

## Fr Wall remembered as 'a man ahead of his time'

When moves to train the laity to take on more responsibility within the church began to gain momentum here in Guyana, Fr Linus Wall sent the largest group of people to be trained. From time to time he himself even came to the training sessions mainly because he wanted to support the lay people. It was ascertained that this was something he was very keen on namely the training of a good core of lay people to take a central place in the development of the church.

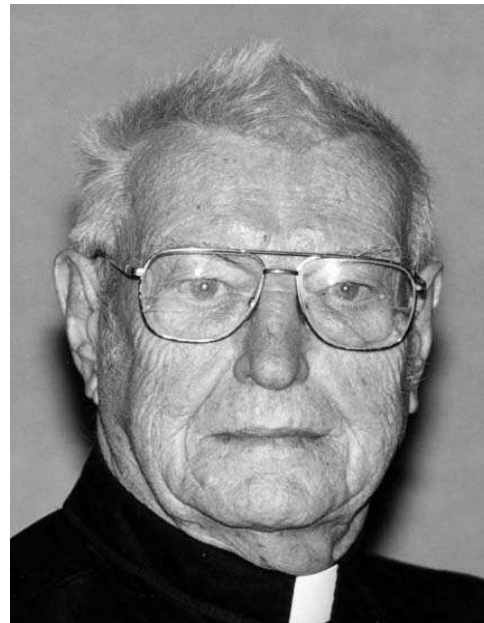
This was one focus of Father Linus Michael Wall which led Monsignor Terrence Montrose to conclude that in many ways Fr Wall was "always

a little ahead of his time."

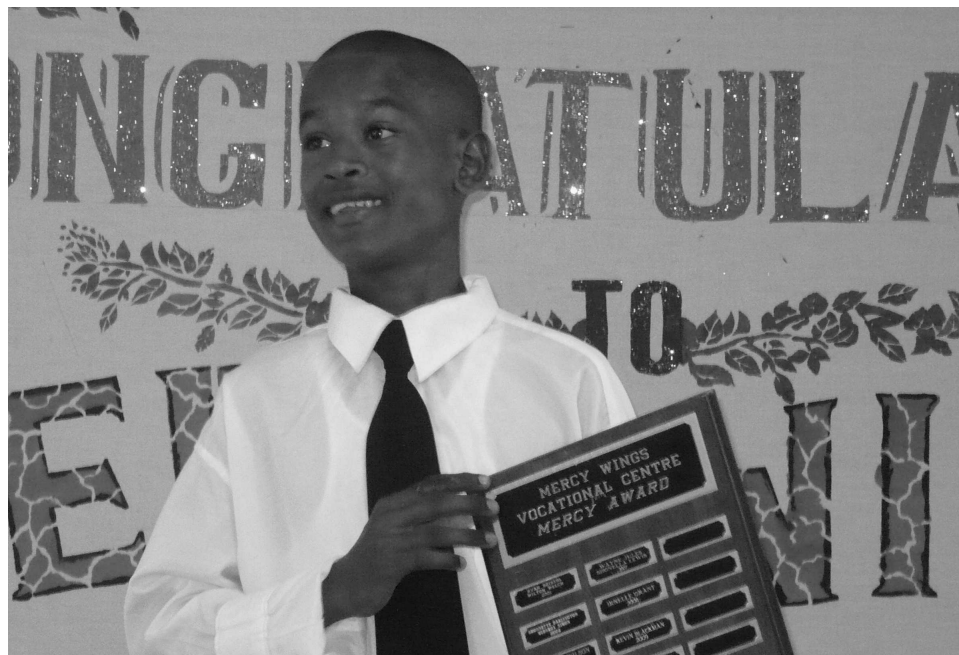
Mgr Montrose was the preacher at a special Mass of Thanksgiving last Wednesday at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Bourda for the life of Fr Wall who died last Wednesday July 13 in Canada at the age of 92.

Fr Wall had worked in Guyana for more than 52 years, 42 of them as parish priest of Our Lady of Fatima church in Bourda.

In his homily Mgr Montrose noted that even before the shortage of priests began to be felt, when Fr Wall was going on holiday not only would he call to say that he would be away but also that there was no need for a priest to stand in for him



## Mercy Wings grads urged to continue their education



**15-year old Soren Graham was the winner of this year's Mercy Shield**

"You must ask yourself what you want to be in ten even twenty years time and begin to work towards that goal from today". This was the advice given by Principal of the Guyana Technical Institute, Patrick Chinadeu to 35 young people who graduated from the Mercy Wings Vocational and Day Care Center at their eleventh graduation ceremony held on Wednesday.

Mr Chinadeu who was the guest speaker for the special occasion told the graduates that they may have

recognized the difference which the training at Mercy Wings has made and will make to their lives. He urged them to embark on this new way of life and to never turn away from it. "Education will take you to places you never dreamed of and without an education it will be difficult to even manage the other things in life which people some feel are signs of success such as money and natural talent," the guest speaker said. The Center which is based in Sophia

while he was away. So well had he trained and organized the laity in his parish that they took care of everything even the emergencies.

