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**From the President . . .**

**Time . . .**

A most precious commodity . . .

As our world moves faster and faster and the time we have is filled — fulfilled and more —

we may be aware we are losing something

Though I doubt we know what.

I cannot do — all the things I should

— all the things I want to do

— need to do — and my priorities must be in constant change.

We must remind ourselves there are quiet places and

we must **MAKE** time to regenerate ourselves

to find those places.

Vacations help and it is time for us to come slowly to a stop and view the world around us and keep a piece of that moment in our pocket.

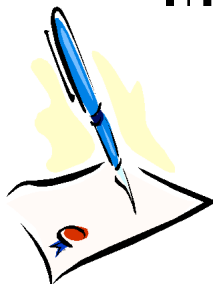
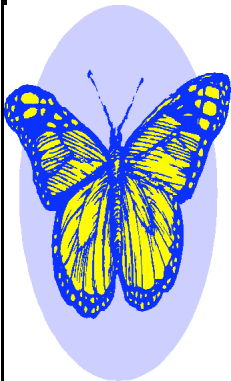
We will need it in the days ahead.

Pat Casey

**Banquet . . .**

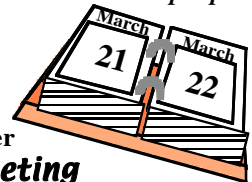
*Just a few thoughts about the Interfaith Unity Banquet. As I have done in the past 8 years, I attended the Interfaith Council Unity Banquet with my family.*

*The banquet is a reminder to me of what is possible in the world if each of us looks at the other as being part of the one family of humanity. I look across the room and see brothers and sisters from the Sikh, Buddhist, Moslem, Christian, Jewish and Bahai traditions. I realize that each one of us has come hoping to take away with us some pearls of wisdom that will enable us to continue growing peace and understanding across faith and ethnic lines.*



*This year, as in the past, I was truly inspired by the recipients of the Spirit in Action awards. Sukh Chugh from Be the Cause, Hussam Ayloush from CAIR, Margaret Henke from OCICE, and Sr. Brid O'Shea from St. Columban Catholic Church are 4 of the people who make this world a better place to live. Their desire to be compassionate, educate, serve, build bridges of understanding and act as role models, encourages the rest of us to get up and do something to make a difference in the world. I feel humbled to be in the same room as these people*

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May 29th **Yard Sale**  
Family Support Center

June 3rd **Monthly Meeting**

**Abraham** from the Muslim, Jewish and Christian Perspective

-Come to hear our Panel

June 19th **Pancake Breakfast**

McLaughlan Hall: St. Polycarp

July 12-23rd **Summer Camp** — St. Polycarp

July 24th **Pot Luck Afternoon at Pat Casey's Home** — More info to come

July 1st **No Monthly Meeting**

See you August 5th

Nov. 24th **Celebration of Thanks**

**May 7, 2005 Ninth Interfaith Unity Banquet Back to Saturday!!!**

**Food for Thought . . .**

**Global Pause for Peace**

*During this time of extreme violence and suffering in our world we invite you to join in Global Pause for Peace each day at noon.*

*Each person in whatever country is invited to pause and reflect for a very brief moment at 12 noon each day to renew commitment to peace and hope by saying the following prayer in silence or out loud, alone or with others:*

*I renew my commitment to peacemaking in the spirit of hope.*

## Miscellaneous . . .

### Banquet Cont. . .

*and it makes me take a good look at myself and ask myself if I can do more to be of service. As I listened to the music, watched the young people who came from Garden Grove High School Key Club serve the guests, tried to take in the words of Susan Quinn, I kept thinking of how I should be doing more to promote peace and understanding. I don't want to be satisfied with just attending Interfaith events and nodding the occasional hello to those from different faith communities. I really want to walk the talk of promoting peace and understanding. I want to accept the challenge of Susan Quinn to expand my community through openness, dialogue and faith. I want to prove the critics wrong when they say people of different faiths and ethnicities can't truly be community. I invite you to take on the challenge too.*

Ann

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### Back Yard Theology Series . . .

St. Columban Catholic Church  
10801 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove  
June 24 — Forgiveness  
July 1 — World Religions  
July 8 — Church History  
July 15 — Sacraments of Initiation  
Potluck in the arbor area at 6:30 p.m.  
Presentation in the church for 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

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### Yard Sale . . .

Saturday, May 29th — 8:30 to 3:00  
St. Polycarp at 8100 Chapman Ave. Stanton  
Donations of gently loved items appreciated.  
Come and adopt one or more treasure.  
Proceeds fund outreach of the Family Support Center

### Pancake Breakfast . . .

June 19th — 7:30 to 11:30  
McLaughlin Hall St. Polycarp  
Bring an Appetite— Call Ann or Evelyn 890-5203

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### Discovery Summer Camp . . .

Attention Children of All Ages  
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Monday July 12 through Friday July 23  
Mc Laughlin Hall: St. Polycarp Parish  
Preschool ages 4 through 12 years  
Activities include sports, arts & crafts, entertainment, 3D show, family day and much more!!  
Children must be pre registered to attend.  
Call Ann or Evelyn 890-5203

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## Elections . . .

*It's that time of year again!!!*

Elections will be held at the next meeting. Members (individual and faith community representatives) may vote at the next meeting or by returning their choices by mail or fax or email.

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## Farewell . . .

*Two of our Founding Members*

*Fr. Ed Poettgen and Rev. Preston Price*

Will both be leaving for new assignments as of July 1. Their presence will be sorely missed in the coming years. They have been the backbone of our community and tireless workers for Interfaith programs and outreach.

You will be sorely missed. Best wishes in your new assignments. Please come back to visit us.

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## Thanks . . .

To the Hari Krishna group for the presentation of their belief and practice, scriptures (*The Bhagavad Gita.*) *It was a wonderfully informative and fascinating look into their life and positions.*

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## Condolences . . .

To Harry Dotson, Stanton Council Member on the death of his wife Natalie on May 21st. Or thoughts and prayers are with you.

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## Friendly Visitor Program . . .

We have a need for caring volunteers (one hour a week) to visit socially isolated seniors or deliver meals to them. — Call Kimberly Morgan at 891-0804

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## Next Meeting: June 3rd

Garden Grove Community Center  
11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, 714-741-5262.  
12:00 — Bring your own lunch & meet new friends.

Meeting 12:30 — 1:30 p.m.

Speakers from the Christian, Jewish and Islamic Communities will lead a panel discussion on Abraham.

**See you there! ! !**

