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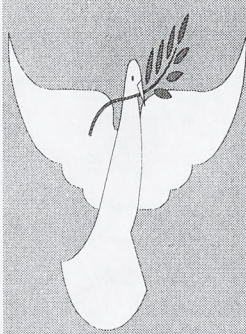


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DEAF CATHOLIC

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Message from Father Russo

My Dear People,

In the last article, we wrote about SALVATION and how important it is for each one of us. Another question that the people often ask us is about what happens to a person at the time of death and afterwards. This is one of the deepest and most serious questions in all of theology.

In **Matthew 25:31-46** Our Lord Jesus teaches us about the final judgment, the end of this world when the sheep will be separated from the goats, the good from the evil, His disciples from those who reject His kingdom.

There is death and then the judgment (**Hebrews 9:27**). Each person who is judged will have everlasting joy in heaven or everlasting anguish in hell (see **Matthew 25:46**). Those people who need to be cleansed from the remains of selfishness and sin (**Revelation 21:27**) experience a cleansing or purification (see **1 Corinthians 3:15**) in purgatory. (The Catechism of the Catholic Church nos. 1030-32)

And so, from one perspective, our entire life can be thought of as our preparation for our awesome meeting with Almighty God. What a strong reason this is for living our life in the way that Our Lord Jesus wants us to live it.

St. Katharine Drexel, please pray for all of us so that we will obtain the graces necessary for our eternal salvation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Anthony Russo, C.Ss.R.



Message from Sr. Kathleen

Dear Friends,

Since our last Newsletter I have had the wonderful opportunity to go to **Rome** for the Canonization Ceremony of **Saint Katharine Drexel**. I am sure you have already seen TV, newspaper and magazine coverage of this special event. Being there in person was thrilling to me.

Denise Logan and I, interpreted the Canonization, Mass of Thanksgiving and the Pilgrimage Audience with the **Pope**. The Deaf/HH participants were **Kathy** and **Richard Kush** from Chicago, **Joan Bates** from Virginia, and **Sharon Fisher** from New Jersey.

The most thrilling part of this experience was interpreting the words of **Pope John Paul II**. He celebrated the Mass and the words of canonization (proclaiming someone a saint) in Latin. I understand some Latin but had all the translations for the Latin before time. The Pope preached in Spanish, Italian and then English. It was so inspiring to sign his English message to the group of Deaf/HH pilgrims.

The Pope urged us all to follow the wonderful example of **Saint Katharine Drexel**, a saint from Philadelphia. He spoke of her love of Jesus, in the Eucharist and her life of service to bring justice to African Americans and Native Americans during her life.

Saint Katharine Drexel left a four-fold dynamic gift to all those who desire to continue her work today. Read these goals carefully as they have a special message for people who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing:

- ◇ her love for the Eucharist, her spirit of prayer, and her Eucharistic perspective on the unity of all people;
- ◇ her undaunted spirit of courageous initiative in addressing iniquities among minorities-one hundred years before such concern aroused public interest in the United States;
- ◇ her belief in the importance of quality education for all, and her efforts to achieve it;

Message from Sr. Kathleen (Cont'd)

◇ her total giving of self, of her inheritance and all material goods in selfless service of the victims of injustice.

When Mother Katharine Drexel was a young adult before she became a sister, she went to Rome to ask Pope Leo XIII to send priest to the Indian missions. She was surprised at his response that she go become a missionary and give not only her money but herself to serve those in need. We know that Saint Katharine did just that. A person is canonized publicly so that all the world can view that person's life and follow their example. May we be inspired in our day to day life to live out the qualities we see in Saint Katharine Drexel's life. First, she recognized her need for Jesus, in the Eucharist. This love urged her to go out and serve those most in need with her resources and her own gifts and talents. We can do the same.

I hope to see more and more of our Deaf Catholics attending the Signed and Interpreted Masses. May an increased love of the Eucharist bring us to fuller unity and enable us to follow St. Katharine's life of love and service.

Sincerely,

Sister Kathleen M. Schipani



Deaf Apostolate News

A Christmas Tradition

Join the Deaf Catholic Community to celebrate a Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 1, 2000. This dinner will be hosted by the St. Francis Deaf Association of Norristown. Peggy Aquilani and her committee are already busy planning this spectacular event.

Deaf Apostolate Retreat

We look ahead to our Advent Retreat which will be Saturday, December 2, 2000. We will be going to the Shrine of

Saint Katharine Drexel in Bensalem. We will spend a day in prayer and reflection and enjoy this beautiful holy place. The Deaf Catholic community will be in our prayers.

