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A Vision for Children

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Education Program for children ages 3 through 12 in which they experience and form authentic, faithful relationships with God.

The Catechesis is grounded in scriptural and liturgical study framed by Montessori's principle of education. This allows children to hear the Gospel through the use of sensorially rich materials. The children are free to work with these materials that represent essential proclamations of the Christian message.

The adult's task is to prepare the sacred space, called the atrium, for the children, so that they can respond to this holy relationship, first proclaimed to them through Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

The atrium is a place of community and worship rather than a classroom for academic study. It is a place to be with God, to enjoy God, to listen to God's Word, and to pray. It is designed to reflect the beauty of His creation and God's abiding love.

The vision for this faith experience began in 1954 by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a Hebrew and Scripture scholar and member of the Vatican Commission for Jewish-Christian Relations, and her colleague, Professor Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori-trained educator.

Dr. Cavalletti began her work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with young children in the Children's Centre or "Atrium" in Rome. She found in working with children in this approach, that whatever the culture, they have vital religious needs and they respond in similar ways to the most essential elements of the Christian message.

Children desire to draw near to God, but need the sensitive guidance of the adult as well as the inner guidance of the Holy Spirit in them to nurture this relationship.

Today the Catechesis can be found in Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches as well as schools

worldwide.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd requires training for adults at each level or age group. Level I is for children ages 3 - 6, Level II is for Children ages 6 - 9 and Level III is for Children ages 9 - 12. Each level of training requires a hundred hours lectures and lesson presentations as well as material making and direction.

All are invited to participate in Level I formation training for adults, which will be provided in two parts. Part 1 of Level I will occur June 4 - 12, 1999 at the Parish of St. Clement, Honolulu. Part 2 of Level I will be in June 2000.

On completion of the course, participants will be prepared to enter at atrium as a catechist and to work with children ages 3 - 6 years.

If you have any questions you would like answered about this program or for more information about the Level I (Part 1) training course, please contact Elisabeth Keller at (808)988-5502, or you may send e-mail to <sbonsey@lava.net>.

The Tuition Fee for the Level I (Part 1) course is \$250.00 for the first participant from a congregation, \$200.00 for each additional participant from the same church. Some scholarship funds are available.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$50.00 is due with each registration form by March 30th, 1999 to reserve a place in the course. The balance of the tuition fee is due by May 15th, 1999. Class size is limited.

"If we want to help the child draw nearer to God, we should with patience and courage seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things.

This requires study and prayer.

The children will be our teachers if we know how to observe them.
- Sofia Cavalletti

Food for the Journey with Amanda Hughes



Amanda Hughes, author of the Journey to Adulthood Program for young people

Amanda Hughes will be the keynote speaker at the **Food for the Journey Conference on March 12 and 13 at Camp Mokuleia**. Amanda is one of the authors of the Journey to Adulthood Program, and she will speak about this exciting vehicle for nurturing the spiritual formation of young people. However, the conference is not intended as a sales pitch for the Journey to Adulthood Program. Whether or not a congregation decides to implement the program, adult youth leaders who participate in the conference will develop new skills and insights for their ministry. They will be treated to Amanda's warmth and wit, to her wisdom in relating to teenagers, and to her vision of us all as family in Christ.

The conference is sponsored by the Diocesan Christian Formation committee with a grant from the George P. and Ida Tenney Castle Trust through the Hawai'i Community Foundation. Because of the grant for this conference, the committee is offering to pay expenses including neighbor island airfare, for representatives of each congregation.

Registration forms have been sent to each of the congregations in the Diocese. For more information, contact Jenny Wallace at (808) 524-2822 Extension 220.

Thought for the Month

Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind, the second is to be kind, and the third is to be kind.

- Henry James



BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My entire last weekend was spent completing our Tax Organizer. I was facing the March 1st deadline that my tax consultant had given me. Sifting through receipts thrown haphazardly into file folders during the year, I attempted to put them in order to document the data stored in my computer. I struggled with the computer reports, my hand calculator, unfamiliar unfamiliar language of the Tax Organizer, and unlabeled receipts.