Bishop Francis Alleyne who described Fr Wall as a "giant of a man" was the main celebrant at the well attended Mass at which six of his brother priests concelebrated.

Mgr Montrose also noted what he felt was perhaps Fr Wall's greatest gift, the fact that he was an outstanding preacher who inspired, uplifted, challenged and even frightened people in his sermons.

He recalled that when news of Fr Wall's death reached Berbice many in

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### 17th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

#### BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

**Sun 24th July:** 09:00 hrs Mass at Mahaica to begin Pastoral Visit

**Mon 25th July:** 16:00hrs Visit to Parish Office, Mahaica

**Tue 26th July:** 16:00hrs Meet Parishioners of Mahaica

**Wed 27th July:** 17:00 hrs Confirmation at New Amsterdam

**Thurs 28th July:** 15:00 hrs meet parishioners at Mahaicony  
16:30 hrs meet parishioners at Dantzig

**Fri 29th July:** 16:00 hrs meet parishioners at Unity

**Sat 30th July:** 16:00 hrs meet confirmation candidates at Mahaica

**Sun 31st July:** 09:00 hrs Confirmation at Mahaica

**+ Francis Alleyne, OSB**

# EMANCIPATION DAY - 2011

Monday August 1st, we shall once more be celebrating the history of the struggles of the African slaves to free themselves from slavery. Ironically we have the 1763 Monument to remind of one of the most successful slave revolutions and yet we seem not to take heart from this reminder.

We need to be careful lest we reduce the annual Emancipation celebrations to one of traditional games, fold songs and dancing, wonderful as these are, and forget that "the slaves humanized the rugged landscape along the coast from Georgetown to Skeldon, and along the bank of the Essequibo River." (Walter Rodney)

Today our people seem to accept happenings around them very passively with the result that life has become in some ways very difficult. I think of two "happenings" which are fresh in my mind.

Firstly how we have allowed the resting place of our ancestors, the Le Repentir cemetery, to become

an impenetrable jungle and did nothing about it, even though we pay taxes so that this place can be kept reasonably clean and tidy.

Secondly that we stood by and allowed part of this

resting place to become a dump site, which infested the whole area and those living around had to endure at times foul smelling smoke and the stench of decaying matter.

My question is: have we lost the sense of the common good, a sense of solidarity, of working together to make life a more human experience for all?

This happens to be election year and clearly we should be looking at those who want to govern us, and ask some pertinent questions: Is their manifesto in the area of finance "pro poor" – or is it appealing more to the rich and the well-established?

Are they being as generous to the poor pensioners as to the past President and Leader of the Opposition?

Remember that we shall be judged as a nation on how we treat our elderly citizens! We need to have a collective consciousness about what is good for US AS A PEOPLE, the common good, and work united to attain our goals.

Let us make this election year, a

year for putting the nation before the party, and if the party does not live up to upholding the basic needs of the nation, then we drop the party. People before power and party.

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## COURTESY

**"A Tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship and he who plants kindness gathers Love."**

*(SAINT BASIL)*

It is certainly our inner desire to be on good terms with everyone, enjoying healthy relationships, whether formal or informal. Most persons compare current behavioural patterns with those of years gone which reveals progress in many areas and unfortunately backward trends in others. Our mannerisms are viewed by others in every area of our activities. In that regard, there are clear indicators that courtesy seems to be lacking.

Young people have few role models to follow as lack of courtesy seems to be the going thing. It requires no special search to find examples of discourtesy.

Such examples are evidenced on roads we travel. Most persons seem to be in a big hurry to get to their destination and in that process others must give way. The tooting of horns while one awaits the change of the light from Red to Green as if you are an obstruction. What about those persons who park their vehicle in such a manner that your vehicle may be locked in and you are compelled to wait. What about those persons who want to run you off the road jeopardizing your life and theirs which they seem not to value?

What of the courtesy of opening a door for a lady to disembark? Do persons recognise the situation of a blind person trying to cross the street, and would they offer some assistance? Only a minority will do so.

How about salutations, instead of "good morning" or "good evening" it is now 'hi man.' Would persons leaving an elevator give priority to women, children and the elderly?

Usage of the telephone may also reflect discourtesy. Telephone rings and you answer; it apparently is the wrong number but without a word they simply hang up.

The mode of dress may be discourteous, when there is inappropriate dress even in a church where the uncovered areas of a woman are too revealing.

Foul language which is heard so often in the streets is another example of lack of respect or regard for others, it is discourtesy! For some persons to say "please, "excuse me", or "thank you" may be considered outdated. The boorish style prevails and they display that attitude with gusto.

Lack of courtesy has its genesis in deeper issues. Where there is love for others, relating to them in a courteous manner comes

## Viewpoint By Vibert Parvatan

naturally. In the absence of love, where bitterness, hate and aggression predominate, ill mannered people display their crude behaviour.