Religious Education of Children who are Deaf

Weekly Religious Education in Sign Language has started up again this fall. We meet at Our Lady of Ransom, Philadelphia; St. Thomas Aquinas, Croydon; St. Simon and Jude, West Chester; St. Stanislaus, Lansdale and at PSD. We will also have a few children who have one on one class in their homes. This year June Goodwin, Gerald Piscotty and Kathy Tapley are new to teaching each week. They join with the other teachers: Sister Kathleen, Denise Logan, Sharon Fisher, April Mura, Lynette Coleman, and Maureen Hughes. Thank you to these generous volunteers who so willing share their faith. If you are interested in teaching Religion in Sign Language, we are always looking for volunteers. I can provide training and assistance. Contact Sister Kathleen at 215-338-9373 v/tty or srschipa@adphila.org.

Becoming a Catholic

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is interested? The process of becoming a Catholic begins with "Inquiry Sessions". That means getting together to ask questions and learn some basics about the Catholic Faith. No decision or commitment is needed. If you or someone you know is interested in getting acquainted with the Catholic Church call Sister Kathleen 215-338-9373 v/tty or Fr. Anthony Russo 215-423-9547. We can meet with a team of Deaf adults to begin the process of "Inquiry"!

Faith Sharing Groups

Last year during Lent we had Deaf groups that met to discuss God's Word in the bible and their own experience of God in everyday life. If you are interested in participating in a group for Advent (the four weeks before Christmas) or Lent (four weeks before Easter) contact Sister Kathleen or

June Goodwin 215-345-9049. If you are interested in being a Faith Sharing Group leader there will be upcoming training sessions.

Looking Ahead with Excitement

We look forward to our Deaf Mission this coming May 18, 19 and 20, 2001. We are really blessed to have Rev. Michael Depcik come to preach this Mission. Some of you may know Fr. Mike from St. Rita's, Galluadet University, Camp Mark 7 or the DeSales Camp. This is a Mission you will not want to miss. See the flyer for details and take every opportunity you have to invite people to come on Friday and Saturday night and Sunday Morning to participate in a Deaf Mission you will never forget!!!

Hispanic Catholic Deaf Group

Since August the Hispanic Deaf Group has been meeting at St. Boniface Church. Fr. Anthony Russo and the leaders of the Hispanic Deaf Group decided to make this change in the place we meet. We have Mass in Sign Language on the First Saturday of the month at 4:00 PM in the Rectory Church and then have a social in the School Hall. We are presently deciding if we will change our name to the Hispanic Catholic Deaf Group or some other name. All who are members will vote at our upcoming meeting. All are welcome to our Mass, socials and meetings. We would like to welcome Latin parents who have Deaf/Hard of Hearing children. We would like to support them and help them learn about Deaf life and culture. Our meetings are every First Saturday of the month following the 4:00 PM ASL Mass at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 174 W. Diamond Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122. The officers of the Hispanic Deaf Group are: President: Edgar Bermudez, Vice President: Raul A. Colon, Sr., Treasurer/Secretary: Evita Gonzalez, Treasurer/Secretary Assistant: June C. Rivera, Parliamentary Procedure: Luis D. Rivera, Sr. Submitted by, Evita Gonzalez

Ryan School News

A new school year is always exciting and the beginning of this school year was just that! There were many new things at Archbishop Ryan School as the 2000-2001 school year began last month. Our children's classes are now in different places. Some children even had to obtain new uniforms! We welcomed new staff members, we opened new positions and many children are having new experiences! The beginning days were very busy but just about now, we are moving in a regular routine and feeling good about all our new beginnings!

Our Oral School moved to the Saint George Site. Some of these children are now included in the regular classroom learning communities of Saint George Parish School. Mrs. Eileen Conlow moves between three of these classrooms supporting teachers, assisting students, teaching lessons and answering the needs in whatever way she can. Eileen moves between the first grades and the Kindergarten each day making sure that our four young students are learning all that they can while continuing to develop appropriate language.

Miss Kelly Perillo serves as the resource teacher for one of our older students included in the sixth grade all day. The other seven children move in and out of the mainstream studying some lessons with their hearing peers and others in the Ryan School classrooms upstairs.

