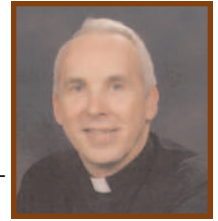




Spotlight On... **Father Timothy J Hickey, C.S.Sp.**

By Paula Cruickshank



When only a few months into his new appointment as pastor of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church last summer, Fr. Tim said he sensed a “real spiritual hunger” in the parish and that he wanted to find creative ways to meet people’s desire to grow in their faith and spirituality. There is already one distinctive form of outreach that Fr. Tim practices each Sunday. He calls it the weekly challenge.

“What do I truly hunger and thirst for in my life? How might God be trying to feed my hunger through the people in my life?” Fr. Tim asks. He speaks with the intensity of a true believer who is energized by his strong convictions.

When he delivers his sermons, Fr. Tim - whose only sign of middle age at 51 is his graying hair - paces back and forth down the center aisle of the church, addressing people directly and passionately. Before the final blessing at Mass, Fr. Tim challenges the congregation to live the Gospel every moment of their lives and not simply practice their faith one hour in church each Sunday.

“The true test of Christianity is what you do and how you live once you leave the building,” he insists.

Before becoming a priest, Fr. Tim spent several years looking at different religious communities but none of them “resonated,” he said, until he met the Spiritans at a “come and see” weekend at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 1989. Even then, there was a Queen of Peace connection. “I agreed to go only because it was Fr. Jeff who asked me.” Fr. Tim said. (Fr. Jeff Duame was the pastor of OLQP from 1995 to 2002. In 1989 he was the religious vocation director at Duquesne.)

“It was instantaneous,” he said. “The charism was so evident. It could be seen in their care and concern for the poor and their commitment to evangelism.”

Fr. Tim’s spiritual journey was especially profound during his two-year training assignment in Puerto Rico that began in 1997. Before ordination, Holy Ghost Fathers spend a minimum of two years overseas. Fr. Tim was asked by the archbishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico, to work at an AIDS hospice. “Many of them were coming to terms with the end of their lives and did not have the loving support of a family to be with them,” Fr. Tim said.

There was a tremendous cultural and social stigma for those who suffered from AIDS and a common misconception at the time that the AIDS virus was contagious. “Even the hospice in San Juan was located in a former wing of a hospital that had been sealed off out of fear that the virus would escape and infect the medical community. Families often abandoned their own children and left them at the door of the hospice to die,” Fr. Tim recalled.

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“My ministry was to be with them to accompany them on their spiritual journey, to help them understand that God loved them just the way they are and to help them come to terms with their approaching death and not to fear it,” he said.

After his ordination in 1999, Fr. Tim worked at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Chicago where he led a youth ministry and helped young men to leave gangs. Leaving a gang was a dangerous thing to do. The program at St. Mary Magdalene Church aimed to create a safe haven for former gang members to start a new life.

“Starting over included something as basic as removing tattoos and providing them with a place that was off the street and safe from gunfire. It also gave them a place to reflect on life and their future,” Fr. Tim said.

Fr. Tim draws a parallel between the safe space for former gang members and the hospice for dying AIDS victims. “Both are places where people love you and accept you no matter what. They are very much based on the words and deeds of Jesus who welcomed everyone who came to him,” he said.

A little more than 20 years after making the decision to join the priesthood, Fr. Tim is excited about his newest appointment at a church that is known for its inclusiveness. Established in 1945, “Queen of Peace is among the Catholic churches in the U.S. with a very strong historical significance,” he said. The church founders were African Americans who faced discrimination in their daily lives, including in the Catholic Church.

Black Catholics in post-World War II Arlington were not free to worship there but instead attended Mass and school in Washington, D.C., or St. Joseph’s, a Black Catholic Church in Alexandria, as noted in a history of OLQP published in its 2005 church directory. “The Spiritans have a special commitment to blacks, immigrants — people who are marginalized in society,” Fr. Tim said. “We find ways to walk with them in their own journeys.”

As Fr. Tim becomes more intricately involved in the life of the OLQP community, he continues to ask probing questions. In the September 27, 2009, church bulletin, Fr. Tim offers the following challenge: “Who am I excluding from my life? Who do I look askance at? Can I believe that God deeply and passionately loves us all just as we are?” †

(Editorial note: Fr. Tim is the fourth of six children, born and raised in Bellevue Ohio. After leaving college he worked in sales and then as finance director for a furniture company. After a long discernment, at the age of twenty nine, he joined the Spiritans in 1989.