When we relate to almighty God and accept Jesus in our lives, we lay the foundation to exhibit love, charity, kindness and consideration for others.

Courtesy encapsules displaying "politeness of the heart and a gentleness of the spirit."

As a boy there was a Card Captioned Do's and Don'ts which was prominent on the wall and the guidelines had to be respected. The first point was "Speak quietly; quiet speech is a mark of refinement. Do you think those loud mouthed people subscribe to that? They certainly don't for their values are different.

An article by Mark Smith gives similar guidelines, it states:-  
- Say "THANK YOU" after someone offers you something or "NO THANK YOU if you decline the offer.

- Always be polite, and use the word "PLEASE."  
- Be considerate of others while on your phone. They may not want to hear your conversation. Excuse yourself if you feel the need to continue a phone conversation while conversing with others.

- Show interest in the topic and person you are talking to, give eye contact, and never interrupt.

- Be a good sport

- Be on time. This teaches accountability and responsibility. It shows disrespect when you are constantly late. And don't stay too late, as this makes for an uncomfortable situation when guests overstay their welcome.

- Remember the golden rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It's never a good thing to put people down or make fun of them as many people have feelings that could be hurt easily.

- Whenever eating out or eating at home, it's always good to practice good table manners, such as not talking with your mouth full or belching at the table. Many other examples can be given.

It is my view that we can, with humility, show regard for others. One such vehicle is to sow the seeds of courtesy and reap the harvest of genuine friendship.

May we strive to be courteous.

# Sunday



# Scripture

17th Sunday in Ordinary time

Year A

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12**

**You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.**

At Gibeon the Lord appeared in a dream to Solomon during the night. God said, "Ask what you would like me to give you." Solomon replied, "Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. "Since you have asked for this," the Lord said, "and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you."

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118**

**Lord, how I love your law!**

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight.
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways.
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:2 8-30**

**God intended us to become true images of his Son.**

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and

intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many children. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**The Word of the Lord**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 44-52**

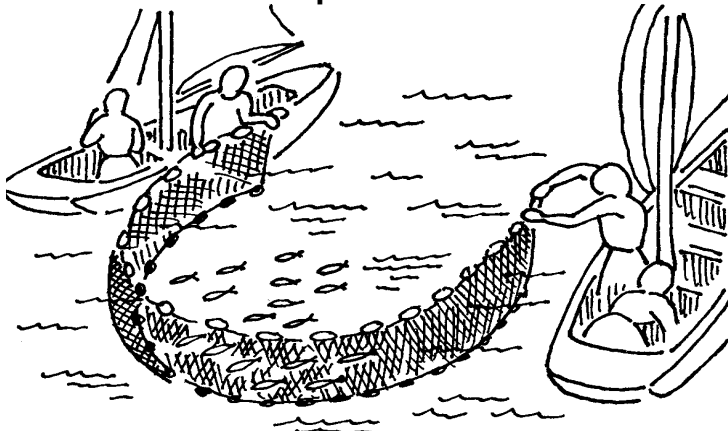
**He sells everything he owns and buys the field.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet, cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They said, "Yes." And he said to them, "Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old."

**The Gospel of the Lord**



"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet, cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds."

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### THE CHOICES WE MAKE

St. Thomas Aquinas said that every choice is a renunciation, and he helps us to understand why we struggle so painfully to make choices. We want right things, but we want other things too. To choose one thing is to renounce another. That's the nature of choice. The problem is we don't want something – we want everything. We yearn for the whole world, and yet, at a point, have to commit to one particular person, at one particular place, and in one very particular life, with all the limits that imposes. Beyond the abstract and beyond the grandiosity of our own daydreams, involve hard, painful renunciation. But it is precisely that very renunciation that helps us grow up and makes our lives real in a way that our daydreams don't.

In trying to explain some of the deeper

secrets of life, Jesus gives us this parable: The Kingdom of God is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, when he finds a single one of great value, he goes and sells all that he owns and buys that pearl. What is our own pearl of great price? Are we willing to give up everything in exchange for it? Are we willing to live with its limits? Until we are clear on these questions there is forever the danger that we will act out in dangerous and hurtful ways.

The thing that Solomon wanted most was an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. What is the one really valuable pearl that we are willing to sacrifice everything in order to have? What is that buried treasure for which we would be willing to sacrifice everything?

Isn't it possible that what we want most is something very selfish: possessions, security, power, pleasure, comfort?

Or, instead of these, our one really valuable pearl was something like world peace based on justice for all? or the development of a classless society based on respect for all and the priority of need over want? or the worship of God through prayer, service, and a preferential option for the poor?

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"The cross of Jesus Christ shows us the deficiency of other value systems. Jesus yielded up his life for us in perfect loving union with the Father's will, and this is the meaning of his life which also gives meaning to our lives as his followers.

