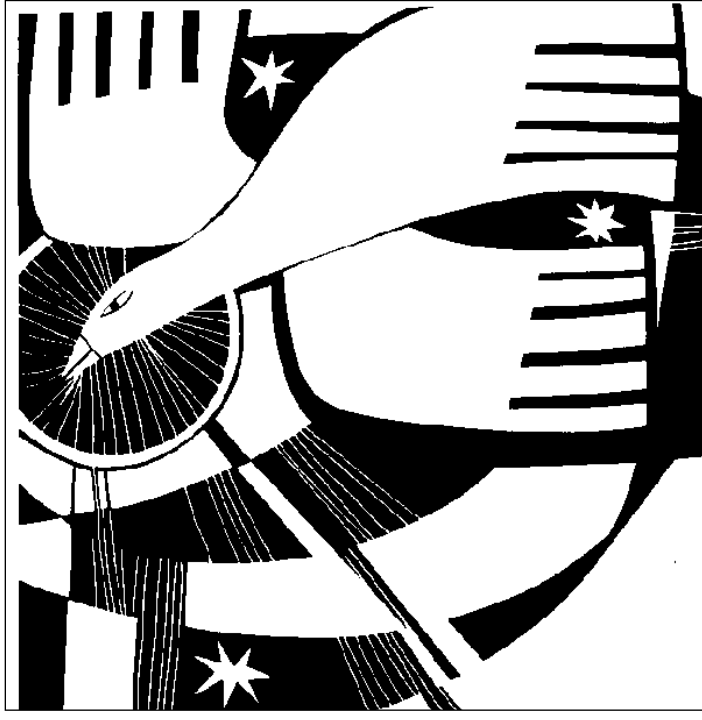


Pentecost Sunday



When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Acts of the Apostles, 2:1-11



There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. (Jesus) said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

John 20:19-23

Bishop Braxton to ordain Deacon Tolentino



Rev. Mr. Rommel Tolentino

LAKE CHARLES - Rev. Mr. Rommel Pasion Tolentino, will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lake Charles at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton will be the ordaining prelate.

A native of the Philippines, the candidate is the son of Mr. Joselito V. Tolentino and Dr. Erlinda R. Pasion Tolentino of the Philippines. He graduated from San Beda

College in Manila in 1987; Atenco de Manila University in Quezon City in 1991 and received a B. S. from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila in 1996. He completed his theology studies at Notre Dame Seminary earlier this month. Prior to doing his seminary studies he was employed as a physical therapist.

In the summer of 2001 he did his parish internship at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jennings under the direction of the Rev. Wayne

LeBleu. Deacon Tolentino completed his Clinical Parish Education at Florida Hospital in Orlando in the summer of 2002. He served his deacon internship at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish under the direction of Msgr. James Gaddy.

The newly ordained priest will celebrate his first Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church on Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m. A reception will follow in the Family Center.

Catholic Communication Campaign 2005 Collection; Good News for Everyone

WASHINGTON — "This has been a year of many debuts made possible by the hard work of the staff of the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) and our diocesan communicators with the support of our diocesan bishops and parish priests and the generosity of the people in the pews," according to Msgr. Francis J. Maniscalco, Director of the U. S. Bishops Department of Communications, which oversees the CCC.

For more than twenty-five years, the annual Catholic Communication Campaign collection has supported a variety of Catholic programming both nationally and locally.

The CCC collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles on Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15.

Half the collection remains here in the Diocese of

Lake Charles for our own communications efforts while half supports the activities of the national CCC Office.

Here in the Diocese of Lake Charles your contributions assist the Office of Communications and its varied ministries

• *The Catholic Calendar.* This page you are reading is purchased 18 times per year, twice a month except during the months of January, July and August, in the American Press.

• *The Southwest Catholic,* the monthly newspaper of the Diocese has provided authentic Catholic teaching as well as local, regional, national and international Catholic news to our subscribers since 1987.

• *Glad Tidings,* the Sunday morning television program airing on KPLC-TV, has been a mainstay of our communications efforts since al-

most the establishment of the Diocese. With a message from our Bishop, local, regional, national and international Catholic news, and a variety of 30-minute interview segments, the program provides its viewers with news and information not always found in the secular media.

Among the programs supported by the CCC nationally, radio has proved to be a cost effective means of engaging people of all ages, including:

• "Catholic Radio Weekly," a news and information program, debuted in 2001 and airs on more than 75 stations.

• "Lino at Large" debuted last October. This half-hour weekly program is geared towards listeners in their 20s and 30s.

• "American Catholic Radio", produced by Franciscan Radio, debuted in June

2004 and explores the Catholic faith from a variety of perspectives.

• "Catholic Bookmarks" began production in July 2004 and features interviews and a Catholic best-sellers list.

"Our lives are saturated with media messages. It sometimes seems that the world is full of only bad news," Msgr. Maniscalco said. "The CCC is *How the Good News Gets Around*"

The Catholic Communication Campaign is an activity of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that develops media programming, public service announcements, and other resources to promote Gospel values.

Donations of Catholic parishioners make possible the work of the CCC.