Our Total Communication Students moved to the Saint Gabriel Site. They are very excited because they are also moving into some regular education classes at Saint Gabriel School with the assistance of our new interpreter, Mrs. Mary Kay Roberts. Mary is kept quite busy all day taking students to Math, Social Studies and sometimes to Religion and Art classes. It has become a normal sight to see students packing their things and moving back and forth from our neighboring school. Everyone seems to be enjoying the new challenges. One of our students, Matthew Dundon recently walked down the hall

very excited about doing well in his Math test. He was so excited because he knew he did well but also because it was a surprise test and he knew just how to solve all the problems! Excitement about learning certainly abounds as our students meet many new challenges. Our students with Central Auditory Processing Disorder are also grouped in a new way. They are learning in a program that has been tailored to meet their specific learning needs. They too are excited about what they are learning because they see that they are beginning to put different pieces of information together and their new knowledge is making sense. Developing good study skills and learning to focus their attention are important skills in their program. Indeed we are grateful for the dedication and the good work of our faculty. Although we face many challenges each day, we are well aware of the presence of our God and the strength God gives us as we strive to make education meaningful to our students and to proclaim the gospel to these young people of God. We continue to ask for your prayerful support as this year rolls along.

Sister Margaret Langer, IHM
Principal



ICDA News

Message from ICDA President

Greetings to all, I first want to applaud each of the Editors of the Deaf Catholic Newsletter. They continue to do a great job and many people tell me how much they enjoy our Newsletter! Reading about the activities of each of the Deaf Catholic Church groups is great.

I also want to thank the members of the ICDA Philadelphia, Chapter #8 for agreeing to accept the task of hosting the ICDA-US National Conference 2003. I will be the General Chairperson of this Convention. Also we are planning another exciting event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary

of ICDA Philadelphia, Chapter #8. There will be a 50th Anniversary Mass and Banquet on April 27, 2002 at the Holiday Inn, 4700 Street Road, Trevose, PA. Contact Tony Vita, Chairperson of the Banquet for more information or to help in the planning. His tty is 215-781-1189 and his email is AVI-TA78739@aol.com.

We will have an election of officers this coming January 2001. If you are interested in becoming an officer or nominating an officer come to the December 3rd meeting after the 3 PM Mass at Resurrection Church at Castor Avenue and Vista Street. If you have questions about the ICDA please contact Jeff Fitzgerald, president, at tty #215-576-5016 or email him at jlmjfitz@aol.com.

I am very happy to see all the various Catholic Deaf groups work together with the ICDA. There are so many volunteers working together for the benefit of our Deaf Catholic Church. I hope to see more and more of our Deaf Catholics and non-Catholic people coming to our ASL Masses, interpreted Masses and Deaf Catholic events. All are welcome! God bless you!

Jeffrey Fitzgerald, President of Phila., Chapter #8

New ICDA Editor

Hi everyone, My name is Amy Coppola. I am your the new editor for the ICDA report. I am taking the place of Carmine Salvato. Carmine is very seriously ill now and needs all of our prayers. I cannot believe summer is over and that fall is passing so quickly. I am happy to be your editor. You can call me at 215-335-2367 or fax me at 215-332-3505 to tell me any important information to include in the Newsletter. Please plan to come to the ICDA Children's Christmas Party on December 17, 2000. The flyer gives all the details about this special day. This spring we will have our Deaf Mission. We have this every two years. This year the Deaf Mission is May 18, 19 and 20, 2001. The leader of the Deaf Mission will be Rev. Michael Depcik.

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Rev. Depcik is a Deaf priest ordained last spring. He is a wonderful preacher and will inspire anyone who comes. He will help to deepen your relationship with God and help you feel renewed in God's love. Rev. Depcik travels throughout the US and Canada spreading the Good News about Jesus in ASL, his native language.

Do not miss this opportunity on **May 18, 19 and 20th**. Tell all your friends and coworkers to come to the Deaf Mission. Bring all your Deaf friends. They will be glad they came and so will you! At the closing Mass and banquet of the Deaf Mission we will also celebrate **Sister Kathleen's 25th Anniversary** as a nun. Sister Kathleen has been a nun for 25 years and for many of those years she has worked among the Deaf Catholic community. All are invited to come to this Mass and banquet.

Submitted by: **Amy Coppola**

Don't Forget ICDA Regular Meetings

We meet every first Sunday of the month. Come and support us!!

Amy Coppola, Editor

Any news about births, birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses, deaths or any news worthy items, please contact **Amy Coppola at (215) 335-2367** *ty or fax at (215) 332-3505*.

**St. Charles News****Message from Father Paul**Twenty Years

This year, 2000, we are celebrate **20 years of the Mass for the Deaf at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Drexel Hill**. I can't believe it! It seems like yesterday that we got started. I am filled with thanks for these past 20 years. Thanks to the deaf people who have participated in the celebration of Mass. You have been a great blessing in my life. I am grateful for your love for God and for all your kindness and support over the years. We are grateful, too, for

the priests and people of St. Charles Parish who have been so welcoming and happy to have us at St. Charles for our monthly Mass.