Fr. Tim did his philosophy studies at Duquesne University and while there he also studied psychology and formative spirituality. He did graduate and post graduate studies in Chicago at Catholic Theological Union where he earned two masters degrees in missiology, scripture and spirituality. Prior to his appointment at Queen of Peace, Fr. Tim was the Executive Director of Mission and Identity at Duquesne University.)

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By Shiela Harmon Martin, Parish Advisory Board Chair

Greetings to the Our Lady Queen of Peace Family,

Change has been an integral focus of the PAB during 2009-2010. "Welcoming change as we continue to cultivate the Dream" was the theme of the PAB-Finance Committee retreat in July 2009. We welcomed new pastoral leadership, Fr. Tim Hickey, as we gave thanks for our beloved Fr. Tuozzolo, who guided us for seven years and departed to take over leadership of the Spiritan retirement home in Pittsburgh.

Change is once again evident as I step down as Chair and member of the PAB after serving five terms. It has truly been a labor of love. It seems like only yesterday that you elected me and my colleagues bestowed the leadership honor of Chair. However, three years have gone by and the baton must be passed on to a new leader. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve you. My hope is that I have made a meaningful contribution to the legacy of the Queen of Peace founders.

Pentecost marks the 65th anniversary of the founding of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. We call on all parishioners to join in celebrating the sixteen Black Catholics who with determination and faith in God transformed their dream into reality. Their dream of a church where they could worship in dignity has evolved into a spiritual community that 65 years ago, they could not imagine or visualize.

Today, the Queen of Peace family has grown to represent more than 1,500 members of all races — black, white, brown, yellow, red — the rainbow! Please join us in a celebration of praise and thanksgiving! I also ask that you remember in thanksgiving prayer, Mrs. Thaddenia West, the last living founder of OLQP. Although her health does not allow her to be with us, I know we are always in her heart.

Change once again comes to the PAB, as we are only weeks away from an election. Serving on the PAB is a rewarding experience and an important opportunity to be the "voice" of this vibrant Catholic community. As we prepare for the PAB election on June 19-20, 2010, we hope that you will consider becoming a candidate for one of the six (6) open positions.

According to 1 Corinthians 12:5, "there are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving." Your gifts are needed; please give your time and talents. Thanks to Bill Barbieri, Wilfred Braveboy, Bonnie Czekonski, Ana Rojas, and Nancy Williams for their years of outstanding service as their terms come to an end. All of them are eligible for re-election, if they choose to run.

In closing, we are the change that we seek. As I move on to new Queen of Peace opportunities, I pass the torch to new leadership with confidence that the dream will continue to be cultivated as God and the spirits of our founders and ancestors continue to bestow blessings and guidance. ✚

In Service and Love,
Shiela Harmon Martin, PAB Chair

*"Live life with a due sense of responsibility,
not as those who do not know the meaning of life but as those who do." Ephesians 5:15*

Board 2009-2010 Accomplishments

This year, the PAB worked diligently in its advisory role to our pastor, Father Hickey, as we welcomed him to the Queen of Peace family. There were many challenges, but the service was rewarding and we are proud of our accomplishments:

- The Stewardship Campaign, focusing on time and talent, was highlighted through a Ministry Fair. Queen of Peace ministries showcased their activities and recruited new members.
- The parish hosted the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service at a new venue, Kenmore Middle School. This was the 11th anniversary of our collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington and Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The theme was "Creative Extremism for Justice." More than 600 people attended.
- The 2010 parish pictorial directory, representing 304 families and 23 ministries, was published.
- Michael Sheehan became the Queen of Peace youth and young adult minister.
- PAB Ministry Liaison representatives continued to serve as the link between the PAB and the Queen of Peace ministries ensuring open communication and addressing their needs
- Paula Cruickshank became the new editor of the Advocate, the parish quarterly newsletter.

An Interview with Rev. Luckson Chery, Pastor of St. Josph in Medor, Haiti

By Kathy Desmond

What is the situation in Medor since the earthquake?

