

### ***Masses For The Week***

#### **Monday - April 22**

6:30 Frank Burfeind  
9:00 Alfred (Al) Kump

#### **Tuesday - April 23**

6:30 Thomas Travers  
9:00 William Joseph Zura

#### **Wednesday - April 24**

6:30 Brendan O'Connor  
9:00 Michael Jonathan Zura

#### **Thursday - April 25**

6:30 Jairo & Daniel Garzon  
9:00 Matthew Steubing

#### **Friday - April 26**

6:30 Mary Jelinek  
9:00 Anna & Connie Doolan

#### **Saturday - April 27**

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced at Mass**  
5:00 Peter S. Rossello  
7:00 Alfred Kump

#### **Sunday - April 28**

7:00 The People of the Parish  
8:30 Salvatore Valenti, Anniversary  
10:00 Marion Brusca  
11:30 Frank & Fay Paradise  
1:00 Lucy Funaro  
5:30 Rosemary Ogno

### ***Readings For The Week***

Mon. Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10  
Tues. Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30  
Wed. Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50  
Thurs. 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20  
Fri. Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6  
Sat. Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14  
Sun. **Acts 14:21-27** *Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the good news in Derbe, Lystra, Antioch, Pisidia, Pamphylia and Attalia. They made numerous disciples and encouraged them to persevere in the faith.*

**Revelation 21:1-5a** *John saw a new heaven and a new earth. Now a new Jerusalem, the holy city, came down from God in heaven, beautiful as a bride. The One on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."*

**John 13:31-33a, 34-35** *After Judas left, Jesus said to the others, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."*



*Saint Maria Faustina*

**Divine Mercy Novena**  
**Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.**  
**in the Eucharistic Chapel**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### ***Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift***

#### **Weekend Collection for April 13/14**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$16,048.77

***Thank you for your generosity & support!***

### **Reflection & Living Stewardship**



Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who further the message and mission of Jesus through daily witness and through ministries of evangelization and catechesis.

### **Charismatic Prayer Group** **LISTS**



We all make them - shopping lists, to-do lists - even Santa has one! Is Jesus on your list? You were on His list as He carried that cross and was nailed to it! It's not hard; come and find out how to make Jesus a part of your list.

***Our next meeting is Monday April 22th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.***

Please pray for the women and men in our Military and their families and friends as they selflessly protect and defend our nation against all forms of terrorism especially during this Easter Season.



### **St. Martin of Tours HOP Club**

The April 15th - 19th HOP winners will be announced next week.

***St. Martin of Tours Wedding Banns*****No announcements**

*"Whatever you do for one of these,  
the least of my sisters & brothers,  
you did it for me."*

Thanks to all for your continued generosity to those in need. This week the Pantry could use coffee, tea, hearty soups, pasta (no elbows or spaghetti), jams or jellies, canned fruit, Jello, peas, mixed vegetables, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, dish soap, juice and juice boxes and toothpaste.

**Food Pantry:**

208 Broadway, Bethpage

Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM

Thursday: 2:00PM – 7:00PM

Phone: (516) 931-7332

*Guided Meditations*

There will be two guided meditations to relax and replenish with the gospel allowing for reflection and introspection with the Holy Spirit.

- The first is on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in St. Alphonsus Hall. We moved it from the church due to the comings and goings after each mass on Sunday mornings.
- Or you may wish to join us on Sunday, the 5th of May at approximately 6:30 p.m., following the 5:30 Life Teen mass.

Both meditations will last about a half hour. Many parishioners have found meditation a very helpful way to assist in their prayer life as a way of communicating with the Holy Spirit within themselves and thus reducing stress.

*All are welcome!*

- Father Pat

**Please pray for the sick of our parish:**

**Reminder:** please call the rectory at 931-0818  
To remove a name off the list.

*Helena Carroll, Pat Pedone, Vincent Valenti  
Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa, Fran Pignataro  
Skylar Vega, Catherine Dalessio, Leigh Murphy  
Helena Mulligan, Richard Piernini, John Tortorice  
Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres, Gina Cava  
James Robertson, Amy Hayes, Mom & Dad  
Helena Mulligan, Bill Kelly, Salvatore Milo, Jr.  
Matthew Messina, William John Staudt, Jimmy Stiffa  
Sharon Shiepkio, Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell  
Salvatore Accardi, Mary Donahoe, Robert Cakoyanis  
Christine Ketchem, Peggy Namiotka, Pat Cannata  
Barbara Thompson, Nicole Cagna, Donald Castor  
Barbara Mangiamiele, Joann Bruno, Nick Markakis  
Patsy Carni, Henry & Marie Niemczyk, Dorothy Quinn*

