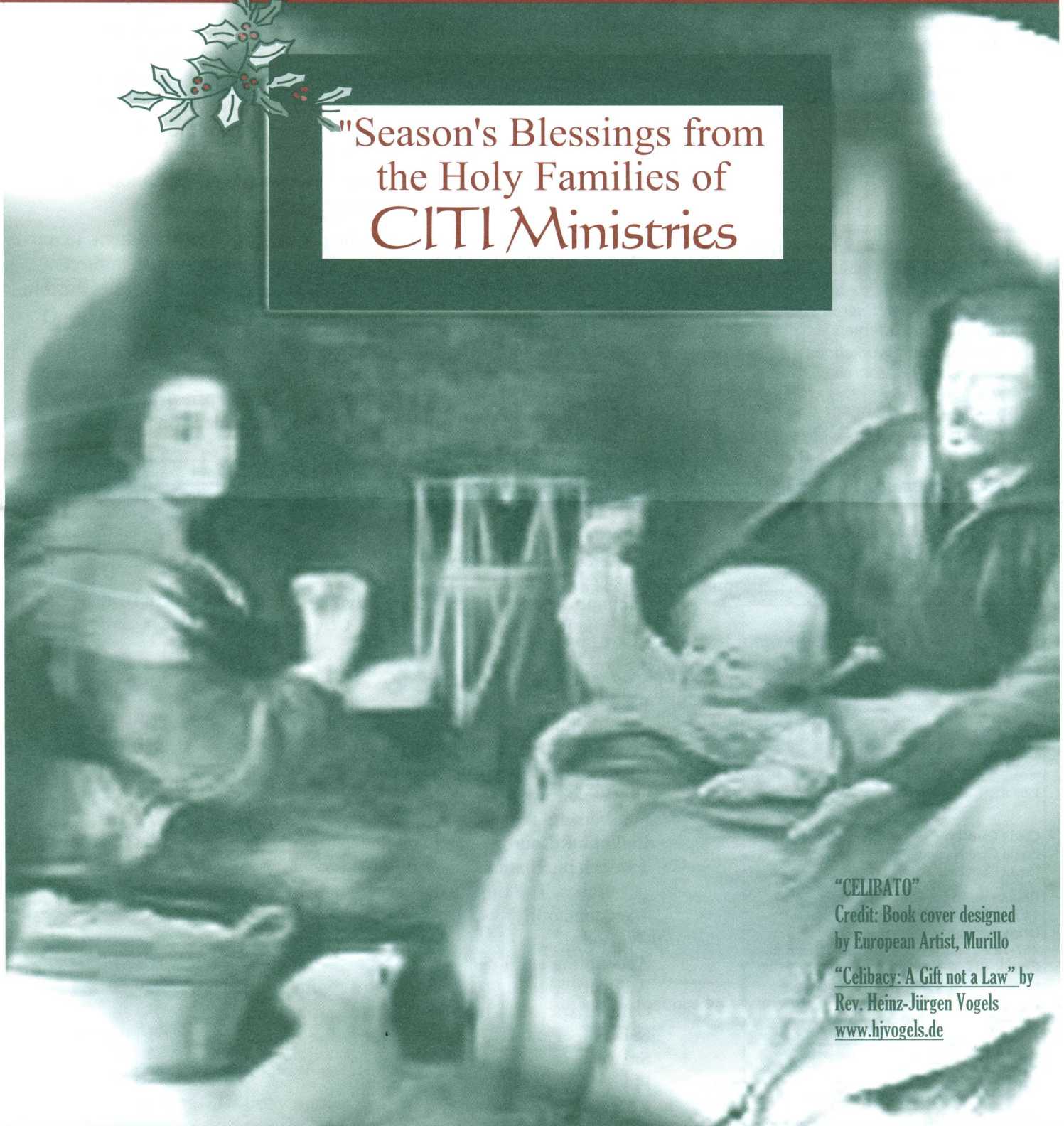


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"Season's Blessings from
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CITI MINISTRIES, INC**WHO WE ARE**

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Practice becomes custom, custom becomes law in the church. (Canon Law #27)