We are especially grateful to God for the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. It has been a great joy for me and a source of much consolation to see Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament come to the deaf at Mass at St. Charles. Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of yourself in Holy Communion - the greatest gift of all.

Fr. Paul Dougherty

Announcements

We will have our **20th Anniversary** for the **St. Charles Deaf Community** on **November 12, 2000**. The celebration of the Mass will start at **10:00 am** (Confessions will be at **9:30 am**). We will then have our banquet at **11:30 am** at the **Drexelbrook Inn**.

St. Charles Deaf Community News

It's a girl!! Joy and David Zurawski, daughter and son-in-law of Nancy and George Zushin, are adopting a baby girl from Guatemala. They named her **Daria Yahayra Zurawski**. The baby's full name is **Yahayra Guadalupe Castillo Villalobos**. They decided to use the baby's name as a middle name. To our amazement, baby Daria was born on **May 23**. The same date of Joy's birthday. She weighed 4 pounds just as Joy when she was born. Just like Joy she is also a preemie too. Everyone in the family and all her friends are very exciting for them, we are hoping that Daria will arrive by **November**.

It's a boy!! Nancy and George Zushin have a grandson, **Kyle**, the son of **Jill** and **George D'Amore**. He is **six months old now**. Just think Kyle and Daria were both born in the millennium, year. Isn't that great!!!

Louise and Anthony Todesco went to Rochester, NY last **August 12** for their son, **Frank Todesco** surprise **40th** birthday party. **Happy Birthday, Frank!**

St. Charles Deaf Community wishes you

all a **Happy Thanksgiving**. Let us all be thankful for what God has given us. **Merry Christmas** to you and your family as we celebrate the joyous birth of Jesus Christ! Have a **Happy, Healthy, Safe New Year!!**

My email is **LPLMAHAM@aol.com** or fax me at **610-604-0991**.

Patti Hampel, Editor

**De Sales News**News

Hard to believe that summer is over and there is another newsletter to write!

It is good to hear that the **ICDA Convention** will come to Philadelphia in the **summer of 2003** and that we will have a lot of volunteers to help in the planning phase of this event.

DeSales Society strongly supports the ICDA Convention and will help in any way we can.

Good News

Liz and Nick Fazzolari are proud to say that her daughter and son in law, **Lisa and Scott Kelly** will expect a new baby in **April, 2001**. That would be Liz's and Nick's fourth grandchild! Congratulations to the proud grandparents and Kelly Family!

Congratulations to **Gloria and Ken Weiler** who bought a new house in **Valley Forge!** We wish them the best in the new residence and may God look over them lovingly.

New Time for De Sales Society Meeting

As you know, we have been having our meetings at a new time - **11:00 A.M. BEFORE** our Mass which usually starts at 12:30 P.M. We had our first meeting on Sunday, May 28th at 11:00 A.M., and it was well received. So, we have decided to make this change permanent until further notice. The reason for this

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change is that we feel that having meetings early before Mass and Social will be better for us.

Our next meeting and Mass will be held on Sunday, **November 26th** at **11:00 A.M.** with the Mass to follow at 12:30 P.M. Please feel free to come to our Mass and meetings.

Bible Study

The next bible study class will be held at the residence of **Liz and Nick Fazzolari** on **Friday, November 10th, at 7:30 p.m.** Please let her know if you are planning to join - their fax numbers are **215-412-3225**.

Religious Class for Deaf Children!

As you know, **June Goodwin** completed a **two year Ministry Program** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary last **May** and her goal in ministry was to teach religion class to deaf children. Therefore, June started teaching a religion class for **six deaf children** on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at **St. Stanislaus Elementary School in Lansdale** in September. June really enjoys teaching the children and each evening is really a challenge for her with God's help. By the way, if you want further information about the religion class, you can contact **Sister Kathleen Schipani** at her email address: **Srschipa@adphila.org**.

Genuardi Cash Register Receipts

Please save your **Genuardi Cash Register Receipts** and give them to **Liz Fazzolari**. We will save as many as we can and donate the receipts for cash to the **2003 ICDA Convention**.

Saint Katharine Drexel

On Sunday, **October 1, 2000**, Blessed **Mother Katharine Drexel** was canonized Saint Katharine Drexel by **Pope John Paul** on account of **two miracles** which involved a man and girl who were both deaf then became hearing after praying to Saint Katharine Drexel. **Sister Kathleen Schipani** and **Denise Logan** had an opportunity to fly to Rome witnessing the great gift of Saint Katherine

Drexel. There are more details in Sister Kathleen's article. Please feel free to stop by Saint Katharine Drexel's beautiful shrine, including her tomb and relics, which are located in **Bensalem**.