First, thank you to the parish that helps the parish of Medor. We feel this in our hearts. Thanks for staying in touch with us before and after the January 12 earthquake and wanting to learn what is happening. Port au Prince is completely destroyed. The first earthquake minimally affected Medor. Even before it, there were problems with the church and the old primary school buildings.

Then on February 22, two earthquakes hit Medor. Significant damage was done to the primary school buildings and church. A fissure widened in the new church and it now tilts some. An engineer from Port au Prince came and told us it was not safe to enter the church, kindergarten and primary school buildings. The new secondary school was well built and is not damaged.

Now the youngest students are attending classes together in the open room left for the library and computer room in the secondary school. The fifth and sixth graders have been meeting in their old rooms in the damaged school. Some classes are outdoors. The residences for the priest, sisters, and teachers are safe. However, the outlying chapels were damaged, some seriously.

People began coming to Medor from Port au Prince, friends and family members, some orphans. All the people who came had nothing. Families took in most. However, about 12 students had no place to go and are sleeping in the old church building. We admitted 55 new students to the parish schools. The latest count is 868 students in kindergarten and primary school and 342 in secondary school.

We surveyed 289 families in central Medor and surrounding communities. We found that before the earthquake, there were 1781 persons in these families; afterwards 2453 – nearly a 38 percent increase in population. Now, slightly more than 27 percent of the people are recent arrivals, victims of the earthquake. The homes of about half of the families surveyed were damaged; 11 homes were destroyed. No one was killed.

I sometimes feel sad; families come to me for help and food and often I can't help all who come. I especially feel bad that I can't get food for the children. The school has been able to continue the lunch program; we are feeding more – including some people who come asking for food.

Other impacts of the earthquake were felt on the economy, markets. Now people can't buy things in Port au Prince. Prices are going up at same time as the school has more people to feed. There has been a

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Earthquake Damage
St. Joseph's Parish, Medor, Haiti, February 2010

▶ *St. Joseph's School kindergarten building prior to the Feb 22, 2010 earthquakes.*



▶ *A student points to school building damage. After inspection by an engineer, the school buildings and church were pronounced unsafe for occupancy.*



▶ *These primary school children attend classes outside in front of the secondary school building.*



Currently, 868 children attend kindergarten and primary school; 36 are new arrivals from Port au Prince. Each receives a hot lunch every day.

20-25 percent increase in prices for school lunch materials; the gas price is rising. When I can, I buy food from the market in Medor, which helps local farmers. For other food supplies, I go to Petite-Riviere and Saint-Mac.

The earthquake affected me personally. Some priests and sister friends were killed by the quake, including the priest I stay with in Port au Prince. The Villa Manrese – where delegations from OLQP stayed in Port au Prince – was completely destroyed and some people who were there died.

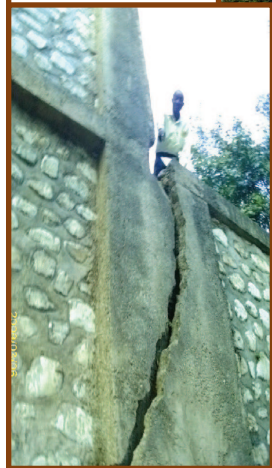


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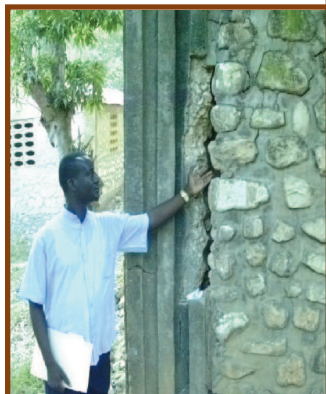
► *The new secondary school building was not damaged by the earthquakes.*

Currently, 342 children attend the secondary school, including 19 recent migrants from Port au Prince. In addition, some primary school children now attend class in the room designated library/computer lab.

► *St. Joseph Church of Medor was dedicated in March 2007. It is now in danger of falling down.*



► *Crack in the church's foundation.*



► *Defect in the corner of St. Joseph Church.*

Many earthquake victims from Port au Prince moved to the Medor area. Since the earthquake in January, one survey shows that the population grew by 38%.

Meanwhile, the people of Medor continue to attend church and send their children to school. The pastor and engineer are developing plans and budgets to rebuild the damaged church and primary school buildings.

What are your plans and hopes for reconstruction of Medor?