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Merry Christmas and a Big Thank You

As CITI moves into its sixteenth year in ministry, we want to thank all who are affiliated with us, whether as ministers of the Gospel or as support members. We are still strong because we are still needed. Our ministry is our advocacy: *by their fruits, you shall know them (Matthew 7:15-23).*

CITI works as a lay organization that invites married priests to ministry by using the Canons that apply to the "Lay Christian Faithful." Our service to more than a quarter of a million people since 1992 was recently acknowledged in Italy's **Civilita Catolica**, where Jesuit editors quoted canon law in describing "Rentapriest[®]" as an organization that serves "members of the faithful who because of an irregular situation or for the sake of convenience do not want to use the services of a regular [parish] priest." Because of these Canon Laws, it is crucial that CITI remain a lay-based organization.

Social Movements move only as fast as the people gather behind them to move. Think of how much the married priest movement would grow if 1 million mainstream Catholics were more involved in CITI. "Practice becomes custom in the church."

Become more active in CITI. What can you do? Some of you may have been on our mailing list for years; some of you have attended our Forums; some of you may be recipients of the special ministry of married priests; some of you may have been involved with other organizations. See ideas on page 12.

CITI MINISTRIES FINANCIAL**Fiscal 2006-2007****INCOME**

	Income	Expenses
Memberships, contributions,	\$85,300.39	
Donated Services	20,530.93	
Technology update fundraising drive	7,475.00	
Catholic Resource Center	<u>1,401.30</u>	
Total Income	\$114,707.62	

EXPENSES**Programs**

Advertising and promotion		
National ads, exhibit booths, mailings		\$10,347.94
Come As You Are [®] newsletter		6,271.30
God's Yellow Pages		6,355.83
Fundraising-Technology Update		3,183.80
Catholic Resource Center (resale)		1,333.35
Tithing (International Council of Community Churches, The Linkup, SNAP, Bishop's Accountability)		7,628.24

Administration

Accounting and Legal		1,100.00
Advisory Meetings (reimbursed by comm. Members)		9,001.84
Office Expenses		12,660.78
Salaries—Donated		14,625.00
Salaries		25,989.00
Payroll Taxes		3,120.05
Rent and Utilities		10,944.63
Depreciation		<u>1,296.27</u>

Total Expenditures

\$113,858.03

My Christmas Message
is drawn from
St. John's Gospel 1:14 & 17-18

The Word became a human being and lived here with us. ...
The Law was given by Moses, but Jesus Christ brought us
God's kindness and truth. No one has ever seen God.
The only Son, who is truly God and is closest to the Father,
has shown us what God is like. Yes, Jesus revealed God to us
and showed us how we should live our life: Live simply,
love generously, care deeply, and speak kindly.

Leave the rest to God. Best wishes,

Neil Parado Canada revneil@mts.net

DEEP PEACE

Deep Peace
of the running wave to you

Deep Peace
of the flowing air to you

Deep Peace
of the quiet earth to you

Deep Peace
of the shining stars to you

Deep Peace
of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars
pour their healing light on you

Deep Peace to you

A Gaelic Blessing

1960

I found a penny from 47 years ago
The first year of 24/7 priesthood
An idealist in an ideal world
Living a mother's 26 year old dream
Propping up an already strong facade of masquerade,
The Wizard of Oz, and other fairy tales
Little knowing what was happening
Behind the secrecy, cover ups, and "no comment" of a
Monarchy that spoke by silences
And made laws to be kept by other people
Where blind obedience was commanded
And seeing could not interfere with believing.

2006

The first full year of intermittent ministry.
On again, off again. A realist in a real world.
Weddings, funerals, confessions, last rites.
Filling real needs with real ministry. "Where two or
Three of you are gathered together in my name
There am I in the midst of you."
Big buildings are not needed.
Big hearts are absolutely essential,
To see with the mind's eye
And not be blinded by clerical oversight.

2006 was a far better year than 1960.
Thank you, found penny, for bringing it up.
Rev. James Koerber, South Carolina

IT'S CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas.....

Shouted greetings,
Holiday gatherings
Christmas cards, exchange of gifts
A mistletoe excuse for a kiss
Something's happening

Because it's Christmas.....

