

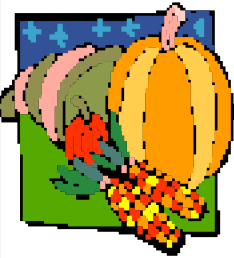


From the President . . .

To Pray – To Feast – to Pray. . .

Once again we are all reminded to honor our Creator with thankful hearts. Simple? No! The gratitude for *this life – this family – this country* is too complex. I can only work on it when I withdraw from the hurly-burly around me.

Perhaps cinnamon and cloves should be the incense on that fourth Thursday in November. We honor our maker with feasting every bit as grand as in the Roman Bacchanalias, and basically, that too is a form of prayer. We rejoice in all the good things from the earth and in our lives.



On each plate on my Thanksgiving table are fine kernels of corn. Pray aloud or silently, give thanks for each kernel – and for what each kernel stands for in your life

Perhaps this year some of those kernels will be for those less fortunate than ourselves. I believe those prayers would echo our deepest gratitude for our own blessings.

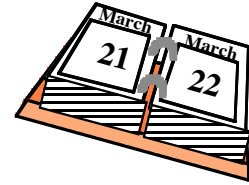
May we be a channel of blessings for all that we meet – and may all your holidays be joyful.

Pat Casey

Election . . .

*Congratulations to Pat Casey,
our new president. . .*

We really appreciate her willingness to accept the call and offer her all our support.



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**
Bring all your friends

Dec. 4th **Monthly Meeting**
Presentation on Kwanzaa

Dec. 11th **St. Columban –**
Spanish Service for Memory Impaired .
–10:00 am

Dec. 14th Alzheimer Workshops
Spanish, Vietnamese & English

Have a joyful holiday season

Jan. 8th **Monthly Meeting**

Jan. 22nd **Mayors Prayer Breakfast –**



Food for Thought . . .

*“To try to make another person an object for
your consumption:*

That’s the mechanism of bondage.”

Richard Rohr

Miscellaneous . . .

Thanksgiving Celebration . . .

Celebration of Thanks

The time has come!!!

Bring your faith community, friends, and those from the highways and by ways of life. Experience the thankfulness expressed by the large and diverse community that is ours in this corner of the county.

As is our custom, bring non perishable food or a monetary gift to the Thanksgiving Celebration. This will be given to Project H.O.P.E. a local outreach program for abused women & children.

Please notify your faith community the day is here, Nov. 26 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Polycarp Catholic Community at 8100 Chapman Ave., Stanton (near Beach Blvd.)

(If you are a presenter or choir member remember to arrive at 6:30 for special seating and directions)

Refreshments and Fellowship following at McLaughlan Hall

Alzheimer's Association . . .

A service in Spanish for the Hispanic memory impaired

is scheduled at St. Columban in Garden Grove, December 11,2003 at 10:00 a.m.

10801 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840

Call for further information.

Sr. Elena Plata at 741-9449

or Alzheimer Association below



English — Spanish — Vietnamese Workshop

for recognizing the early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, coping strategies, interventions and support opportunities will be held at St. Polycarp Catholic Community at 8100 Chapman Ave., Stanton (near Beach Blvd.)

Sunday — Dec. 14th in McLaughlin Hall

please call: Ann or Evelyn at 890-5203 or Alzheimer's Association — Angela Clarke, MSW Call 714-283-1111 ext. 302 or

visit the web site at www.alzoc.org

Change of Heart Weekend . . .

Many thanks to all who offered support, prayer, time and treasure to our weekend. Special Kudos to a remarkable group of young women from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who

made quilts with our group.

Our youth spent the cold rainy weekend using cardboard shelters and plastic garbage bags to protect them from the elements as they participated in various exercises, discussions, and activities designed to heighten awareness and engage them in the reality of homelessness in our times. They experienced invisibility to their plight as others averted their eyes so as not to make contact with them. This was all the more meaningful because it was not one of the scheduled exercises but a real encounter with the "outside" world. For a moment in time they became "one of those people."



They are already looking forward to next year and making suggestions to make this an even more memorable and meaningful experience. Many thanks to our sponsors and other donors for their generous response. Through your generosity we will be able to contribute over \$6000 to the Catholic Worker Outreach Program, the housing of last resort, where no one is turned away.

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.

Then — Donate Blood

give the gift of life to someone.

Sunday, Nov. 23 from 8:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Call to schedule your appointment:

Ann: 890-5203 or Charles: 593-7245

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Next Meeting: December 4th

Presentation on Kwanzaa

See you there! ! !