I brought two proposals prepared by the engineer. The first, to repair the church, is my most important priority since it is dangerous for the people and students nearby. Then, we need to repair the two schools, the primary school and kindergarten, to make them safe.

The second proposal is to convert the old secondary school into a permanent dormitory for students who need a place to stay. Some students were sleeping there, since no classes were held in it. Since the earthquake, there are more. We allow them to attend school and feed them without charge. Also, I want to help the families whose homes collapsed. Many are stressed, especially those from Port au Prince. I plan to organize a soccer tournament soon — one for girls and one for boys — so they can have some fun.

What are some accomplishments of your first year as pastor of St. Joseph in Medor?

First, as pastor I get to stay with the people so I can comfort them and give them hope. I am happy when I can encourage them. The people are happy since I live in Medor. They come and talk with me when someone is ill. Sometimes I give them a ride to the hospital. But mostly they know that they are not alone, they have a pastor who can help them.

I am happy to work with the parish council and the teachers. In my heart I am strengthened because I have God and St. Joseph to work with me. The schools are doing well.

The water programs also progressed. The families use the buckets and students use the latrines. When I came there was an old latrine that was filled. We built a new one with the help of the teen delegation last June and will build another for the primary school. Also, I hope to cap more sources of water. I met with the water committee before coming here to plan the reforestation program. We understand that water and reforestation work together.

I am happy and proud to be pastor. I am happy to work with the people of Medor and the people of OLQP who want to help with everything we do. I am blessed. I hope that this relationship will continue. The people of Medor are thankful to OLQP for your help and share our prayers with you. ✚

2010 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Class

By Betty Mills

For over two thousand years people of all ages and nationalities have accepted Jesus' invitation to follow him. Many have chosen the Catholic Church as their path. Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church is blessed to be the community selected by the following young people who have journeyed through the RCIA process since September and were Baptized and/or Confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Please welcome them as new companions on the journey.

Hélène DeLaunay is an Arlington



county native and professional LEED accredited Interior Designer. Her family is originally from France near the Bordeaux/Cognac

area. She has a B.A. in Photography and a Masters in Interior Design from the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, DC. Helene studied in Paris and in London with Sotheby's Art Auction House. She has traveled extensively in South Africa, Vietnam, Europe and nearly all 50 states. She was a volunteer with the American Red Cross in Mexico City and worked in the Dominican Republic. Her interests include sustainable design, historic preservation, mixed-use development, jewelry design, crafting, knitting, sewing, graphic design, photography, reading and cooking. Hélène said she is deeply committed to helping others and looks forward to continuing her spiritual journey.

Graham Evans, originally from Richmond, Virginia, grew up going to a Baptist church that



his grandparents frequented. "For a time I attended Sunday school and participated in church activities but was never baptized.

I graduated from Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and an M.S. in Systems Engineering. After school I moved to Northern Virginia where I work for Booz Allen Hamilton as an Information Technology Consultant. I met my fiancé, Karen Najjum, at Virginia Tech. We plan to be married in August 2010. Karen was born and raised Catholic.

I believe religion is essential in raising a family and so have decided to join my future wife in her faith. It is the idea of celebrating faith as a family and community that draws me to OLQP."

Roxana Martinez was born in war-



torn El Salvador on November 29, 1983. "I came to the United States when I was eight along with my mother and my two younger siblings. I lived with both my parents in Arlington until I was 14 when my parents were divorced. In 1998 my mother moved to Fairfax, where I have lived ever since. After my parents' divorce my mother was struggling to make ends meet so decided to get a job. I started working a few months before I turned 16 and worked my way through high school and college to help support my siblings and myself. During my last year of college I decided that I wanted to have a child with my boyfriend of 5 years. Looking back I realize it would have not hurt to think about it a little longer, but I am now a proud single mother, raising my 4-year-old son, with the help of my mother.

Despite all the struggles, I managed to graduate from George Mason University with a BA in Administration of Justice. I am now employed by Fairfax County as a social worker at a health center."