And the love God unleashed for us in his Son
Ignites again in our midst.
Lesser concerns are brushed aside
As we discover anew that of all our blessings
The greatest of these is love
And the people we share it with thru the year.

Shouted greetings, Holiday gatherings
Christmas cards, exchange of gifts
A mistletoe excuse for a kiss
Something's happening

The feelings of closeness and caring
That shyness or haste so often leave
unexpressed
Are now incarnate
And as God's love once became tangible in Christ
It "takes flesh" again
In our Holiday celebration of His presence among us.
Pat Callahan revcal@aol.com 1975

A Thing of Earth

A boy, born to a Jewish couple, later adopted, baptized and raised Catholic, after completing several years preparing for the priesthood, learned of his birth parents and his original faith and began reading the Torah.

Now, as a practicing Jew and a practicing Catholic, Wayne Daniel writes about Genesis, chapter two:

"YHVH Elohim formed a thing of earth from the earth. He blew in his nostrils the breath of life, and the thing of earth became a soul alive."

"But whose life was breathed into this earthly thing, this clay prototype of you and me?" asks Wayne Daniel. And he writes again, "Perhaps here we have the beginnings of an answer to the age-old question, the one that the wise and the worldly, the sufferer and the seeker have been asking since time immemorial:

Where is God?

According to Genesis 2, the response is pretty unambiguous:

God is *in us*. And, according to that verse at least, nowhere else."

Genesis seems to be saying, "to be a human



being, is to be divine:" ... the Incarnation!

In the fullness of time, Jesus came upon the earth.

Many times in the gospels he calls himself "the human being!" (Son of Man). He realizes the Divine in

himself ("The Father and I are one!") and proclaims it of us, ("I am the Vine. You are the branches." "Who hears you hears me.") When he leaves us, he promises the Holy Spirit (Breath of God), the same life-breath that has been in human beings since Adam. Paul proclaims, "I live, now not I, Christ lives within me." Paul calls Christ the "New Adam" ("thing of earth") and we are his Mystical Body in the world. We must consciously accept our Divine life and proclaim it of others.

Our spiritual life has nothing to do with meritocracy. We are not unworthy people struggling to obey and to get it right. When we are convinced that "God is in us as a body of Spirit (Breath)-filled people and nowhere else," we will accept our worthiness by God's loving presence, and we will "do it right!"

Happy Birthday in and with the "Babe of Bethlehem!"



For many years, I have been using the prayer book Prayers for A Planetary Pilgrim published by Forest of Peace Publishing Inc. PO Box 269 Leavenworth, Kansas, 66048-0269. - 800-659-3227.

I am also currently reading through the Letters of Saint Paul. And Paul

talks to the early Christians about being a living temple, a temple in which the Lord resides. On page 131, Fr. Hays has written a *Psalm Of An Emerging Emmanuel*. I share with you the last two paragraphs that make Paul's words come alive for me.

I remember as a seminarian singing the beautiful hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel each Saturday evening anticipating the Sundays of Advent.

Those words still haunt me some 41 years later and I can hear the 300 voices echoing through the paneled walls of our refectory at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, NJ.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
Come forth from deep within me
With Christmas luminous beauty.
For my heart has become a sacred crib,
The birthing place of God among us.
Peace on Earth and justice for all
Will only become manifest in our lives
When enough of your sons and daughters
Awaken to your divine design
That has made each of us
An emerging Emmanuel.

GOD Bless you

CARROLL MROWICKI, cmrowicki@comcast.net

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Monkey Bread

1/2 c Chopped Pecans
 3 cans Buttermilk Biscuits
 3/4 c Sugar
 1 1/2 tsp Cinnamon
 1 c Dark Brown Sugar (packed)
 1/2 c Melted Butter

Grease a Tube Pan and layer chopped nuts in bottom.
 Cut biscuits into 4 pieces.
 Combine sugar and cinnamon and role biscuit pieces in mixture until covered.
 Drop pieces into pan.
 Mix brown sugar and butter together and pour over biscuits.
 Place in 350 oven for 30-40 minutes or until golden brown.
 Invert onto a dish so the pecans are on top.