As I worked through the weekend, the cliché about inevitability of death and taxes came to mind. There is a risk that the preparation of taxes will be our major Lenten undertaking. It becomes the annual burden to be endured as an inconvenience of life and drudgery of spring. We may come to relish describing our tax preparations, so that it easier than describing how we are keeping a Holy Lent. There is the likelihood that preparation for our own death is a burden that is reluctantly undertaken, if at all. Just as we might be slow to face into preparation of their tax returns, we fearfully face into our own humanity seeking to delay or avoid the thought of our dying. A sense of hopeless, fearful resignation overcomes is whenever we think of our own dying. It is a journey that we are reluctant to prepare for or even consider.

In keeping a Holy Lent we have been invited on a journey that leads to death. We participate with other faithful people in the journey that leads

inevitably to death on the cross on Golgotha. It is by our walking this pilgrim's way that leads us to finding the meaning of death and resurrection in our own lives. The road to Jerusalem leads to Jesus' death on the cross. But this journey also leads to the victory of Easter and life eternal in the presence of God. Just as there is the certainty of our own death, there is also the "sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ". Lent is our time of journey with Jesus and witness to our participation in his death and resurrection.

May keeping of a Holy Lent prepare us for our journey of death and life with Jesus that leads to the victory of Easter.

"He Lanakila Ma Ke Kea"

+Richard S.O. Chang

New Clergy Appointments in the Diocese

There have been several new "comings and goings" amongst the clergy in the last couple of months.

The Right Rev. Jackson Gilliam retired as Vicar of St. Jude's on the Big Island of Hawai'i, and is now serving as Interim at Holy Cross Church Malaekahana, Oahu. Bishop Gilliam continues to serve as Assisting Bishop of Hawai'i.

The Rev. Alison Dingley relinquished her position as Vicar of Waikiki Chapel when she accepted the call to be Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Honolulu as of February 1st.

The Rev. Randolph V.N. Albano has been appointed Vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Honolulu. Mr. Albano - a member of the Philippine Independent Church, is currently the Port Chaplain of Houston, Texas. He is expected to take up his new appointment at the beginning of this month (March).

The Rev. Robert DeWolf, who comes from Vermont, has accepted the call from the Church of the Good Samaritan, Honolulu, to be Rector of that parish. At the time of going to press, we do not have a date of arrival for Mr. DeWolfe.

Bishop's Calendar

MARCH

- 14 St. Paul's
- 21 St. Elizabeth's
- 28 Kohala Mission

APRIL

- 4 St. Andrew's Cathedral
- 11 St. Alban's Chapel
- 18 St. Mark's

Camp Mokuleia

One day we are talking about getting ready for Christmas, then almost without a blink of the eye, that has gone, and we are looking forward to Summer once again. However, often the summer activities take rather more planning than just going out and buying presents as one does at Christmas, and then sighing a sigh of relief when it is over.

These days many families and young people look forward to Summer Camps in various places. The Diocese of Hawai'i has the ideal place. It is known as Camp Mokuleia, which is situated in Waialua - a beautiful part of Oahu, and right on the beach. The Camp is run most efficiently by its Executive Director - Ken Zitz.

Although throughout the year the Camp is used by many people, groups and organizations, the Diocese always promotes its Summer Camp Program for young people aged from seven to fifteen years. This year is no exception, and already many pans are being drawn up for the Camp which will be held from July 11 to August 21, 1999. All churches in the Diocese should try to send some - or even one of their young people to this Camp, for it is always an enjoyable experience that they will never forget.

Right now the camp is recruiting young men and women to apply for Summer Camp Counsellor positions, and training will start for the staff on July 3rd. - one week prior to the opening of the Camp. If you know of any young Christian person who would like to become a part of the Camp's Summer Program, please ask them to contact Mr. Ken Zitz via e-mail or by telephone. His telephone number is (808) 637-6241 and his e-mail is:

<mokuleia@pixi.com>

Also, if any priests in the Diocese are interested in serving as Chaplain, they should also contact Ken Zitz.