Emilee Hall was born in Salem,

Virginia and has two younger brothers. "I was baptized in a Presbyterian church but didn't attend regularly. I graduated from Virginia Tech with an undergraduate degree in Human Services. My first job was as a truancy officer at an elementary school. In 2002 I decided to get my Masters in Education from VT. I moved to Hampton, VA, to accept my first job teaching kindergarten. Currently, I teach first grade in Loudoun County at Little River Elementary and love my job. In my spare time I try to stay healthy by hiking, jogging and biking. Cooking and reading are relaxing activities for me. I started attending St. Michael's Catholic Church in Annandale and Our Lady Queen of Peace with some friends in 2006. The Catholic Church has helped me understand and hear the true love of God in my life. I enjoyed the RCIA program and learned much from the sacraments, prayers and scripture."



Jorly Metzger was born in June 1980



in a small province called San Vicente, located in the northern part of Manila, the Philippine's largest island. "Born into a Baptist family, I was baptized in a Baptist church, but my mother later

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converted to Catholicism when she married a U.S. Naval officer who was Catholic. We moved to the U.S. I remember my first years here as being very difficult with learning a new language and adjusting to a new culture. However, there was one constant, and that was the Catholic Church. As I grew up, more things became familiar and I found more things to occupy my time such as sports and education, I graduated from the College of William and Mary, but my relationship with the Catholic Church had faded. After my father recovered from a very serious heart attack, my parents re-established their devotion to the Church. I made a promise to follow their footsteps. The desire has always been there, but the ability to put aside the time was always difficult.

Now I am engaged to a beautiful Catholic woman. No matter how much time is demanded by my job as a Software Engineer; how much time is required to successfully complete my Master's thesis; how much time is needed for stress-reducing physical activity, community volunteering, and relaxation; I have decided to find time for the Church so that my marriage can

be blessed and our new life together can begin with a proper relationship with God."

Valesca Macario was born in



Guatemala. "I am an only child and was raised by a single mom. I came to the United States when I was eight months old and I was raised in Arlington, Virginia. I moved to Falls Church after graduating from Old Dominion University and I have a bachelor degree in Human Services Counseling and a minor in Criminal Justice. I'm a social worker for Fairfax County and love helping people. During my free time I love spending time with my family including my Chocolate Labrador, and going to the movies. I got engaged last July and will be married in August in Chicago."

Jeb Mann was born in Petersburg, VA, and moved to Chesterfield where he lived until graduation from Virginia Commonwealth University. He



worked for a trade association in Richmond, and then became a salesman for Bayer Aspirin in northern Virginia. Jeb later worked for a telephone company and in retail until 2006 when he decided to go to graduate school. He received a Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from George Mason University in 2008. Jeb and his wife Sherry have a two-year-old son, Henry. They live in Fairfax City.

Jennifer Sala grew up in San Antonio, Texas, with her mother and younger sister. She recently moved to Virginia to join her



fiancé, Michael. They were married in March 2010. "I was baptized at age two and raised Catholic. I attended Catholic school from elementary to high school and received the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation at age eight during my 3rd grade year. I received the sacrament of Confirmation at the end of the RCIA journey." †

For information on RCIA, please contact Betty Mills, deusaderit@verizon.net



Founder, Thaddenia West at the OLQP 57th Anniversary Celebration, May 19, 2002

In Her Own Words:

"I am now the last surviving member who is a founder of our wonderful parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace. . . .We have many stories about our church, [and] why we got started.

"We were very unhappy because it was during the time of segregation....It is very difficult to talk about these things....But we do need to keep the parish history going....We had 16 parishioners who went to many churches, to Washington and to Alexandria. Most of us went to St. Joseph's [in Alexandria]....We realized it was very important to find a place of our own...and we did.

"The reason we named our church Our Lady Queen of Peace was because this all happened during the war time, and all of us had loved ones in the service. Many [of us] traveled by bus on Sundays to St. Mary's to pray for our loved ones to come home. It was very, very bad times. We went, I think it was every Monday, to St. Joseph's to pray to the Blessed Virgin for our loved ones. That is why we named our church Our Lady Queen of Peace."

Excerpted from the 57th Anniversary DVD "We've Come This Far By Faith" (Copies will be available at the 65th Anniversary Celebration, May 23, 2010)

By Veronica Dabney

On Pentacost Sunday 2010, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church will celebrate its 65th anniversary. To mark the momentous occasion, plans are underway for a day of celebration and reflection. Unlike past anniversaries, this celebration will be held here at the church on May 23, 2010, and will open with a Special Mass at 12:00 noon (combining the 11:15 and 1:00 services), followed by a festival style event with entertainment, food, and historical displays, from 1:30PM to 4:00 PM

Sixty Years and Counting—A Brief History of Our Lady Queen of Peace

As we enter our 65th year, members of Queen of Peace will celebrate the sacrifices and vision of 16 Black Catholics who, with determination and faith in God, transformed their dream into what is now a spiritual community they could never have envisioned. OLQP has grown and transformed into a 21st century church community of more than 1,500 families who represent a rich tapestry of races, cultures and nationalities.