Rev. Ed and Fran Minderlein
 fminderlein@maine.rr.com

The following meal prayer is posted on the wall at the Albany Diocese's Pyramid Lake Camp and Retreat Center where several of us attended annual weekend retreats in the 1990s conducted by Fr. Joe Girzone of Joshua fame, and at times along with his associate Sr. Dorothy Ederer. It was sung prior to every meal.

Thanks to Bernie and Marie Kane for submitting it. LH

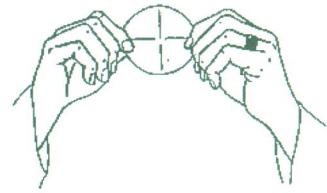
Sung to the tune of "Edelweiss" From Sound of Music

Bless our friends,
 Bless our food.
 Come oh Lord and be with us.
 Let our talk,
 Glow with peace,
 Come with your love to surround us.
 Friendship and Peace
 Let it bloom and grow
 Bloom and grow forever.
 Bless our friends
 Bless our food.
 Bless this family forever.



Eucharistic Bread

2 Cups whole wheat flour
 2 Cups white flour
 1 1/2 Tbsp baking powder
 1 tsp salt
 2-3 Tbsp shortening (margarine)
 1/4 Cup honey
 3/4 Cup very hot water



Mix dry ingredients. Cream margarine and honey.

Add hot water alternately with honey mixture to dry ingredients. Shape loaves and place on a sprayed cookie sheet for baking. Knead 10 minutes. Makes 2 loaves (pita style). Press to 1/2 inch thickness and bake in 350 degree oven for 20-25 mins.

Rev. Ronald Ingalls 3/17/96

Mom's Cretons

The following two French Canadian recipes come from my mother Yvonne Blanche Gousse Labbé, undoubtedly from her mother Edwina LaFlamme Gousse and on down the line. My Mom, who was the inspiration for CITI in 1992, made "des bons Cretons" in the winter months for spreading on toast in the morning and for sandwiches. When mixed with mashed potatoes, it was placed between two pie crusts and became "Tortiere." It was then baked and served Christmas Eve during our "Reveillons," the celebration after Midnight Mass when we opened gifts, also on Christmas Day. It was a very special treat and we family members have continued the tradition.

Mom's Cretons

2 lbs. ground pork
 2 large onions chopped fine
 2 cups water
 1/2 tsp cloves
 1 tsp cinnamon
 Salt and pepper

Bring to a boil and simmer uncovered for 4 hours. Boil away excess fat before cooling. Place in one cup plastic containers for storage and eating. Can be frozen.

Mom's Tortiere

Take equal parts of cretons and boiled potatoes and mash together well. Add a little poultry seasoning and place in a double pie crust. Oven 425 degrees for 35 minutes. (Our tradition is to serve with ketchup, but it can be eaten as is.)

Louise Labbé Haggett

Patchwork Cookies

1 cup (2 sticks) butter (not margarine)
 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1 egg
 1 tsp vanilla
 2 cups flour
 1 package (12 oz) semi-sweet chocolate pieces

Cream butter, gradually add sugar, beating until well blended. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually add flour (blend). Spread evenly in well-buttered 15 ½ x 10 ½ inch jelly roll pan. Bake in 350-degree oven for 15 minutes until lightly browned. Remove from oven—quickly sprinkle chocolate pieces—return to oven 2-3 minutes to soften chocolate. Remove. Quickly spread chocolate evenly over cookie base.

Mark off (about 8 or 10) large squares and top each square with one of the following: chopped nuts, crushed peppermint, flaked coconut, green gumdrops (cut up), silver dragees (sprinkles), assorted sugar crystals and/or red cinnamon candies. Chill just until frosting is set. Cut in 1 ½" squares. Arrange cookies patchwork style on serving tray. Yields about 70.