If we can acknowledge selfishness as folly and self-sacrifice as victory, if we can love enemies, be vulnerable to injustice and, in being so, still say that we have triumphed, then we shall have learned to live in Christ Jesus."

U.S. Bishops, To Live in Christ Jesus (1976) 116 ..... With best regards,

**Rock Beharry**

## Letters to the Editor

### WPA outraged at abuse of state media

Dear Editor,

The WPA is outraged at the ongoing and escalating abuse of the state media by the PPP. There is no longer even the pretense at fairness. The state media have become PPP mouth pieces, nothing else. Nowhere else in the hemisphere is a ruling party so shamelessly using the state media to advance its narrow agenda. The PPP government has moved beyond simply giving itself more coverage than the opposition. It is 100% coverage of the ruling party and its doings, zero percent of the opposition parties. Both the electronic and print media feel free to distort the views of others, to slander opposition members and silence their voices. In the process it has shown little respect for the dignity of the reporters in the state media who, to keep their jobs, must spew the lies and vomit they are handed down from above.

While all other media houses covered the recent launch of the APNU, the Guyana Chronicle, for example, ignored the event. According to the Chronicle, it did not happen. Instead it used its pages to repeat word for word the PPP's self-serving propaganda about the reopening of the Claims and Objection period. The WPA views this crude behavior as inconsistent with the norms of a civilized society and a gross violation of the fundamental right of Guyanese people to be properly informed by a media financed by taxpayers' money. This is part and parcel of the official corruption that is the hallmark of this regime.

The right to be informed is a sacred right guaranteed by the Constitution of Guyana. The right to benefit from that which you own is another sacred right. The use of media that are owned by all of the people for the benefit of a small clique while denigrating and marginalizing the legitimate representatives of some of the people cannot be allowed to continue without some demonstration of indignation.

Towards this end the WPA calls on fair-minded Guyanese to boycott the Guyana Chronicle and to take with a barrel of salt the PPP political propaganda of the NCN. We also urge citizens to register their disgust by flooding those entities with calls and emails. The time has come for Guyanese to be pro-active in their collective interest.

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### Questions about that accident

Dear Editor,

The driver of the mini-bus that crashed and caused the deaths of five persons should be given a test to write a short paragraph to test his scholastic background.

The police should further find out if the said driver was talking on his cell phone while driving.

They should also investigate whether there was loud music in the bus at the time of the accident.

**W.P GEORGE**

### The true neighbour

Dear Editor,

"Go placidly amid the noise and the haste..." This is the wisdom of the poet, and of the saint. To go around in the world, full of noise and distraction and cussing, full of drinking, smoking and gambling. It is sometimes very, very hard to see Christ Incarnate in the midst of a broken humanity. In our very homes, sometimes we may feel homeless, feel abandoned, and feel unloved. In our parishes, we may see a grip for power, we may see fighting and grumbling; we may not see the Tabernacle of the Heart. Most importantly, in our very selves, we may see only a scared sheep amidst wolves everywhere. But... "Nothing can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus. Fear not, for I have overcome the world." But who am I to say "fear not" or "go placidly"—our situations are very different and so are our tempers. Sometimes we have to hope to hope for something. Sometimes we get knocked down and beaten up. The truth is we all need a hand and it may come to us as a surprise or it may be a surprise to others. I am thankful for an angel of divine mercy who goes placidly and only wants to be forgotten. Let us strive to be an angel to somebody, especially somebody who may be on the fringes. Let us carry peace. Henri Nouwen shares on his insight into angel and neighbour: Who is my neighbour?

"Love your neighbour as yourself" the Gospel says (Matthew 22:38). But who is my neighbour? We often respond to that question by saying: "My neighbours are all the people I am living with on this earth, especially the sick, the hungry, the dying, and all who are in need." But this is not what Jesus says. When Jesus tells the story of the good Samaritan (see Luke 10:29-37) to answer the question "Who is my neighbour?" he ends by asking: "Which, ... do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the bandits' hands?" The neighbour, Jesus makes clear, is not the poor man laying on the side of the street, stripped, beaten, and half dead, but the Samaritan who crossed the road, "bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them, ... lifted him onto his own mount and took him to an inn and looked after him." My neighbour is the one who crosses the road for me!

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# HELP YOUR MARRIAGE TO THRIVE

What makes marriages not just last, but thrive? Why? Why are two of our good friends separating? Everybody who cares about their relationship is trying to figure it out. Having worked in marriage ministry for many years, we've found that sometimes divorce can teach us a lot about the fragility of marriage.

Sometimes it's predictable. A couple gets married too young, for the wrong reasons, with only a soft commitment, or their personalities are just too different for easy day to day living. We are usually ignored when we try to advise them to reconsider, and spend more time getting to know each other before entering into marriage. Most of these couples divorce within the first few years

of marriage though. A couple

who has made it four decades is

sheltered from each other rather than sheltered by each other.