Future Plans

Watch this newsletter for an outline on our future plans which will include an art auction, flea market at St. Stanislaus, day trip to Cape May, NJ, and a possible two day trip with sleepover to Gettsburg, Tennessee to see the Christmas Trees. The dates of all these activities have not been decided, yet. Anyway, keep your eyes peeled for future announcements.

Editor's Remarks

When I read the last newsletter, I noticed that some people wrote about **Sister Mary Immaculate** and I felt bad that I did not participate by writing about her at that time. I know that it is never too late to write about Sister Mary Immaculate.

Who was **Sister Mary Immaculate**? My first impression of Sister Mary Immaculate when she came to **The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf** to teach religion class was that she had lovely brown eyes showing her beautiful soul and that she was a hard of hearing nun. When she started teaching, I was fascinated and through her religion class I learned a lot! This continued until I felt that through her and **Father Anthony Russo** God was calling me to become a deaf nun. When it became a reality in process, I suddenly felt that I was not ready to attend Lansdale Catholic High School. I was fifteen years old then and it was the most difficult decision I ever made although with Sister Mary Immaculate's help I felt comfortable in making my decision not to become a nun. We became friends and I relied on her support.

When **Jim** and I started making our wedding plans, Sister Mary Immaculate came to my mind so I asked her to do us the honor of participating in the whole liturgy of our wedding. She graciously accepted and was there at our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on **Saturday**,

March 4, 1989, when **Fr. Anthony Russo** married us. She even took time to take a lot of pictures of us with her little black camera which amazed us. She also gave us a lovely figurine of Mother Mary. She encouraged us to rear children which at that time I thought I was too old to be a mother. How wrong I was! I felt Sister Mary Immaculate knew that we would have three girls somehow. Was she working under God's hands with me and my family? Yes, she certainly was!

One Saturday after the play at St. Charles Seminary, my family with a group of deaf people had seen her (when she had her retreat there) in the beautiful little chapel in the crypt. To my amazement, Sister Mary Immaculate who had a motor difficulty at that time walked up to the altar with two canes showing her dignity and courage. She told all her children (who are now adults) and their families that we must never forget to kneel before the altar and to make the sign of the cross showing our respect to God. I had tears in my eyes looking at her kneeling down with two canes I felt that she had an angel to help her.

One day Sister Mary Immaculate called me asking me if I could pick her up to go to a friend's birthday party which my family also was invited. Without a second thought, I said OK and we drove all the way to pick her up. Indeed it was out of the way but I was happy to help her. We had a great time at the party, by the way!

Lastly, my most recent visit with her was nice and I knew it would be the last time I saw her. Her faith nourished me to build my own faith during those years! As I look back I see myself as a young uncertain teenager who changed her mind not to be a nun; however, Sister Mary Immaculate taught me how to keep my faith strong. Now, I am Jim's wife, a mother of three lovely daughters, a teacher of religion class for both hearing and deaf children at our parish and St. Stanislaus; and I am still involved in the Deaf Catholic Community and DeSales Society. "Sister Mary Immacu-

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late, thank you so much for nurturing me to keep my faith strong for my family and to trust God; and for being my true friend. See you later."

Submitted by: **June Goodwin**

We hope that you will have wonderful, safe Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with your family and friends and we hope to see you at our DeSales Masses and socials.

James K. Goodwin, Editor



St. Francis News

Adult Christmas Celebration

Don't even think of forgetting the Christmas Banquet hosted by St. Francis Association of the Deaf. We have big plans and will entertain everyone royally. So get your reservations in as soon as possible. The Christmas party will be held at the **Westover Country Club on Friday, December 1, 2000 from 6:00 PM to 1:00 AM.** For more information call **Peggy Aquilani** at TDD # **610-473-7172** or Fax **610-473-7173**.

Travelers-R-Us

The **Bucci's** were off again on a bus trip with the Lancaster Senior Deaf Group. This time they traveled to Ohio. They visited the Ohio Association of the Deaf Retirement community called **Columbus Colony Home** in Westerville, Ohio. It was started in 1977 and is operated by the alumni Association. It is a long care facility. The apartments were beautiful. The colony provides escorted trips to restaurants and recreational activities. Almost everything you want is available to you from a barber to a doctor.