Rev. Jim and Jackie Lovejoy

Note from Jackie: I first made these cookies with Jen, Jon and Jeff in 1977 while were in Northern VA. The recipe went to Belfast, ME, Unity, ME, Kennebunk and now in Charlotte, NC. Sometimes when Advent times were hectic we made cookies during Christmas vacation. JL

Pecan Fingers

½ lb. butter
 ½ cup powdered sugar
 2 cups flour
 1 tsp vanilla
 2 Tbsp water as needed
 1 Cup crushed pecans

Cream sugar & butter. Add vanilla, flour, pecans, water as needed and mix.

Shape into fingers. Bake 11-12 mins. Roll in extra powdered sugar after baking.

Note from Jackie: This is my Mom's recipe (94 years young) who just requested it again from me so she can make it in her nursing home in Suring, Wisconsin.

CITI's BLOGSPOT

Read spiritual articles on CITI's blogspot:
www.rentapriest.com. You can even post some yourself.
 If interested in posting, write Rich Hasselbach:
sacables@mac.com

Christmas Mass Schedule

With Married Priests



Massachusetts, Wellesley-
 Holy Spirit Catholic Community will have a Christmas Eve Mass at the Old Wellesley Library, intersection of Rte 9 and Rte 16, Wellesley, MA at 5PM – Monday, Dec 24. Ron Ingalls, will preside. HSCC is an inclusive community – *All Are Welcome*
 508-881-5380.
ringalls44@comcast.net

Wisconsin, Nenno- (outside of Milwaukee) –
 Jesus Our Shepherd Community will have its annual Christmas Eve Eucharist beginning with the Christmas Songs and Carols at 7:30 p.m. That will be followed by Eucharist with 4 married male priests and 2 women priests co-presiding. As in most churches we will have a “full house” ---meaning about 200 people. Revs. Frank Baiocchi, Jim Ryan, Bob Scanlan, Donald Wright, 262-673-6071,
www.jesusour shepherd.org;
 7003 Highway 175, Allenton, WI 53002

New York, Eastchester-Eastchester Community Church, 11 Woodlot Road, Eastchester, NY 10709 is having a Living Nativity On Dec 21 and 22 at 7:30 pm. Christmas Vigil is at 9 pm. Christmas day Mass is at 10:30 am. All are welcome to con-celebrate. 646-479-6550. Rev. Eric J. Hall, citiangel01@aol.com

Massachusetts, Cape Cod-
 St. Mary of Magdala Chapel will have a Christmas Mass on December 25 at 11:30 A.M. Evensong Retreat & Spirituality Center, 326 Lower County Road Harwich Port, MA 02646, 508-432-0027, evensong@gis.net. Rev. Jim David.

Ohio, Dayton-Our faith community will have a Christmas Eve mass at my home at 7:00 P.M. Folks can contact me for details. Richard Young, presider. alwaysyoung7@yahoo.com.

North Carolina, North Hill-
 James Rest Home in New Hill North Carolina will celebrate Christmas Mass at 9:30 a.m. Monday December 24, 2007. Joe Rappl, presider. 919-567-2467 or joerappl@gmail.com.

Indiana, Crown Point-1101 Pettibone Street. Christmas celebration will be at 9:00 pm Christmas Eve. Fr. Doug Klukken. 219-662-9827.

Additional listings on page 10


**WALKING IN
DARKNESS...**

Usually my protestation about this time of year, “I am not a Christmas person,” but Midnight Mass at Christmas holds a special spot in my heart. I retain reminiscences of New England experiencing life’s strange juxtapositions.

Yules with their biting cold dryness and sparkingly bright stars in inky black skies.

As I dressed in holiday finery, bundling up to leave the cozy warmth of my house to enter that frozen night,

I recall seeing a Great Light

Brightness married to gloom; warmth wedded to chill; night holding hands with, day—all packaged and beribboned, ready to be given and received.

Now the night grows dark and heavy with expectation. People wait and remember. Anticipation increases with each passing moment as midnight approaches. It seems as if everything has stopped for a moment. Breathless eagerness is palpable.

In many cases the world does stop. Traditionally, cease-fire commands are given in countries where war is in progress. Non-Christian peoples show respect for the beliefs of Christians and reverence remembrance of the coming of Jesus. All the world gathers its deepest feelings and awaits birth.