We have to get beyond dissecting our friends' marriage, however, and look for lessons that might help the rest of us. What makes marriages not just last, but thrive? Is it commitment, hard work, knowledge, skills, lack of celebrity, or just pure luck? Who knows? It's dangerous to compare marriages or children. Each one is unique. Our friends' announcement to us, however, makes us ponder what makes marriages worth keeping.

Granted, sometimes it is just luck, but we can increase our odds. When we got married 39 years ago, we had the emotions of love but a lot of naïveté about what might strain a marriage. We didn't know most of what we now know, but we were committed to learning and growing old together. Following are some ideas that came to us as we pondered what can make a difference.

Love and commitment are decisions, not feelings. Yes, we also feel love for each other, but not always intensely. Sometimes it's more of a quiet comfort in knowing the other is there for us – and will be, till death do us part.

Sex is a great bonder. As the years go by, frequency of sex may diminish but quality should not.

Link but don't tether. Pursuit of simple activities together can reinvigorate. For example: Noelma will wash the clothes and Chris will hang them out

differences - unless they've been leading parallel lives where they are to dry. We dance, work, pray, and play – often together, but not always.

Empty nesting can be a crisis or an opportunity. When the last child leaves home, it can create a gap in many couples' lives. Time and worry that used to be directed toward kids leaves a hole as couples realize that they had a partner in child rearing but not in life. For some, it can be a welcome freedom to embark on new adventures without worrying whether the teens will have a wild party in their absence.

Focus on mutual challenges. We are both "almost full time" involved in family life programmes. This forces us to live simply. It's a shared challenge.

Growing old means a changing physical appearance, but it doesn't have to mean being out of touch with each other. Often with age also comes

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everything we could – and doing things for ourselves can save disenchantment. We have both started to get wrinkles. Some of them match.

Try to please the other. When we started to write these columns nine years ago, one of us (we won't say which one) suggested we write these articles. The other did not want to, but decided to do it out of love and gave in to please the other.

Faith isn't magic, but it helps. Having a reason for living beyond our personal pleasure helps us deal with those mysteries of life that don't always make sense. That is why we are so committed to our "Marriage Encounter Family". Having a faith community that supports marriage helps us to always take a good look at our marital relationship and to recognise those areas that we need to try to improve on. Enjoy each other. It takes time.

## Spiritual Titbits

### -- This Week's Reflection:

As Solomon saw wisdom as important to him for ruling his kingdom, so we are called to develop and show the same wisdom in seeing, identifying and serving the Kingdom of God in our world. We will never be happy and fulfilled until we find the treasure that God has hidden in our own field, that is, until we have found the treasure of our worth as God's children.

God Bless You! Have a Great Week!

### -- This Week's Bible Question:

Q. In what city were the disciples

first called Christians?

(Answer below.)

### -- This Week's Teaser:

Q: How do you make a bandstand?

(Answer below.)

### -- Today's Bible Verse:

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? - 1 Corinthians 6: 19

### -- Today's Bits of Wisdom / Reflection:

\* We are stronger when we stand together.

\* Almost everything in life is easier

to get into than to get out of.

### -- Humour:

At a wedding they attended, the priest called for a moment of silence to remember the faithful dead. As the church grew quiet, Little Johnny sitting in the front turned to his father and said excitedly: "Dad, you have some of their albums!"

### -- A Card Hallmark Would Never Print:

If you were a horse, they would have shot you by now.

### -- Answer to Bible Question:

Antioch. - See Acts 11: 26

"And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."

### -- Answer to Teaser:

Take away their chairs

## Vatican, Malaysia Seal Diplomatic Ties

(CNA/EWTN News) The Vatican cemented a diplomatic relationship with Malaysia on Monday, as Christians within the majority Muslim country help push for governmental reform and call for recognition.

On July 18, Pope Benedict met with Prime Minister Najib Bin Abdul Razak in the second-ever meeting between a Pope and a Malaysian head of state.

While Malaysian Christians have played a role in recent demonstrations calling for electoral reform, they also have concerns about persecution and religious discrimination. Catholics and other Christians account for only 10 percent of the country's population of 28 million. Additionally, Islam is both the state religion and the faith with the largest number of adherents in the country.

The Herald - Malaysia's sole Catholic publication - was prosecuted in 2010 by the Malaysian Home Ministry and threatened with the loss of its printing license for its use of "Allah" in describing the Christian God in its Malay-language section.

## Protestors In Mexico Call For New Bishop

(CNA) An unidentified group of people hung blankets on the railing that surrounds the Cathedral of Saltillo, Mexico with a message for Bishop Raul Vera Lopez: "We want a Catholic bishop."

Employees at the Cathedral of Saltillo said they do not know who hung up the blankets or who took them down. "We don't have them, and nobody here took them down," said one employee.

According to the Mexican daily Vanguardia, the bishop chose not to respond to the July 12 protests against his leadership in the Diocese of Saltillo, where he has promoted and supported the San Elredo homosexual community, despite its positions that are at odds with Church teaching on homosexuality.