Kathy and Edmund visited **Longaberger Basket Factory** also. What a wonderful interesting place! Kathy couldn't come home with out one basket and earrings in the shape of baskets. A staff of **9,000** people weave **45,000** baskets every day. It is truly amazing to witness all the work that is completed on the third shift. The building itself is over 1 and 1/4 miles long. Each basket is auto-graphed by the person who weaves it. As it turned out, Kathy saw a basket that looked familiar. When she returned home and checked a basket from the back of one of her

closets, she discovered it was a real Longaberger made in 1990. Kathy loves to surprise herself.

Peggy Aquilani, Editor



CCDCC News

News

It is a great opportunity for the Deaf Catholic groups to get involved with ICDA Conference 2003. The planning meetings are a great way to work together, share ideas and learn from each other's leadership skills. This experience will help each group and hopefully this will help to increase our experience with planning Religious events and deepen our faith together.

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to **Joseph and Beth McGinnis** on becoming new parents to their third son, **Brendan James** who was born on **August 27, 2000.** Brendan weighed **7 lbs and 6 oz.** and was **19 inches** long. He was warmly welcomed by his brothers, **Patrick and Sean.** We wish God's blessings on his family.

Congratulations to **Brian and Christy Hennessey** on becoming the new parents of their first baby boy named **Brent John** who was born on **October 23, 2000.** Brent weighed **7 lbs and 13 oz.** and was **21 inches** long. God's blessings be with their family!

Baptism

Brendan McGinnis, son of **Joseph and Beth McGinnis**, was baptized by Father Russo at St. Ann Church on **November 4, 2000.** His Godparents are **Jim Gillin and June Goodwin.** Welcome into God's family, Brendan! God bless him!

Greetings

Our warmest wishes to all of you and your families for a joyous, blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful, Happy New Year 2001! We wish you, all happy, healthy and safe holidays!

Edwin and Lisa Allan, Staff Editors

Pray for the sick

Peggy Aquilani's mother who lives in Las Vegas, Nevada has recently been operated on for Stomach cancer. Her condition is serious. Our prayers for Peggy's mother and family are greatly appreciated.

George Zushin, had surgery on **October 3.** Pray for his successful recovery.

Carmine Salvato is still in the University of PA Hospital. He is recovering from a brain aneurisms.

Irene and Jerry Kane were in a serious car accident. Irene has a broken ankle and bruises. Jerry had a head injury and has had two surgeries. Pray for his continued recovery.

Anna Gawronski had a pacemaker implanted **last July** unexpectedly and it was a long adjustment for her. Unfortunately, she now has pneumonia and is taking a third kind of antibiotics which we hope will not give her side effects like the previous antibiotics did. We hope she will recover soon. Please pray for her complete recovery. Your prayers for Anna will be appreciated very much by the Goodwin Family.

Rose Fedus, aunt of **James Goodwin**, is recovering nicely at a nursing home. Your prayers for her complete recovery are greatly appreciated by the Goodwin family.

Sick who need our prayers

Elizabeth DiPietro **Michael Flynn**
Assunta Stearns **Catharine Fox**
Robert Davidson, father of **Helen Imparo**

Rest in Peace

Barbara McCafferty, mother of **Robert (Bobby) Smith** on **October 12.**

Our sympathy is extended to **Anna Maria Tamaro** and her family on the death of **Anna Maria's aunt.** May her soul rest peacefully.

Caroline Osewalt, grandmother of **Norman Smeal**
Teddy Adrian
Catherine Beer, mother of **Eric Beer**
Florence Bolton
Ruth Bozzi
Kevin DeFrancisco
Joseph Grillo

RESERVE THESE DATES

Deaf Mission preached by **Rev. Mike Depcik** in Philadelphia - **May 18, 19** evenings and morning of the **20th, 2001.**

Celebrate Sister Kathleen's 25th Jubilee at the closing Mission Mass and Banquet on **May 20th, 2001.**

THANK YOU

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Your generous donations are greatly appreciated. We are able to continue to send the Newsletter first class to over 800 members of our Deaf Catholic community.

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Christmas Masses Interpreted in ASL



St. Stanislaus Church, Lansdale, PA
Main Street and Lansdale Road
Christmas Eve 5:15 PM
Christmas Eve 11:15 Carol Service
Christmas Eve 12 Midnight

St. Pius X, Broomall, PA
220 Lawrence Road
Christmas Day 10:30 AM

Our Lady of Ransom Church, NE Phila.
Roosevelt Boulevard and Unruh Street
Christmas Eve 4:00 PM

St. Joseph Church, Warrington, PA
Easton and County Line Roads
Christmas Day 11:00 AM

St. Francis Assisi Church, Norristown, PA
Marshall and Buttonwood Streets
Convent Chapel
Christmas Eve 5:30 PM

St. Simon and Jude, West Chester, PA
West Chester Pike and Route 352
Christmas Day 9:00 AM

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, South Phila.
11th and Jackson Street
Christmas Day 11:00 AM

Please arrive early for reserved seating!
May you and your family have a blessed Christmas!