It began in 1945, when Bishop Peter Ireton granted the request of 16 black Catholics to establish their own church in Arlington County where they could worship in dignity. The founding 16 were Joseph Bowman, Clarence and Selena Brown, Alice Butler, Lawrence and Jessie Butler, Irma Carter, Hattie Ellis, Mary Fernanders, Edward Marshall, Grace McGwinn, Edward & Alice Moorman, Constance Spencer, Sophia Terry and Thaddenia West. Today all founding members are deceased, except for Mrs. West, who is a living tribute to the founding of the church.

On September 20, 1946, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the construction of the new church. Less

than a year later, on Pentecost Sunday, June 15, 1947, Bishop Ireton dedicated Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. The name was chosen to honor the brave military men and women who had served during World War II. From the beginning, Holy Ghost Fathers of the Spiritan community have served Queen of Peace parishioners. The first pastor was Fr. Joseph Hackett. The current pastor, Fr. Timothy Hickey, C.S.Sp., who succeeded Fr. Leonard Tuozzolo, C.S.Sp. in 2009, represents the 10th Holy Ghost Father providing pastoral leadership.

Throughout the 65 years of parish history, a commitment to social justice and racial equality has been its hallmark. The dedication of parishioners is embedded in Matthew 25:35, "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink; a stranger and you welcomed me." Established during a period when racial segregation prevailed both in the wider society and in the Catholic Church, Queen of Peace became both a spiritual and social community for its African-American parishioners and the Arlington community at large. During the early '50s, under the leadership of Fr. Michael Kanda, a basketball team organized for church and neighborhood youth eventually was instrumental in the integration of the boys' basketball teams of the diocesan Catholic Youth Organizations. OLQP was a social center for boys and girls, regardless of race or religion, where they enjoyed dances, sports activities and participated in community service projects.

During the civil rights movement of the '50s and '60s, in response to Dr. King's call for "equality for all people", the pastor, Fr. David Ray, and parishioners participated in the historic March on Washington on August 28, 1963. The parish also housed March participants. Subsequently the Catholic Interracial

Council of Northern Virginia was created to work on issues of poverty, employment and fair housing. Queen of Peace experienced a period of rapid integration during this time. Subsequently, in 1974, Catholic parishes in Northern Virginia were organized into the Diocese of Arlington.

Under Fr. Ray's leadership, the parish commitment to community oriented programs grew. He was responsible for building the Family Activities Center (now Father Ray Hall) which, until June 2009, served as the Early Learning Center (ELS). He also fostered a day care program; a federal Credit Union; the Matthew 25 Bazaar clothing and thrift store; and, for a time, a shelter for homeless men in the rectory basement.

In the 1970s, new parishioners from Central and South America enriched the diversity of the congregation. Since 1972 a Sunday Mass Spanish liturgy has been celebrated. Currently Fr. Joseph Nangle, O.F.M., is the celebrant and an important liaison to the Hispanic community, that now comprises approximately 25% of the parish.

Queen of Peace continued to develop activities fostering its tradition of welcome, social justice and community service during the final two decades of the twentieth century into the millennium under the leadership of Frs. James Healy, Edward Kelly (Associate Pastor), and Jeffrey Duaimé, C.S.Sp. Ministries addressing social justice issues were established and expanded. Those programs include the Refugee Office established in 1986 and the Haiti Ministry, which includes a twinning relationship with St. Joseph Parish in Medor, Haiti. Succeeding pastors left significant legacies. Fr. Healy founded the Parish Advisory Board and the Finance Committee. Fr. Duaimé was responsi-

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By Kathy Desmond

Our Lady Queen of Peace and St Joseph in Medor, Haiti began a twinning relationship in 1997. St. Joseph parish is made up of the community in Medor as well as 12 outlying chapel communities. Some chapels serve as schools. The parish is in the Cahoe Mountains and spread over 74 square miles. There are no roads. To get to Medor, you need to hike or ride a mule about 10 miles up and down several mountain ranges. It takes some parishioners six hours to hike to Medor. There is no running water, no electricity, sewage system or postal delivery. Runaway slaves who sought a home so remote that slave owners could not find them originally settled Medor.