Churches everywhere glow with an incandescence no candle or light fixture could possibly render. It is noted—not always graciously—that the congregations grow at Christmas. Folks who rarely join the assembly are drawn to it with an inexorable impulsion.

Differences are made delightful on the day when “a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful.” [Is. 9:5-6]

Unity born in diversity is the gift of Christmas presence. It was—and is—a holy night bursting with graces to thaw my frigid soul. On this night, uniquely, I can come to terms with all that speaks of war, argument, oppression, slavery, imprisonment. The land of gloom now shines with a great light that will not allow the darkness to dominate. You and I have walked in darkness. We have voyaged in that abyss long enough to recognize truth. In our darkneses, we have seen a great light. It has shone on us. Now—and forevermore—we are people of the Light. The zeal of the Lord of hosts does this! No burdens can yoke us to despair. Nor will our taskmasters retain their rod-like

power over us, smashing us into submission. We sing a new song—and a weary world rejoices. The days of our confinement are completed. Birth is happening in our midst. Love reaches its apex, crying out in unison with the infant entering a world we have created.

Life and love are wed and we are born of the union. With nothing to fear, we proclaim good news, tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. This day a savior has been born: the Messiah!

Everyone is touched by the birth of the savior. All feel the upsurge of hope, the removal of fear, the smashing of yokes that have held us down. We see the pole of worry and isolation breaking into splinters. This day, this holy night, is a time to celebrate the release of all that has kept us bound. It is a feast of universality. All are freed; no one has anything to fear. God is gifting humanity with divinity, with brotherhood and sisterhood. God is stooping to conquer, bending down to place us into a kingdom of peace and justice. God’s favor rests on us. We are heirs to a reign of godliness.

As it happened in Bethlehem more than 2000 years ago, it occurs this night. Birth comes while we are confined to ordinariness, doing what we must do, being who we are. Crowded out of comfortableness, birth happens in out-of-the-way places where no one else will go.

There is no special spot, time, or sacrifice demanded for divine entry, only an accepting spirit. We are touched in the “busyness” of our everyday living, going about the daily tasks and duties of our vocation, as were the “shepherds in the locality, living in the fields and keeping night watch by turns over their flocks.”

[Lk. 2:8] We are touched by One who hurts with the poor, oppressed, weary, burdened outcasts of society. We are touched by a message that promises to remove the terrors of night, replacing them with the good news of daylight. We hear hope in the midst of hopelessness and find peace in the fragmentation of war.

We are especially touched by the marvel that the One and event are not constrained by time and place. They are not restricted to the warmth of past memories. The birth of the Lord Jesus is yesterday, today, and tomorrow—a tomorrow that is forever.

Believers and nonbelievers alike are struck by both the One and the event. Somehow we both want and need this birth to happen in the darkness of our individual nights. We want and need it to be a midnight experience. It must happen at a time when deep quiet pervades our dark night. Walking in the hush of blackness, we are more able to feel the piercing power of God’s great light.

(cont’d. on page 10, col. 2)

Need a Priest for Midnight Mass or other Christmas service?

God's Yellow Pages: Society of Christ's Priesthood

The following priests affiliated with CITI/Rentapriest are available for Midnight or other Christmas Mass*, Baptisms, first and subsequent marriages, anointing, reconciliation, funerals, counseling, Bible Study. If you need a priest and none is listed in your community, email rentapriest@aol.com or call 207-729-7673. (Know that many will travel.) *If one of the telephone numbers is incorrect, we suggest that you call information, as area codes can change frequently.* Asterisks indicate a bi-lingual Spanish speaking priest (*Español). For other languages, see www.rentapriest.com. *Per Canon 843, you can invite them to celebrate inside your church without permission from anyone. Ask and don't tell.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

At press time, not all Faith Communities had assigned their Christmas Mass schedule. We printed the few that we have on page 6. Other communities listed below will undoubtedly have a holiday schedule. Contact information is included for those interested in attending at Christmas or other weekly services.