Advent - Christmas Celebration

Mass, Dinner and Entertainment

Sponsored by the

Deaf Apostolate and I.C.D.A.

You are invited to come to a special Christmas Mass with special participation from the children of the Religion Classes

Sunday, December 17, 2000

Mass at 2:00 PM

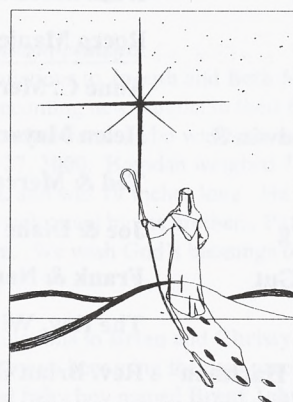
in the basement Church of Resurrection of Our Lord
Castor Ave. and Vista Street, Philadelphia, PA



Signing Santa

Gifts for Children

Signed Entertainment



Lots of fun

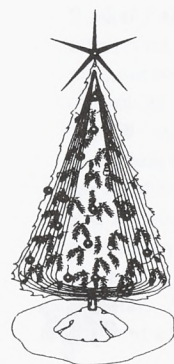
Lots of Activities

Lots of food

Adult will enjoy a great
Pasta, Meatballs, Sausage Dinner
Salad, Rolls, Drinks and Dessert.
Children will have hotdogs and chips.
All dessert will be donated.

(If you are interested in providing a desserts, call 215-824-2963(tty), (fax) 215-281-0367 or e-mail NSMEAL@aol.com)

For tickets clip and send to Norman Smeal, 4731 St. Denis Drive, Phila, Pa 19114
Make check payable to ICDA. **Please include a self addressed stamped envelope.**
Tickets will be sent to you. Deadline: December 10, 2000



Name: _____ Phone/tty _____
Address _____
Fax _____ e-mail _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

#of Adult: _____ @ \$7.00 each _____
#of children 13-18 years old _____ @ \$5.00 each _____
of children under age 12 yrs of old _____ FREE Total amount _____
Please list the names and ages of your children on the back of this form.

DEAF APOSTOLATE Archdiocese of Philadelphia Family Retreat Day

All families who have Deaf children are invited to a special day for parents, children who are deaf and their siblings. Deaf adults with hearing children are also invited to come with their families. The day will include separate and combined activities for children and parents.

WHEN: Saturday, February 10, 2001

WHERE: Our Lady of Ransom Parish
(Roosevelt Blvd. And Unruh St.)

WHAT: A Family Day of Religious Activities



1:30 PM Retreat begins in the school hall.

We will gather first in the school hall. Parent sessions will follow in the convent meeting room. Children's sessions will be in the classrooms and the school gym. The chapel and church will be used by parents and children.

Parent Sessions: Sister Kathleen Schipani will present ways to pray with your children.

Children Sessions: Small group activities will include bible stories, drama and a craft activity.

3:45 PM Penance Prayer Service-Fr. Paul Dougherty, Fr. Harry Geib and Fr. Anthony Russo will hear confessions in sign language.

5:00 PM Mass in Sign Language

6:00 PM Pizza Supper in the School Hall

The cost of the day is \$12 per family. Families are asked to bring a dessert to share. ***Please complete the form at the bottom and return it by Jan. 29, 2001.**

Name _____ Phone # _____

We will attend the Family Retreat Day on February 10, 2001. Enclosed is \$12 payable to the Deaf Apostolate.

Adults attending _____ # Children attending _____

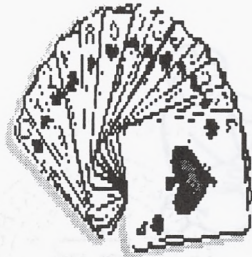
Send to: Sister Kathleen Schipani/ Deaf Apostolate/222 North 17th Street/Phila., PA 19103-1299. (215-338-9373 v/tty)

***Please list names and ages of children on the back of this form. Thanks (Call if you miss the deadline.)**



No plans on Saturday Night – March 24??
Bored ???? Want to win \$\$\$\$\$????

