

June 28, 2007

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JULY 8

*In celebration of Fr. Vic's first year, BRUNCH (Dutch Treat)
at Las Trankas Restaurant – 590 E. Fry Blvd. (West of 7th, next to Haymore Plaza)*

FOLLOWING THE 10:30 EUCHARIST

Sign-Up Sheet is on the Bulletin Board!

And . . . plan to slip \$1.00 per person to Nancy Rea to host the Sarrazin Family

Rite 13 Youth Group Pilgrimage to San Francisco

Eight Rite-13 Youth Group members and three chaperones headed off from Sierra Vista to San Francisco for a five day pilgrimage on May 25.

We knew we had an adventurous day ahead after we were informed in Tucson at 7:30 a.m. that there were airplane delays and we would not be arriving in San Francisco until 11:30 p.m. We kept the faith and decided to fly to Phoenix to camp out at the airport until our evening flight. After some brainstorming, we decided that we might make it to California sooner if we split up into three groups to fly stand-by. Three flights later, we all arrived safely in San Francisco by 8:00 p.m.

At the hotel we all gathered for prayer then decided to go in search for food. We were fortunate to find a restaurant in the hotel that could seat all eleven of us looking over the San Francisco Bay at sunset.

On our second day in San Francisco, we learned how to maneuver the BART transportation system and the downtown transit system of electric buses and trolleys to reach Pier 39. The pier was bright and colorful with many shops and restaurants as well as with people from different cultures and backgrounds. We took a harbor cruise and saw the harbor sea lions, Alcatraz, the Golden Gate Bridge, and Aquarium of the Bay.

Sunday brought a sense of spiritual renewal with our visit to Grace Cathedral. We were received with a very warm welcome and celebrated Pentecost with incense, organ music, and a wonderful men's choir. It was a treat when the Bishop passed around his amethyst ring for all to view.

After the service, we had an opportunity to speak to the visiting Bishop and the Dean of the Cathedral. We had a tour of Grace Cathedral and learned about the history of the building, the symbolism of each stained glass panel, each painting, each piece of furniture, and the numerous sculptures. The bronze Ghiberti doors at the entrance to the cathedral were also a real treat. We were fortunate to be there on a special day when the doors were wide open to greet the Bishop for the Celebration of Pentecost.

We had researched the Cathedral online and were excited to see that the indoor labyrinth was open to the public. We took time to reflect and walk the labyrinth. The experience was amazing!

During our last two days in San Francisco, we spent time at Marine World, the well known Exploratorium, and the Golden Gate Bridge.

The five day trip came to a close and the eleven members of the Rite-13 youth trip arrived home safely in Sierra Vista, eager to share their experiences with St. Stephen's congregation.

--Allison Tigert & Joan Jurik, Leaders



THE OUTREACH MINISTRY will meet Thursday 6:30 p.m., July 5, at the church. Dottie Gutwein will give a presentation on the Aparcheria Native Cultural Center, Rhonda Sarrazin will have information on Imago Dei Middle School, Nancy Rea will speak about the Tarahumara Indians, and a report on the first six months activities will be shared. All interested persons are urged to attend. For more information call and/or talk to Ministry Coordinator Keith Stearns (803-0885).



NEW CHINA! Our E.C.W. plans to replace the heavy commercial dinnerware, that has served us well, with Corelle Ware (by Corning) which will be lighter, easier to store, and less bulky in the dishwasher. The "alpha set" (service for 4) has been donated and now we're asked to add to that beginning with white or cream sets.

If you have Corelle Ware to donate or wish to purchase a place setting or two, please contact Dinah McCreery (378-1138) or Pat Sabin (458-7733). Service for four place settings are available at Wal-Mart and K-Mart for about \$30 each. Any design is fine as long as plates are white or cream and round.

Journey to Adulthood, Pilgrimage to "National Cathedral" A Reflection by Fr. Victor

Our pilgrimage experience began at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Phoenix with a prayerful Eucharist and blessing led by Canon Robertson. The following day, Friday June 8th, we arrived in Washington D.C. and settled in for their first night in the city. Saturday morning saw the group arrive at the National Cathedral, formally named *The Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul*, to begin the spiritual enrichment part of the pilgrimage. The highlights of the day were a tour of the cathedral and an introduction to Centering Prayer. Sunday we attended the main Eucharist at the cathedral.

Touring of the district began Monday morning, we headed for "The Mall." Along with visiting the Washington, Lincoln and World War II memorials, we took time at the Vietnam memorial to look up names of family members. It was a powerful experience. In the following days we also visited the: White House, Capital, National Archives, Smithsonian, and numerous other special places in the district.

One of the central aspects of the pilgrimage was doing some kind of work of charity. The youth had arranged to meet with Senators Kyle and McCain as well as Congresswoman Giffords. In true Anglican fashion, they used these meetings to promote the great good of humanity. The Episcopal Church has strongly supported the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals and these were the focus of our young people's presentations. I could not be more proud of how they handled themselves and their presentation. Truly impressive!



The visit to Washington concluded with an evening at the cathedral for another experience of contemplative prayer. We walked a labyrinth, modeled after the medieval labyrinth in the cathedral of Chartres, France. This evening of prayer was highlighted by a special remembrance of our brother Colin Shockmel at the cathedral's "War Memorial" altar.

On June 15 we returned home to Sierra Vista, exhausted but filled with the joy for a great experience of our spiritual and national heritage

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE - by: Fr. Victor

On June 21 the Building Committee received Vestry approval to engage a licensed civil engineer to produce the "Site Plan" for our project. The building will cost between eight and twelve thousand dollars. The site plan is a city requirement and includes details like:

- Exact location of the new building, parking lot lights, septic system and trenches for the necessary power and water lines;
- Design and location of side walks, green space and other city requirements.

The city also is requiring a study done on the soil. This is to insure that our septic system will be placed in such a way as to prevent seepage into the wash which runs through the back of our property. We may also be required to put in a catch basin for the run off from the new building's roof. All this will be included in the engineer's research and final site plan.

____ Please keep our work in your prayers. My personal hope is that we can come before the congregation this fall with a definite proposal on the building itself. Thank you all!