In June of this year, Noe Ruiz, the coordinator of San Elredo, said the group planned to ask newly elected local officials in the State of Coahuila to establish policies that respect homosexuals.

## Catholic Aid Agency Appeals For Help As 10 M Face Starvation In East Africa

(CNA/EWTN News) The U.K.-based Catholic Agency for Overseas Development is appealing to the world on behalf of 10 million East Africans facing starvation and death due to a severe drought.

"As we are talking now, we're seeing 10 million people at risk," said the agency's International Director Geoff O'Donoghue, in a July 9 Vatican Radio interview. "We are trying to get resources to put clean water, medicine and food alongside these communities - to get alongside people and support them to survive."

The United Nations World Food Program is also working to help those suffering the effects of the drought. On July 13, the program's East, Central and Southern African Spokesman David Orr told Vatican Radio about the "huge volume" of people trying to reach refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia.

## Press Union No Longer Catholic: Vatican

(Zenit) An international union of Catholic journalists should no longer be using the name Catholic, according to two Vatican officials who are citing a serious management crisis in the group.

In a joint communiqué, the Pontifical Councils for the Laity and for Social Communications addressed the status of the International Catholic Press Union (ICPU), which has changed its name to the International Catholics Organisation of the Media (ICOM).

The origins of the ICPU date back to the year 1927, when French, German, Austrian and Swiss journalists created the International Office of Catholic Journalists, for the purpose of promoting journalism based on solid values.



## Justice & Peace Desk

The first World Congress of the Catholic Press took place in Brussels, Belgium, in 1930 and the International Catholic Press Union was born in Rome in 1936.

## Pope Encourages Catholics To Nurture Faith

(CNA/EWTN News)

Pope Benedict called on Catholics to nourish their faith in order to "prevent evil from taking root" in their lives. His words came during his July 17 Angelus address which took place in Castel Gandolfo.

The Pope reflected on Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and the weeds, reported Vatican Radio. The Pope added that Jesus used parables to explain the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

The Pope welcomed the English-speaking pilgrims in attendance: "Today's Gospel encourages us to let the good seed of God's Word bear fruit in our lives and to trust in His mysterious plan for the growth of the Kingdom. Let us work for an abundant harvest of holiness in the Church and ask to be Christ's righteous ones found on Among the Day of Judgment."

## Russia Abortion Ads Must Warn Of Health Risks

(CNA) The Russian government has enacted a law requiring abortion ads to carry health warnings about the procedure. Lawmakers say that the ads presently mislead the public by creating the impression that abortion is a simple surgery with no health risks.

The new amendments require that warnings about the dangers, including loss of fertility, should occupy at minimum 10 percent of each advertisement, the Russian news agency RIA Novosti reports.

Besides the human costs involved, the high abortion rate also contributes to a worsening demographic crisis. The Soviet Union was the first country in the world to legalize abortion on demand in 1920. Joseph Stalin outlawed abortion from 1936 until his death in 1954 to try to boost the birth rate.

The communist Soviet Union encouraged new births with prizes and money, but Russia's population has steadily declined since the USSR's breakup in 1991.

## Chinese Bishop Faces Excommunication Following Unapproved Ordination

(CNA/EWTN News) The Vatican has issued a statement noting that Father Joseph Huang Bingzhang, the latest bishop to be illicitly ordained in China, will face excommunication. "The Reverend Joseph Huang Bingzhang, having been ordained without papal mandate and hence illicitly, has incurred the sanctions laid down by canon 1382 of the Code of Canon Law," the Vatican said in its July 16 statement. Fr. Huang Bingzhang's ordination as bishop of Shantou in China's southern Guangdong province took place July 14.

The Vatican statement recalled that Fr. Huang Bingzhang had previously been "asked on numerous occasions not to accept episcopal ordination." "The Holy Father, having learned of these events, once again deplores the manner in which the Church in China is being treated and hopes that the present difficulties can be overcome as soon as possible," the statement concluded.

# The issues surrounding St Barnabas

*In 1969 Archbishop Alan John Knight wrote the following letter in the Diocesan Magazine in which he dealt with many of the issues which have been raised again today as the Anglican authorities prepare to sell the building*

Austin House, . Georgetown 1,  
10th August, 1969.

My dear People,

I am sure that no more difficult or more painful decision has been forced upon us during the whole of my episcopate than that of dealing with the situation at St. Barnabas. Bourda. The old church holds a place in all our affections, and we should do anything possible to preserve it. St. Barnabas is to the citizens of Georgetown a monumental landmark, a building and tower which forms a integral part of the very character of the City; and to church-people in general, and to its own congregation in particular, it is the House of God, a holy place of sacred associations and experience, the symbolic focus of God's dwelling with men. The present church has other claims upon

our affections too. The building has architectural merit and its interior is beautiful; and it stands as a memorial to the late Canon Roberts Rea, the beloved priest who served the parish during one of the longest incumbencies in our history, and who built the church almost entirely at his own personal charges.