FLORIDA, Fort Myers Area, Rev. Charles

(Cas) Obie, 239-948-9423,

casobie@swfla.rr.com

INDIANA

Crown Point, Rev. Doug Klukken,

219-662-9827, 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

KENTUCKY

Villa Hills – Rev. David Roeding

859-341-5106

MASSACHUSETTS

Bridgewater, Rev. Joseph McCool

508-580-2137, jmccool227@aol.com

Worcester – Rev. David Kerrigan

Sunday Mass, 10:00 AM, 1-877-531-8029

NEW YORK

Carmel – Rev. Richard Hasselbach

914-804-1944, sacables@mac.com

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Charlotte – Rev. Jim and Jackie Lovejoy

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PENNSYLVANIA**Philadelphia** –

Women's Health Center, Montgomery County.

Contact: Judy Hefferman 215-673-5006

Philadelphia- Fr. Joe McOscar, 856-455-5632

Oley -- Father Robert Daly, 610-375-0371

Pittsburgh –Christ Hope Church, Father

William Podobinski, 412-881-9169

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Port Orchard – Rev. John Shuster

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David Island (WA), Sean Patrick O'Reilly (WA), James McLellan (CO), Doug Klukken (IN), Robert Andorka (IL), Mark Szymcik (MA), John Gallagher (NJ), Jim Hushek (AZ), Edgard Martinez (CA), Donald Horrigan (MD), Allen Alexander (OH), David Cronan (IL) and Gerald Leonard (CA).

WALKING IN DARKNESS.

(cont'd. from page 7).

This day our God has chosen to become one of us. Touching God and being touched by God is our GOOD NEWS! It is the reason we live fearlessly. Touched, saved, made holy by our God Immanuel, we are empowered to share with everyone the evangelistic message of possibility in the face of impossibility. Christ, the Child of Promise, pierces dire reality with the radiance of dreams. Mangers, not palaces, become the significant havens of birth. Poverty, not riches, brings power. Service, not manipulation, is our strength. Blessed with the gracious humility of a God who loved us so much that he became as small as a baby, we live in paradox and grow into godliness.

Wonder-Counselors, God-Heroes, Princes/Princesses of Peace, our rule over the earth is to be gently forgiving, mercifully just, and justly merciful. Potent with the zeal of the Lord, our cry of praise explodes into the atmosphere permeating it with joy. "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom God's favor rests." *We walk in darkness to see a great light.*
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The Forbidden Heart

By Ilse Sixt (the "Writing Grandmother"
from Munich)

After struggling to live in celibacy for twenty long years, a Catholic priest writes: "Since I am a man of rational mind, I no longer feel bound by the promise of celibacy that I gave on my day of ordination. I have been living with my lady friend for one year now. In my capacity as a parish priest, however, I continue to perform my duties conscientiously, for the community. Everything else is my private life, to which my 'employer,' the Church, has no access."

Yet what does this woman's future look like? Despite 'matrimonial' community, she will have to do without children.

How does the Church describe such cohabitation? Is it "love" or is it "sin" in their eyes?

The woman will face never-ending mental torment and agony. Do those responsible in the Church really know what a morass of lies, sins, anxieties, pains and tears extending all the way through to abortion they are taking on in their guilt and ultimate responsibility?

One may then ask: Does not the "Holy Family," in which the Son of Man Jesus grew up, serve as example enough for the Head of the Catholic Church to finally allow a family life for priests as well?

"Nature was given to man as a transparent window through which God's light can shine on the human soul" (Thomas Merton, monk).

Even if the priest and his lady friend are largely in unison, they cannot avoid running the gauntlet of public opinion. Fanatic Catholics, who are themselves mostly married, insist on having celibate priests. In their lack of sensitivity and feeling, they forget that priests, too, are humans, with a body and soul.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." (1 Cor 13:1)

How will the woman probably live in old age? Deprived of a family of her own, she will depend on the help and care of strangers and will be extremely lonely. Innumerable women are affected by this immoral and unethical fate, which is so unnecessary. One day, all these women will ask themselves whether the sacrifice they had made for the institution was worth it.

"Paternal love builds the house, maternal love



decorates it, children's love shines bright in gratitude, all the time." (Ina Seidel, poetess).