Queen of Peace supports the kindergarten, primary and secondary schools in Medor with classes for about 1,200 children from kindergarten through 12th grade. We support a school lunch for each student and teacher. In addition, we provide for the school lunches salt that is fortified with iodine and a medication to prevent elephantiasis. We provide deworming medicine to each student each year as well as nonprescription medications for a small clinic.

Our ongoing clean water initiative has three goals: to provide a five-gallon bucket water purification system for each family; to cap all 30 springs to make the water cleaner at its source (so far six have been capped); to build a cistern to harvest rainwater for Zorange, a chapel community with no source of water. The sanitation program aims to build ecological latrines in public gathering places and encourage families to use private latrines at home. The reforestation pilot project will plant 35,000 trees this spring, with many more over the next three years.

OLQP funds primarily support the school programs. The Haiti committee is seeking grant funds for the water, sanitation, and reforestation programs, as well as for reconstruction of the kindergarten, primary school and church after the earthquakes.

People in Medor, using the resources from Queen of Peace and after discussion with the Parish Council and Water Committee, carry out these initiatives. †

Two-way visits strengthen relationship

Members of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish visited Medor following Fr. Luckson's visit to our parish. Father Tim Hickey, Lynn and Neil Parent, Liza Karlin, sisters Keren and Kezia Charles, and Sue and Dave Carlson went to Medor, April 27 to May 4. They visited the tree nursery. They demonstrated solar oven cooking. The team also met with the Parish Council and Water Committee to discuss on-going programs. †

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ble for the revitalization and expansion of the physical plant, including adding a new rectory and the Ministry Center.

Through its numerous social justice ministries, Queen of Peace continues to provide services addressing the needs of the residents of Arlington and Northern Virginia. The current Director of the Social Justice Outreach Ministry, Fred Cain, coordinates numerous activities, including the Food Pantry and the JUST\$ Ministry program.

Tons of non-perishable food items have been donated to the Arlington Food Assistance Center and Doorways for Women and Families shelter.

The parish also partners with the Capital Area Food Bank, and volunteers serve meals monthly at Carpenter's Shelter in Alexandria. The Thanksgiving Food Basket program, one of the parish's largest outreach efforts, provides food to over 150 families each year. Other ministries under the Queen

of Peace expansive social justice umbrella are the Ujamaa Ministry, the Seasoned Christians Ministry, and the Gay, Lesbian, Family and Friends Ministry. The recently established Gabriel Project provides assistance to pregnant women.

Since 1999, as part of its spiritual outreach, Queen of Peace has celebrated an Interfaith Service with Mt. Zion Baptist and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This service is a celebration of interdenominational prayers and worship.

As we look to the next 65 years, Our Lady Queen of Peace will continue its legacy of service to the community. As a welcoming congregation, we will also continue to encourage members and newcomers to become involved in one of the parish's 50+ ministries and thereby join our biblically inspired mission to fulfill the principles of Matthew 25. †