- Java Sparrow

LENTEN PROGRAM AT HOLY INNOCENTS'

Although by the time this paper reaches the households of this Diocese, the season of Lent will already have started. Nevertheless, many people may be interested in attending the program being offered on Wednesday evening at Holy Innocents' Church, Lahaina, on the Island of Maui.

In previous years, the Holy Innocents' Church as hosted bread and soup suppers during Lent beginning at 6.00p.m. in the Rectory. This year a similar pattern is being followed. After the supper, at 7.00p.m. there will be a brief Vespers service followed by the program. The Church has been lucky to have the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault as their guest for the first night of this year's program entitled "An Introduction to Benedictine Spirituality". The series will continue for a total of five weeks.

Dr. Bourgeault - who is an Episcopal priest - lives at the Contemplative Center on Saltspring Island, British Columbia, and teaches regularly at the Vancouver School of Theology. She is an Oblate in the Order of St. Benedict.

During this Lenten series, the participants will explore what has made the Benedictine way endure since the 16th Century. It has become a growing movement in the church and the world today. Exploration will also be made into how this Wisdom tradition with its tools teaches us to receive God's word and discern His work for each of us; God's voice amidst the noise of our daily life. Also how to recognize when it comes and to trust this holy moment. Participants will also be introduced to a way of reflecting, wherein we become the presence of Christ for our world and try to find a balance between our openness to God and to the needs of our neighbour, and ultimately how to radiate to God's glory in the world.

All are welcome to join this program.

Just a Note For Your Information

The staff of the Chronicle would appreciate it if contributors to this paper submit materials as early as possible for each issue. If articles arrive at the last minute, they may not be included due to lack of space.

If you wish to have your name and address changed or removed, we would ask you to send such information directly to Episcopal Life at: P.O. Box 928, Vineland, New Jersey, 08362-0928 - and not to the Diocesan Office.

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Episcopal Church Women to hold workshop on U.T.O.

Every so often the parishes in the Diocese are given notification that the "Ingathering for the U.T.O." will take place on "such-and-such" a date.....and we always talk in initials as if everyone knows what they mean!! It happens not just in this diocese but in dioceses everywhere.

Yet even though it is a regular occurrence, many people are mystified as to what it is all about. Whenever it happens, it always seems to be centred around events concerning the Episcopal Church Women, and it happens with a flourish. Here in this diocese it happens at the Diocesan Convention, and on a National basis there is a big "ingathering" at the General Convention every three years. It is always impressive - with representatives from parishes or dioceses processing forward with cheques or promissory notes in their hands. But that is it, and very little further information is given to the average parishioner. That is a pity, because the U.T.O., or - to give it the correct and full name - the United Thank Offering, is a big and organized system set up to help projects of all kinds throughout the entire church. Not just locally. If more people knew more about the organization and how it works and where the money comes from and where it eventually goes, then a greater interest would be generated everywhere. People would be amazed at the projects that have been funded by the United Thank Offering, and indeed it is quite likely that they would learn how some project in their own parish had benefited from it.

The Episcopal Church Women in our Diocese of Hawai'i have decided to deal with this very problem of making people aware about the U.T.O. By doing this they will be able to increase the giving, and in turn, be able to increase the grants given for projects.

On Saturday, 27th. March, from 9.00a.m. to 2.00p.m., the Episcopal Church Women will be holding a workshop called "Face to Face" at St Andrew's Cathedral. The workshop will focus on the United Thank Offering, and deal with how the money is collected, where it goes, and who can benefit from it. The E..C.W. will send a round trip air ticket to each of the neighbour island churches so a representative can attend. So, the Episcopal Church Women ask parishes to mark their calendars for March 27th, and look out for the flyer that will be coming in the mail.

- Java Sparrow

"RETRouvaille" A Weekend for Hurting Marriages

In these days of stress, strain and rushing round many couples find themselves in difficulties where their marriages are concerned.

"Retrouvaille" is a programme designed especially for couples who are separated, divorced or in counselling, who want to make their marriage or relationship with their former partner work.

The programme consists of a weekend experience, and then six follow-up sessions. It is designed to provide the told that are necessary to help couples put their marriage are relationship in order again.

The main emphasis of the weekend is communication between the couple, for communication is one of the essential ingredients to make any relationship work.