It has been proven that the introduction of mandatory celibacy in the Catholic church led to many more sins being committed than would have occurred without this inhumane and unnatural coercion.

"Those who extol celibacy as the higher way of life, violate the equality of the faithful.

Those who make this a law, criticise God's creation." (Anton Antweiler, theologian)

Christians must not let themselves be deceived by outward appearance. They must courageously and unwaveringly do and say what they think to be right, for the good of their fellow humans. For, courage is the first step towards all that is great.

"Soft is stronger than hard, water is stronger than rock, love is stronger than force." (Hermann Hesse, poet)

www.elsesixt.com

Other titles of the author Sixt (in German):

Providence and guidance

Prayers from the Heart. – Parents pray with their children

Don't interrupt me, Lord, I am praying!

The Eucharist

Celibacy – a benediction or against nature

Thanks to those who responded to our Summer Appeal for funds to upgrade CITI's technology, very badly needed so we can be more efficient in responding to and recording sacramental ministry. Our goal was \$50,000; to date we have received \$10,445. Please help us so we can begin the process. A monthly pledge would be wonderful. Thank you.

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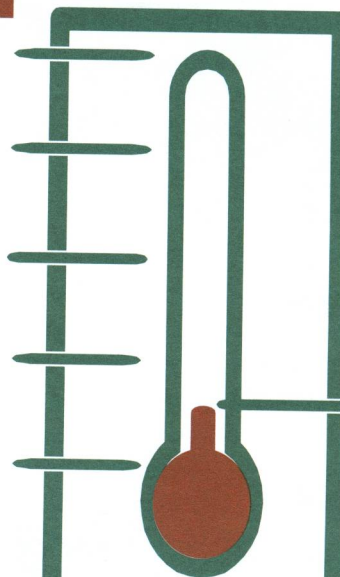
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Become a Friend of Married Priests. What You Can Do

We Need Your Help (cont. from page 2):

- Get others to join CITI. Recruit 2 or 3 more. More mainstream people means more power as an organization. More mainstream people means more impact in the media. Membership: only \$50 per yr.
- There are over 30,000 married priests in the U.S. Maybe you can motivate one you know to get back into ministry. Have him contact CITI.
- Start a house church/or help organize spiritual space in a public venue for worship services with married priests. We can help.
- Maybe you'd be interested in helping host (being local point person[s]) for a CITI Forum in your community.
- Maybe you'd like to be considered for our Board of Directors/Advisory Committee. We meet once per year in the spring for three days; occasionally we have a fall meeting—one or two days; otherwise, we communicate online on issues that need discussion. We would like a two- or three-year commitment and there is a financial aspect as a Board or Advisory member-- usually a monthly pledge and one or two meetings per year at our own expense. (Call 207-729-7673)

We Also Need Volunteers

- Webpage designers to help married priests develop their personal websites that can be linked to www.rentapriest.com
- Writers who can produce avant-garde articles for the periodic Rentapriest newsletter.

- Writers who can produce periodic news releases to be submitted regularly to USNewswire or pieces for the website or the rentapriest blog.
- A pro bono corporate attorney for occasional assistance.
- Data entry volunteers or other office help in our Brunswick, ME office, maybe one/two day(s) per month.
- Someone with experience in development who can help us seek grants.
- Our operating budget is approximately \$100,000. A breakdown for our fiscal period ending 9/30/07 is on page 2.

More \$\$ would mean:

- Upgrading our internal (and eventually external) technology so that we can be more efficient certifying priests and recording sacramental inventory. We are at about 20% of our goal for computer automation Phase I, a project that will take approximately one year.
- A stronger national advertising budget should be at least \$100,000 in order to really make a bigger impact. Our 2007 budget was \$18,000.
- Expansion of our ministry network. We have received over 35 requests from married priests in over 20 countries to join Rent A Priest. Our 1½ person staff simply cannot handle the personnel demands this would require.
- If you would be interested in learning more about helping CITI and married priests and have a particular in-kind gift to offer, please call me at 207-729-7673 or email me at CITIMinistries@aol.com.

*Thanks so much and Merry Christmas from all of us.
Louise Haggett, President*



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