Since Canon Rea's death we have spent thousands of dollars to preserve the fabric, and after the last major restoration we were assured by the contractor that the building was made secure without further expense for the next twenty-five years. This favourable and reassuring prognosis, given responsibly and in good faith, has proved to be wrong. Since then the eastern and western portions of the building have settled in opposite directions, the middle section has collapsed, and consequently the whole structure has become dangerous.

The main building is thus out of plumb, and the tower has moved out of the perpendicular and is leaning to a degree which makes it unsafe to be left standing in its present condition. To allow such a danger to life and limb would be criminal. Action must be taken without delay to remove such a threat to public safety.

## **CONSULTATIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

ALTHOUGH we had been told of this by our expert and

trusted advisers, we found it hard to accept the verdict and continued to hope against hope that the situation might not be as bad as it was represented. We accepted the very kind offer of Mr, Quintyn to make an independent examination and report. His opinion, supported by a convincing body of technical detail, was no different. Unless the church could be almost entirely rebuilt, it was doomed. Even with

this irrefutable evidence before us we were unwilling to bow to what then appeared to be the inevitable, and with the generous consent of Mr. Quintyn himself, we decided to take what the doctors call "a second opinion" and enlisted the services of another firm of structural Engineers to make a survey. This final report agreed with that of Mr. Quintyn in almost every detail, recommended the demolition of the present structure and its replacement with a new one, and as an alternative supplied estimates for various possible plans for the necessary complete reconstruction of the present building, all of which were in the vicinity of \$200,000.00.

These reports and estimates were submitted to the Incumbent and

Vestry of St. Barnabas and to the Diocesan Council, and after allowing time for them to be studied a joint meeting of the Vestry, the Council and the Trustees of the late Canon Rea's Estate was called to consider the whole matter and to advise upon the necessary action. After full consultation and consideration, this meeting unanimously agreed to advise the Bishop-in-Council that the present church-site be offered for sale, that the purchaser be required to demolish the present church- building (after the Altar, Font and Ornaments had been removed), and-, that a new church be built on a nearby site from the proceeds of the sale. This recommendation was accepted and formally endorsed and ratified by the Diocesan Council at its regular meeting in July. Since there could be no reasonable expectation of raising the sum of \$200,000.00

for the preservation of the existing building, and since it was agreed that there was need for the provision of a Parish Church at Bourda there really was no possible alternative and the decision of the Council... The questions which have subsequently been raised by members of the public as to whether a church-building once consecrated may lawfully be demolished, and whether the site once occupied by a church may lawfully be sold or put to other uses, were asked and answered at the very beginning of our discussions about the future of St. Barnabas, and to avoid any further misunderstanding let me give you the relevant information.

.... **To be concluded next week**

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# Mercy Wings Grads Urged....

*From front page*

is sponsored by the Roman Catholic Sisters of Mercy. Its program aims at transforming young people who have left school early into a new kind of youth who have a skill, a positive self-image and sound moral and spiritual values. Empowerment through skills training and human development at the Center motivates young people to take charge of their lives. In what was clearly a very emotional day for many of them many of the graduating students told the gathering of their teachers, parents, friends, Mercy Wings Board Members, Sisters of Mercy, and special invitees of how their lives had been deeply changed during their year's training at Mercy Wings. Some parents who spoke at the graduation also endorsed this and one even regretted that the course was not longer.

A past trainee who is now an Assistant Supervisor at Banks DIH said the preparation and skills he received at the Center was very useful, and advised those graduating to keep upgrading themselves.

At the graduation ceremony Departmental Heads presented the awards to the trainees in the fields of learning offered by the center namely General Construction, Catering and Home Management, and Child Care and Care for the Elderly. In addition to these core subjects trainees also underwent studies in Adolescent Development, Introduction to the Computer, Literacy and Numeracy, Physical Education. They also went on a number of field trips to the New Amsterdam Prison, the Palms and various other locations in Georgetown.

15-year old Soren Graham won what is considered the most prestigious award, "The Mercy Shield" which is presented to the trainee who best exemplified the spirit of Christ during the year.

Five parents who participated in Parenting Workshops which is run by the Center also received certificates of participation. These workshops were aimed at providing parents with tools to help in their parenting styles and in their communication skills.

In her report Coordinator, Mrs Paula Bess noted that the mission of the Mercy Wings Vocational and Day Care Centre continues to focus on the holistic development of young people. She said the programme was designed to provide trainees with basic knowledge, practical skills and attitudes that are fundamental for entry level at higher institutions of learning and at the work place.

She pointed out that one staff member was sent on a scholarship to Servol in Trinidad to study Adolescent Development.

The co-ordinator also noted that a high dropout rate,

punctuality, attendance and stealing are sources of concern for the administrators. She called on parents to remember that they still needed to provide guidance and support in helping their children, and thanked those parents who participated in activities of the center and made the sacrifices to send their children there and encouraged them to continue.