The "Retrouvaille" weekend programme is schedule for March 26, 27 & 28, 1999. It will be held at the St. Stephen's Diocesan Center, Pali Highway, Kaneohe.

This is a very worthwhile program for those who feel they need help or advice in the relationship and marriage.

If you or any couple you know are interested in receiving more information about "Retrouvaille", please call Bob or Judy Winner at 808-689-0045.

Nippon Sei Ko Kai

On December 12th., 1998, the first woman was ordained a priest in the Nippon Sei ko Kai Church in Japan.

The Rev. Margaret Yoshiko Shibukawa, Deacon, was ordained by the Right Rev. Francis Toshiaki Mori, Bishop of Chuba Diocese, Nagoya, Japan, in St. Mark's Cathedral.

Nearly three hundred people gathered in the Cathedral for this auspicious event.

The Rev. Margaret Shibukawa has devoted herself to mission work in the Diocese of Chuba as a deacon for the past twenty-one years.

Can You Help?

(With the Shirt off Your Back!)

The hard working members of the Cathedral Altar Guild are in desperate need of old T-shirts (or similar cloth) for brass polishing. Can you help? If you can, please give them to Tiny Chang or leave them at the Cathedral Office any weekday.

CALLING ALL SINGLES

St. Andrew's Cathedral has a vibrant program organized for single folk over the next few months. For those out there who would be interested in coming and joining the Singles Group, here is the list of dates and events for the upcoming months.

March 21: "The First One Thousand Years" (Video) by Cathy Jordan.

April 4: 4.00p.m. - Diamond Head Theatre - "Moon over Buffalo"

April 18: "Chicken Soup and the Christian Soul" by Susan Pestana

May 2: Movie Night (To be announced)

May 16: 4.00p.m. - Diamond Head Theatre, "Forty Second Street"

June 6: IMAX

June 20: Program Planning for the Fall/Winter.

All programs begin at 6.00p.m. and are held in the Von Holt Room at St. Andrew's Cathedral, unless different times and places are noted. If you have not attended the previous program, it would be wise to call the Rev. Richard Zimmerman at 949-5910, in case there have been some last minute changes, or call Ann Clark, at 955-3448.

Lenten Series will deal with Women in the Bible

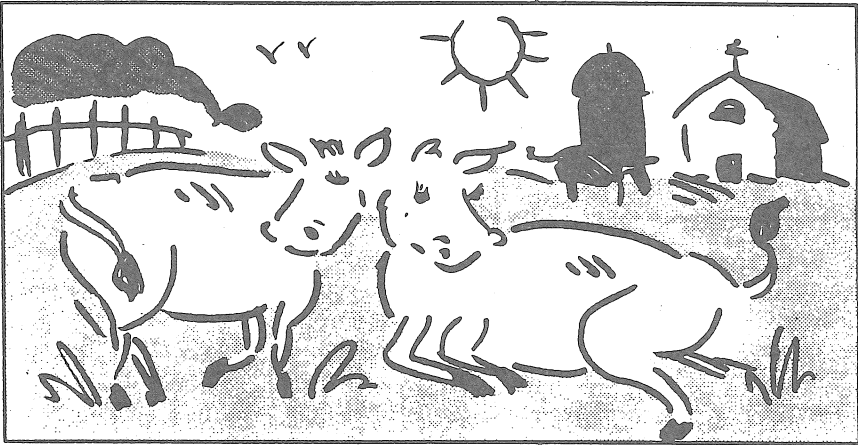
Christ Memorial Church, Kilauea, and St. Thomas' Church, Hanalei, will join forces once again for their Lenten Programme.

Following the Lambeth Conference last summer, when there was discussion regarding "flying bishop" who would oversee parishes who disagreed with the ordination of women to the priesthood, Christ Memorial Church together with St. Thomas' decided to look into the question and role of women in the Bible.

Every Wednesday evening following a short evensong at 7.00p.m., the members will study and discuss various women in both the Old Testament and the New testament, who played key roles in the scripture, and in the lives of their people and church of their time.