JUNE

Tue, 1st... 7:00 PM L'Arche - Founders Rm
 Thu, 3rd... 7:30 PM Credit Union Evening Hours
 7:30 PM Social Justice Cmte - Founders Rm
 Fri, 4th... 6:00 PM RE First Communion Practice - Church
 Sat, 5th... 6 PM First Communion Celebrations
 Sun, 6th... All Masses, First Communion Celebrations
 1:30 PM Toastmasters - Founders Rm
 Mon, 7th... 7:15 PM Minkisi - Discussion Rm
 Tue, 8th... 7:00 PM Nauck CAG - Discussion Rm
 Wed, 9th... 7 PM RCIA Extension - Conference Room
 Sat, 12th... Offsite: Luau Fund Raiser for OLQP Links
 w/Habitat -6 PM @ UUC
 9:00 AM Cursillo Leaders - Founders Rm
 4:00 PM RE Reveiw Session - Ministry Center
 Sun, 13th... 2nd Collection -- Catholic Communication
 Baptisms at 9:30 Mass
 All Masses - Welcome Committee
 10:15 AM RE Children's Ministry Sunday - MC
 10:45 AM UJAMAA Meeting - Hall Rm#2
 3:00 PM Funeral Mass Ministry - Peace Room
 Mon, 14th... 7:30 PM Haiti Committee Mtg - Founders Rm
 Parish Advisory Board Meeting - Peace Rm
 Thu, 17th... Carpenter's Shelter (4-5 PM drop off) Hall
 7:00 PM OLQP Book Group - Peace Room
 7:30 PM Finance Committee - Founders Rm
 Sat, 19th... 9:30 AM UJAMAA Prayer Breakfast/Scholarship
 Program - Hall
 Sun, 20... Father's Day
 Baptisms at 11:15 Mass
 Mon, 21st... 7:00 PM Finance Committee - Founders Rm
 Fri, 25th... 7:30 PM Pax Christi Pentagon - Founders Rm
 Sat, 26th... Baptisms at 6 PM Mass
 Sun, 27th... 2nd Collection -- Peter's Pence (Holy Father)
 Wed, 30th... 3:00 PM Seasoned Christians - Hall Rm#2

JULY

Thu, 1st... 7:30 PM Credit Union Evening Hours
 7:30 PM Social Justice Cmte - Founders Rm
 Sun, 4th... Independence Day
 Matt 25 Closed Today
 Mon, 5th... Independence Day (Observed) - Office Closed
 12 PM Mass (as usual)
 Tue, 6th... 7:00 PM L'Arche - Founders Rm
 Sun, 11th... 2nd Collection -- Captial Improv
 All Masses - Welcome Committee
 Mon, 12th... 7:15 PM Minkisi - Discussion Rm
 Tue, 13th... 7:00 PM Nauck CAG - Discussion Rm
 Wed, 14th... 7 PM RCIA Extension - Conference Room
 Thu, 15th... Carpenter's Shelter (4-5 PM drop off) Hall
 7:00 PM OLQP Book Group - Peace Room
 Wed, 28th... 3:00 PM Seasoned Christians - Hall Rm#2

AUGUST

Sun, 1st... 2nd Collection -- Missionary Coop
 Mon, 2nd... 7:15 PM Minkisi - Discussion Rm
 Tue, 3rd... 7:00 PM L'Arche - Founders Rm
 Thu, 5th... 7:30 PM Credit Union Evening Hours
 7:30 PM Social Justice Cmte - Founders Rm
 Sun, 8th... All Masses - Welcome Committee
 Tue, 10th... 7:00 PM Nauck CAG - Discussion Rm
 Thu, 19th... Carpenter's Shelter (4-5 PM drop off) Hall
 7:00 PM OLQP Book Group - Peace Room
 7:00 PM Finance Committee - Founders Rm
 Wed, 25th... 3:00 PM Seasoned Christians - Hall Rm#2

ON GOING EVENTS

Sundays

9:00 AM Matt 25 Open - Matthew 25 Bazaar
 9:30 AM Nursery 9:30 - Hall Classroom 3
 10:00 AM 11:15 Choir Rehearsal - Founders Rm
 11:15 AM Nursery 11:15 - Hall Classroom 3

Mondays

7:00 PM Confirmation Class 2011 - RE Classrooms
 7:30 PM AA Community - Hal

Tuesdays

10:00 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Discussion Rm
 10:30 AM Career Center Volunteers - Matt 25 Storage
 6:45 PM 9:30 Choir Practice - Church
 7:00 PM Zumba Class - Hall
 7:30 PM 11:15 Choir Practice - Church

Wednesdays

9:00 AM Matt 25 Open - Matthew 25 Bazaar
 7:30 PM 6 PM Choir Practice

Thursdays

7:15 PM Green Valley AA - Hall
 7:30 PM 1 PM Choir Practice - Discussion Rm

Fridays

7 PM Zumba Class - Hall

Saturdays

9:00 AM Matt 25 Open - Matthew 25 Bazaar

**Vigil for Peace: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 AM - 12 Noon
 Mondays and Thursdays 6 PM - 8 PM**

**Mass Schedule: Monday through Friday - 12 Noon
 Saturday Vigil - 6 PM
 Sunday - 8, 9:30 & 11:15 AM
 and 1 PM Spanish**