LIFE ISSUES FORUM

Use Today's Powerful Tools to Spread the Word

By Gail Quinn

In its *Roe v. Wade* decision (1973) the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide. Even after viability, when a child can likely survive if delivered, abortion must be available for "health" reasons of the mother. *Roe's* companion decision, *Doe v. Bolton*, defined health in regard to abortion to include "all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age—relevant to the well-being of the patient."

This has been the law for over 3 decades. It remains the law today.

Fast-forward to 2005, when public discussion is focused on judicial nominees and *Roe v. Wade*. A vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court is expected relatively soon, and abortion advocacy groups are insisting that any judicial nominee must support abortion.

NARAL Pro-Choice America announced it will spend \$10 million a year "to organize and mobilize pro-choice Americans to block anti-choice Supreme court appointments." Planned Parenthood's website uses this rallying cry: "It is imperative that we work together to ensure that judges appointed to the Supreme Court—and all other federal courts—will defend Roe and a woman's right to choose." Two years ago Kate Michelman, then NARAL's president, had already called on abortion-friendly senators to filibuster nominees who won't commit to *Roe* (*New York Times*, 6/8/03).

So, what to do? We could watch TV or read the papers, as pro-abortion groups threaten to block nominees non-supportive of *Roe*. We could simply lament the situation generally. That's always an option. Or we can decide to do something

about it.

We can make our voices heard as loud and as clear as NARAL's. And it won't cost \$10 million. In fact, it won't cost 10 cents.

The technology is at our fingertips; most of us don't have to go much further than the kitchen or the den. It's called e-mail—the powerful technology of our day. To make our voices heard, we no longer have to sit down and write a letter, find a clean sheet of paper to type or write it on, sign it, put it in an envelope, stamp it, and remember to drop it in the mail box. That was the world of our grandparents. It wasn't expensive, but it was labor intensive.

The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, with the support of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, has launched a new campaign making it easy for Catholics and others to contact their

two U.S. Senators with this message: *Support for Roe v. Wade should not be used as a litmus test for judicial nominations.*

Go to www.endroe.org and enter your zip code; the names of your two senators will appear. Complete the form (names & addresses are required, because Senators only pay attention to mail from constituents), and push a button saying "send this message" to my Senators. Done.

The issue is critical. The technology is a powerful tool, which we can use for good. Go directly to www.endroe.org; do not pass Go, do not collect 200 reasons for delaying. Make your voice heard.

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The New Pope: Benedict XVI

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God always blesses His Church with the type of leader it needs at each time in history. That was true with John Paul II, and it is true with Benedict XVI, formerly Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. His role as the head of the Church's doctrinal office, the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, may seem to some a far cry from what he now has to do as the Universal Pastor of the Church. Some see enforcing doctrinal orthodoxy as perhaps in tension with reaching out, as the Vicar of Christ, to unite and welcome all humanity into the arms of the loving Savior.

But the roles are closer to each other than one may think. In fact, they are aspects of one another, because compassion is not opposed to truth, nor is truth opposed to compassion. It is only when one presents the truth, in all its fullness, vigor, and clarity, that one can

be pastoral. To "shepherd" the flock includes shepherding them into the truth, and Cardinal Ratzinger has had a special gift for precisely that.

In particular, one of his key gifts is to articulate the fact that there is such a thing as truth. To give a modern answer to the culture's echo of Pilate's question, "What is truth?" is a key demand of the papal office in our day. To tell the culture that there is a right and wrong, and we can know it, is a key demand of compassion, a requirement of being a Good Shepherd. To remind people that we are capable of discerning what is good for humanity and what is destructive, what constitutes respect for life, what the gift of marriage and family really are, and what love is, becomes a service and a blessing to our generation. Truth and compassion are two sides of the same coin.

That includes the truth about the relationship between the Church and politics. Cardinal Ratzinger

wrote, "The Church must make claims and demands on public law and cannot simply retreat into the private sphere." He said that the fundamental political task of the Church is to make sure that the state has a conscience. "Where the Church itself becomes the state freedom becomes lost. But also when the Church is done away with as a public and publicly relevant authority, then too freedom is extinguished, because there the state once again claims completely for itself the jurisdiction of morality." (Ratzinger: Church, Ecumenism, and Politics, 1988).

At the special Consistory of Cardinals called together in 1991 by Pope John Paul II to address the critical challenges to the sanctity of human life in the world, the future Pope Benedict XVI made a comprehensive report in which he applied this Church-State theme to the right to life: "...[A] State which arrogates to itself the prerogative of defining which human beings are or are not the subject of rights, and which consequently grants to some the power to

violate others' fundamental right to life, contradicts the democratic ideal to which it continues to appeal and undermines the very foundations on which it is built. By allowing the rights of the weakest to be violated, the State also allows the law of force to prevail over the force of law. One sees, then, that the idea of an absolute tolerance of freedom of choice for some destroys the very foundation of a just mode of social life. The separation of politics from any natural content of law, which is the inalienable patrimony of everyone's moral conscience, deprives social life of its ethical substance and leaves it defenseless before the will of the strongest."

We at Priests for Life rejoice in the election of Pope Benedict XVI. He will be a blessing for the pro-life movement, and for all people who find comfort that there is such a thing as truth, particularly the truth that life is sacred.

For more about the new Pope and his past writings, go to www.priestsforlife.org/magisterium/popebenedict.htm