Women like Ruth, Naomi, Miriam, Mary, Mary Magdelene and Lydia will all be discussed. Some of the women in the scriptures are only mentioned perhaps once, but the congregation will look at the circumstances surrounding their mention, and try to find out what their lives and positions must have been, as well as the roles they played.

Stewardship Corner



In the Moo(d) to Give? A Farmer's Sad Story

A farmer vowed to give God one of two calves his cow delivered. His wife asked, "Which calf is God's?" He said, "It doesn't matter. I'll give the Lord one when they are grown." A few weeks later, he came into the house looking very sad. "What is wrong?" asked his wife. He replied, "The Lord's calf died last night."

We smile at that little story, but it illustrates a typical attitude. Rather than facing the fact that God owns everything, we see earnings as ours and give God what is left over, if anything.

Giving is not returning a portion of *our* resources to God - it is acknowledging *His* ownership of all we have and are!

Does your giving reflect God's ownership of your resources, or the mood you are in on Sunday?

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

- 1 Grant Request Deadline
- Parochial Report Deadline
- 3 Finance & Real Estate Dept.
- Diocesan Institute Board
- 4 Commission on Ministry
- 6 Celebration of Lay Ministry Conference
- 11 East & Central Honolulu Clericus
- 12 Planned Giving Conference Kaua'i
- 13 Mission Grant Meeting Iolani Guild
- 17 Companion Diocese Comm.
- 18 Cathedral Chapter
- 19 Standing Committee
- 20 Diocesan Institute Council Department Meetings
- Diocesan Council
- 22 Department Budget Recommendation Deadline
- 24 Stewardship Committee
- 26 Kuhio Day - Office Closed
- 27 ECW/UTO Conference
- 28 Palm Sunday
- 31 Compensation & Review Committee

APRIL

- 1 Maundy Thursday, Chrism Mass
- 2 Good Friday - Office Closed
- 3 Cathedral Easter Vigil
- 6 Finance & Real Estate Dept Budget Review
- 7 Diocesan Institute Board
- 9 Standing Committee
- 14 Compensation Review Committee
- 15 Cathedral Chapter
- 16 Mokuleia Board Meeting
- 17 Diocesan Institute Council Departments
- Diocesan Council
- 26-28 Alice Mann Workshop
- 28 Stewardship Committee

A VERY BIG "THANK YOU"

The Editor would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who so kindly responded to our subscription envelopes which were in the last issue.

We greatly appreciate your generosity and your support for the *Hawaiian Church Chronicle*. Without your kind and generous support, it would be difficult to meet the costs of publishing this paper, which is such an essential means of communication in our Diocese. Thank you.

EX-SLAVES SPIRITUAL LEGACY

Church thrives after 130 years

Elizabeth (Lisette) Denison Forth has been dead for one hundred and thirty-two years. But the former Macomb County slave who escaped to freedom in the early 19th Century continues to touch the lives of thousand of affluent whites.

Born into slavery sometime before 1793, Lisette fled to Canada as a young woman and later returned to Michigan, where she amassed a small fortune through hard work and wise investment. Upon her death in 1866, she bequeathed her savings and property - worth \$1,500 - for the establishment of an Episcopal Chapel.

On July 12th, 1998, one hundred and sixty members and guests of Grosse Ile's St. James' Church marked its 10th Anniversary be re-creating the inaugural service of 1868. The Rector arrived by horse and buggy; women wore hats and gloves of the period; and the church's original cross, lectern and bible were used.

Much of the two-hour service was dedicated to paying homage to the woman responsible for the church's existence.

"Her gift was affected so many lives," said parishioner Jean Reitmyer, of Wyandotte, alluding to the countless weddings, baptisms and other milestones that have taken place inside the chapel.

"It's incredible that she would do all of this for us, especially considering what was happening at the time she did it," said Mary Lee Mather, who has attended St. James' for more than sixty years. "Blacks didn't even live in Grosse Ile. And Lisette had been a slave. But she built this church. It's just wonderful."

Lisette Forth made much of her money working for thirty-four years as a housekeeper and cook for the Biddle family of Wyandotte. She

chose Grosse Ile resident William Biddle, whom she had helped rear, as executor of her estate.