International Catholic Deaf Association



D I N G O N I G H T

50/50 Chance

WHEN: Saturday, March 24
TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Game starts 7 p.m. sharp

COST: \$20.00 per person (cash only)

WHERE: P.S.D. Gym (See map on back of flyer)
School House Lane, Philadelphia, PA

Refreshments will be served Please come on time. First come, first served

Please Note: Adult only (18 years old) and up

Fundraising for 2003 ICDA Convention in Philadelphia
Come and support



Rev. Depcik's nephews and nieces.

A Mission for the Deaf

Rev. Michael Depcik

A Deaf priest from Chicago working
now in Lansing, Michigan and
traveling for ICDA Missions.

Come Deepen your Relationship with God
Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord: Casor Ave. & Shelmire St.
NE Philadelphia, PA (Lower Church)



First Day: Friday, May 18, 2001 at 7:30 PM
Second Day: Saturday, May 19, 2001 at 7:30 PM
Third Day: Sunday, May 20, 2001 Mass at 12 Noon

Mass will also celebrate Sister Kathleen's 25th Jubilee as a Sister of the IHM.

Confessions: Friday and Saturday Evenings- 7:00-7:30 PM
Social Time: Friday and Saturday Evenings after the Mission

On Friday and Saturday evenings there will be social time with snacks and great desserts after the Mission. The Sunday Mass will be followed by the Mission Banquet at Dugan's Restaurant to celebrate the Mission and Sister Kathleen's 25th Anniversary.

Banquet at Dugan's Restaurant: 2-6 PM
Roosevelt Boulevard and Borbeck Street

Your choice of Dinner:

Breast of Capon Stuffed with Rice
String Beans Almodine
Fresh Fruit Cup & Salad
Coffee or Tea

Roast Top of Sirloin /Beef Mushroom Gravy
Baked Potato/ Sour Cream
String Beans Almodine
Fresh Fruit Cup & Salad / Coffee or Tea

For reservations clip and send check to: Mrs. Amy Coppola, 3530 Tudor Street,
Phila., PA 19136. (Make checks payable to ICDA Chapter #8). Deadline- May 8, 2001.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

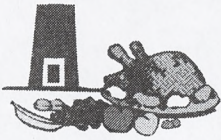
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Choice of Dinner: Breast of Capon Stuffed - # of people _____ @\$30.00 each

Roast Top Sirloin of Beef- # of people _____ @\$30.00 each

Total enclosed:\$ _____

Happy



Thanksgiving



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1st & 3rd Sundays - 3 PM Resurrection of Our Lord Church

Castor Ave. and Vista Street, Phila. (Lower Church)

Confessions 2:15-2:45 PM

Sat. before 2nd Sun. - 5:00 PM Our Lady of Ransom Church, Philadelphia

Unruh Street and Roosevelt Blvd.

2nd Sundays - 10:00 AM St. Charles Church (School Hall), Drexel Hill, PA

Burmont Road and Dennison Street

2nd and 5th Sundays - 10:15 AM Sts. Peter and Paul, West Chester

Boot Road, 1/4 mile East of RT. 202

4th Sundays - 12:30 PM St. Mary's Manor Chapel, Lansdale, PA

701 Lansdale Avenue

4th Sundays—5:30 PM St. Francis Convent, Norristown, PA

Marshall and Buttonwood Streets

1st Saturdays-4:00 PM St. Boniface Church, Philadelphia, PA

174. W. Diamond Street

MASSES INTERPRETED IN ASL

Every Saturday- 5:00 PM Our Lady of Ransom, Northeast Phila.

Unruh Street and Roosevelt Boulevard

Every Sundays - 10:30 AM St. Pius X, Broomall, PA

220 Lawrence Road

1st and 3rd Sundays - 9:00 AM St. Francis Assisi Church, Norristown, PA

Marshall and Buttonwood Streets (Call tty 610-539-8622 to check time)

1st and 3rd Sundays - 11:00 AM St. Joseph Church, Warrington, PA

Easton and County Line Roads

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays - 8:30 AM St. Stanislaus Church, Lansdale, PA

Main Street and Lansdale Road

1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays - 9:00 AM Sts. Simon and Jude, West Chester

West Chester Pike at RT. 352

2nd & 4th Sundays - 11:00 AM Epiphany of Our Lord, South Phila.

11th and Jackson Street

4th Sundays - 11:00 AM Nativity of Our Lord Church, Warminster, PA

625 W. Street Road

4th Sundays - 11:30 AM St. Monica Church, Berwyn, PA

63 Main Avenue

1st Sundays - 11:00 AM St. Gabriel Church, Stowe, PA

421 Jefferson Street

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