Ms Bess also expressed special thanks to expressed special thanks to the staff at the center for their hard work and commitment. Gratitude was also extended all Board Members, sponsors, friends and benefactors in Guyana and abroad for their support, commitment and hard work. In brief closing remarks Chairman of the Board of Directors told those graduating that even with all their training without the right attitude they could still be unemployable. He called on them to be honest, respectful and hard working. "Go out and make yourself the most employable person. Go out and make Mercy Wings proud of you!" he said.

Later in the evening graduates and staff came together for the traditional dinner and prom to mark the successful end of another school year at Mercy Wings

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Catholics are being offered a great opportunity to support our sisters and brothers called to the priesthood and religious life. In addition to giving generously to the St. Peter Apostle second collection on Sunday July 31, 2011 in your parish community, you are also encouraged to offer prayers for our seminarians and religious in formation, and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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# Ascension hosts grand Tea Party

**By Leon Suseran**

It is not every day you hear that a tea party will be held down the road. The event seems to have suddenly disappeared from the social calendars of many groups and organizations. When it is held though, you can be assured that it has all the quality, hard work and much effort that is put into any good social gathering.

Guyanese love to attend social events. Whether it is to meet friends, family, have something to eat, relax or just enjoy an afternoon away from the usual 'stuff', the socialites among us relish attending events like concerts and tea parties.

But who drinks tea anymore, right? Tea has become a morning ritual for many and that is it, no more tea for the rest of the day.

Not many people might be aware that tea is one of the most popular beverages in the world, and had its origins in the Chinese culture nearly 3,000 years ago. From there its popularity spread across the world.

Recently, the Roman Catholic Church in New Amsterdam hosted what was not just a tea party but a community gathering as well. We seem to have lost the old time tradition whereby the community used to gather in large numbers at nights under a tree and with moonlight to listen and tell stories. When one hears of the term 'community gatherings' these days are usually held under the guise of political events, concerts, gymkhanas, etc. However earlier this month, Ascension parish for

## Fr Wall remembered

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that area reminisced that he had left his mark in that area also particularly in Port Mourant and New Amsterdam.

Noting that Fr Wall not only supported people by his prayer but always encouraged them by his example, Mgr Montrose expressed gratitude to Scarboro Missions for the contribution made by Fr Wall to the local church.

Shortly after Fr. Wall returned to Canada in 2006 he was diagnosed with renal problems and was put on regular dialysis treatment. Two weeks ago however during dialysis his blood pressure went down too low and dialysis had to be discontinued. His condition seemed to be deteriorating and after consulting with the doctors it was decided to discontinue dialysis.

the second time around, planned a Grand Tea Party and Community Gathering on the lawns of the Catholic complex at Pope Street.

As usual, the area was transformed into a colourful sea of people who dazzled with wide variety of clothing of various colours, designs and styles. The ladies were elegantly dressed, and children seemed just happy to be away from home in a relaxing atmosphere.

Tea was served from 2:30pm-5:00pm. Families and friends just sat back and relaxed, enjoying the cool afternoon breezy atmosphere and soft oldies music. The crowd was also entertained by a young-adult group which sang songs, recited poems and acted a few skits.

Tea was served in the traditional Chinaware and persons also had a choice between tea and iced-tea. A plate consisting of bite-sized pastries and a variety of sweet and savoury items were also served along with tea; real value for money as one person at the event said.

It is a truly classy and signature event that many persons have looked

forward to for the past 3 years of its existence. The first year was a grand success. Former Deputy Mayor of New Amsterdam, the late Hyacinth James had declared that tea party in 2009 opened. Last year, the Guyana Police Force Steel Band serenaded the party- goers with nice tunes. There was also a vintage tea- set display with old tea ware from years gone by. This year, there was an Easter-Hat display, since the event was held during the Easter cycle. Several colourful and creative hats were on sale, and they sold out very quickly. The event was the result of extreme planning, coordinating and many days and nights of very hard work from the church planners. But for the third year in a row, it did come off and was the most successful event of the series, and has become a premier event in the town of New Amsterdam. It is a much talked-about event in Berbice and persons from as far as the city visit, and not only Catholics. That makes the R.C. Parish of the Ascension tea party and community gathering somewhere you would just love to be come next year!

## Jamaica Archbishop receives pallium from Pope



On June 29, 2011 at 10 a.m. over 40 Archbishops including Most Rev. Charles H. Dufour newly installed Archbishop of Kingston, Jamaica attended the Imposition of the Pallium Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City.

It was a most colourful and majestic ceremony with a delegation of 85 persons who came to witness Archbishop Dufour receiving the pallium from His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

The delegation came from Poland, England, France, United States of America and Jamaica which included 10 Priests, Sisters and Lay persons.

The highlight of the visit was the private audience with Archbishop Dufour and the delegation after the ceremony. His Grace was able to present to the Holy Father two of his guests namely his brother Anthony Dufour and Mr. Robin Mahfood, President of Food for the Poor International.