



Thoughts . . .

Celebrating a holiday/holyday . . .

As fires ring us and the evening news brings home the danger, we find ourselves seeing people bereft of material possessions — grateful for the gift of life and family. The ashes all around us are a reminder of the tentative hold we too have on our own life and possessions.

Ramadan, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and etc. are all approaching. At this time, we are often looking to share our own good fortune with those around us.

Christmas presents may even be an outgrowth of that impulse to share. The giving of self is an ultimate expression thanks and love.

Sharing our blood, our food, our assistance, our expertise, our time and our treasure can bring a measure of compassion to the world.

We can make a difference!!! Give a pint of blood, a day of service or a quiet prayer. May the coming season become holy days for each of us and the world.



Election . . .

We extend our best wishes to President Doug Johnstone and hope his schedule will permit at least his occasional presence at our meetings.

We will be having a replacement election from the slate of existing board members who have agreed to accept the responsibility and duties of the president.

Those Members are:

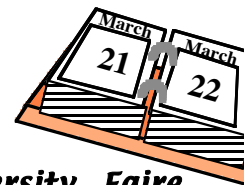
Pat Casey — *St. Anselm Episcopal*

Fr. Ed Poettgen — *St. Polycarp Catholic*

Steve La Fond — *Church of Jesus Christ*

Latter Day Saints

Come prepared to cast your ballot.



- Nov. 1st **Diversity Faire**
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- Nov. 4th **Death Penalty Discussion**
Mater Dei High School
- Nov. 6th **Monthly Meeting**
Thanksgiving preparation & Election
- Nov. 7- 9th **St. Columban — 46th Festival**
Fun — Rides — Food.
- Nov. 14-16th **Change of Heart Weekend —**
Homelessness & Poverty Awareness
- Nov. 22nd **F.S.C. Yard Sale**
St. Polycarp
- Nov. 23rd **Blood Drive**
St. Polycarp —
Call to register — 890-5203
- Nov. 26th **Celebration of Thanks**
- Dec. 4th **Monthly Meeting**
- Jan. 22nd **Mayors Prayer Breakfast —**

Food for Thought . . .

Hell . . . a preview

The unbearable heaviness that comes over us when disagreements and grudges cut us off from the world where people love one another

Louis Evelyn

Miscellaneous . . .

Thanksgiving Celebration . . .

Celebration of Thanks

Remember to have the name of your participants for the program and a copy of any reading so that it can be correctly cited. We hope to put the finishing touches on the Program at the Meeting Nov. 6th. As has been our custom, bring non perishable food or a monetary gift to the Thanksgiving Celebration. This will be given to a local outreach program. Please notify your faith community to save the date, Nov. 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Polycarp Catholic Community Refreshments and Fellowship following at McLaughlan Hall

Alzheimer's Association . . .

Stay tuned. Final plans are being put in place to host a service in Spanish for the Hispanic memory impaired at St. Columban in Garden Grove. Tentative plans are for early December. Call for further information.

Call 714-283-1111 ext. 302 or visit the web site at www.alzoc.org

St. Columban Festival . .

Fun for the entire family

Rides! — Games! — Food! (Anglo, Vietnamese, Mexican, Filipino etc.) Come and eat and enjoy!!!
10801 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840

Religious Diversity Faire . . .

Beyond Peace:

Breaking Through Religious and Cultural Barriers

Keynote Speaker — Dr. Robert Muller

While working behind the scenes at the United

Nations, Assistant-Secretary-General Muller was

known as the "Philosopher" and Prophet of Hope."

He has seen a strong connection between spirituality and the political/cultural scene.

www.religiousdiversityfaire.org

Change of Heart Weekend . . .

Sponsored by the Family Support Center to raise awareness and understanding of homelessness and poverty in America. We are working to raise funds for the Catholic Worker, a shelter for the homeless located in Santa Ana. Catholic Worker provides food and shelter for approximately 300 people every day. November 14-16th at St. Polycarp field behind the church. Live in a cardboard city from 6:00 pm Friday till 6:00 pm Sunday.

Food — Discussions — Speakers — Projects.



Death Penalty . . .

A different view of the death penalty — Voices from the Inside


Victim/Prisoner — Hear their voices Tuesday evening November 4th at 6:45 p.m. From vengeance to forgiveness: Bud Welch, director MVFR survivor of his daughter's death in the bombing of the Federal Bldg., OK 1995 From Outrage to empathy: Stephanie Nigh, MFT corresponded with Timothy McVeigh on death row, attended his trial, while her brother helped the defense, whether for, against or undecided, you will walk away informed.

Mater Dei High School

Chapel/Campus Ministry Bldg.

1202 W. Edinger Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92707

Tutors Needed

 *The learning center will be opening again at St. Polycarp Family Support Center. If you love children and could commit to one afternoon a week, please call: Ann or Evelyn at 890-5203*

F.S.C. Yard Sale . . .

St. Polycarp November 22nd at St. Polycarp 8100 Chapman Ave., Stanton

Gently loved items needed.

Come and bring a treasure home.

Proceeds to outreach for the needy.

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**Next Meeting: November 6th
Elections & Thanksgiving Planning**

See you there!!!