To fulfill Lisette's wishes, William Biddle pitched in some money, his brother donated a piece of waterfront property, and they hired Detroit architect Gordon Lloyd. The chapel was dedicated on July 9th. 1868, just two years after Lisette's death.

Alma Greer, a retired Detroit Public Schools teacher who is helping organize a children's play about Lisette's father, Patrick Denison, said people should applaud Lisette's success despite the fact that she never learned to read or write. "From her we can all learn that no matter what impediments are placed in your way, you can rise up."

Lisette Forth is believed to be the only black woman who willed large sums of money for philanthropic construction during the nineteenth century. And she is important in legal history because she and her three brothers filed an unsuccessful , first-of-its-kind suit in Territorial Supreme Court in 1807, saying they were being held in bondage against their will.

Church historian Joyce Turin presented Lisette Forth's story. Julie Rhodes, of Grosse Ile, said hearing the history reminded her of the importance of history.

"We can't take diversity for granted, especially in this insular community, which is a pretty affluent white community," she said, as she picnicked with her children on the church lawn after the service.

"History reminds us of where our heritage comes from - and that it comes from all kinds of people."

- Beth Krodol in "Detroit Free Press.

FEEL LIKE A WALK WITH A CAMEL?

This coming June, friends of the Church Missionary Society will have the opportunity to take part in a unique celebration - an 85-mile camel walk and pilgrimage. In honour of the 200th Anniversayr of the CMS, seventy-five participants and two camels will journey the fields, meadows and hiking paths of Great Britain on foot together from June 22-29, 1999.

Led by the Rev. Joseph Galgalo to benefit CMS and primary schools in northern Kenya, "Oxford to Cambridge with a Camel" promises to be a truly memorable event. Mr. Galgalo is a member of the nomadic Gabbra tribe of northern Kenya and the first nomadic Ph.D student in the Faculty of Divinity at the University of Cambridge. No stranger to camels, he spent his early years caring for those animals belonging to his tribe.

The pilgrimage will take place through private lands and fields as well as towns and cities. Safety and consideration for walkers, camels and the residents of the areas through which they will travel is a priority. Great Britain has, therefore, restricted the number of walking participants to seventy-five. In addition to enjoying the walk, these people will have the opportunity to attend lectures and become involved ins ervice projects along the way. Each evening they will stay in a local inn or home until the arrival in Cambridge and a celebratory dservice and dinner.

The cost of lodging, meals and activities during the walk will be covered by participants contributions.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has given his endorsement of "Oxford to Cambridge with a Camel" by affirming "The celebration of 200 years of the Church Missionary Society is one for which many people are giving thanks to God. The work of the CMS has been, and continues to be, a story of the power of God's Holy Spirit in the lives of countless people throughout the world....I warmly commend this initiative and wish you God's blessing as you walk together.

Anyone who may be interested in participating in "Oxford to Cambridge with a Camel", sponsoring a walker or otherwise contributing to this unique endeavour may contact Mr. Willits H. Sawyer, Chairman, EFT Corporation 2911 Dizwell Avenue, Hamden, CT. 06518-3130. Tel: 800-338-2435 ext. 102. Or you may find more information about the walk on the website: <www.etransfer.com/camelwalk>

NOTE: The Editor would like to ask parishes to send in articles/item about their parish events. Items and photos should be received by the 9th of each month. Thank you.

ENTREPRENEURS

JUST TO FILL A LITTLE SPACE AND HAVE A LITTLE SMILE!!

Have you heard the story of the one dollar bill and the twenty dollar bill that met each other in the bank vault? "Where have you been to recently?" the one dollar bill asked the twenty. "Oh, I've been to all sorts of places you've never dreamed of," said the twenty to the one. "The Top of the Mark as well as Chez Panisse, Neiman Marcus, Tiffany's and Gump's; Reno and Las Vegas, to name but a few. And what about you," continued the twenty dollar bill to the one dollar bill, " where have you been recently?"

"I'm afraid my life isn't nearly as exciting as yours seems to be," replied the one dollar bill. "Every week it is the same old thing: church, church church."

- St. Peter's Church
Redwood City, California