*Holy Hour*

On Tuesday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m., there will be a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. You are welcome to attend any or all of this hour. Jesus said, *"Come Apart and Rest Awhile."*



*Week of April 21 - 27, 2013  
Altar Bread & Wine  
In Loving Memory of  
Thomas Keegan*

***Rest in Peace***

***Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."***

***Gertrude Odierna, Katherine Marie Pufahl  
Helen R. Cantwell***

### *Message from the Pastor*

I never liked guns. Perhaps the New Yorker in me never thought much about hunting, and although I have no trouble eating a duck, I do not have the heart to shoot one. On a more serious note, after some of the terrible shootings that have gone on in our recent history, especially the terrible slaughter of teachers and school children in Newtown, I see the need for serious steps that our nation needs to take to somehow prevent such terrible events from happening. I would admit I know no easy answers since the problem is so complex. I do know most of the mass murders that have occurred are more due to serious psychological issues of the deeply troubled murderers than to easy access to guns. I am a strong believer in the United States Constitution and I know the Second Amendment speaks to the right to bear arms. Still I do not see why anyone, other than police or military, needs weapons that can fire many bullets automatically. I do not know why someone needs an assault weapon in his or her home. If we can prevent one more person from being killed with a gun, to my mind, that is a blessing.

Not too long ago, I was home with my family. My niece's husband Tom is one of the finest men I know. He is a good and loving husband to his wife and father to his three children. He attended West Point and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the army, after serving several tours in the Special Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is a very kind and gentle man and I am very proud of him. He loves to talk religion with me since he deeply loves his Catholic faith, and I like to talk war and politics with him since I am a history buff.

So we got into the discussion of the guns and gun control. Our positions could not have more diverse. He grew up with guns, has taught his children how to handle weapons, and has a deep and abiding conviction that the laws being promoted today about gun control will not help solve problems, and are against the spirit of the Constitution. I argued the opposite positions very strongly. We were strong and loud in stating our positions as we debated for more than an hour. Occasionally other family members would jump in to the debate. I do not think either of us changed the mind of the other. What I do feel good about in that conversation was that we both listened to each other and sought to try to understand the position of the other. We did not call each other names and seek to ridicule the position of the other. It was a healthy conversation where we tried to hear and understand one another.

Sad to say, I think such conversations are rare. I listen to talk radio and cable television shows and there is little debate; rather, the opposing position on almost any topic is quickly dismissed. Name-calling follows quickly: you are *un-American, a socialist, a bigot, a liar, a right winger, a bleeding heart, a homophobe, a hater*, and the list goes on. Often, we do not want to speak to people who think differently than do we because we want to avoid arguments. I feel that way at times, but know little progress can be made in a family, a parish, a city, a society, a church, or a nation without honest and genuine dialogue. I find it hard to listen to people who do not think as do I, but it is an absolute necessity if we ever are to work together for the betterment of our world and the building up of the kingdom of God on earth. I invite you to consider how well you listen and discuss ideas that are different from yours. We need to be strongly principled in our belief, while at the same time, being able to hear and listen respectfully to those of others. Quite a challenge! I resolve to at least listen to a Yankee fan when they tell me that Derek Jeter is a good guy. It is a beginning for me.

Father Pat, CSSR  
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## Easter Duty

I believe that there are misunderstandings about what is one's Easter Duty. In the United States it is from the first Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday. The law of the church states that every Catholic should go to confession (if they are in serious sin) and communion during the time of Easter Duty. The second part of the law is somewhat confusing. A person who is in serious sin has an obligation to go to confession during the Easter Season. Obviously anyone in serious sin should go to confession as soon as possible, no matter what the liturgical season. Again one does not have to go to confession under the Easter Duty obligation if they have not committed a serious sin.

The sacrament of reconciliation is a gift from Jesus, and we should go to this great sacrament regularly whether in serious sin or not. There is no absolute obligation to do so unless one is in serious sin, however the tradition of the Church strongly encourages its people to go to confession regularly. For some, "regularly" is weekly or monthly, while for others it is several times a year. Perhaps, the following information will be helpful. - Father Pat

*Consequently, a faithful Catholic must never discount the spiritual exercise of confession, from beginning to end: to take the time to diligently examine one's conscience, to have contrition (i.e. sorrow for sin), to make a firm amendment not to sin again, to confess one's sins, and to receive absolution and the graces which heal the soul of sin, restore fully sanctifying grace and fortify it against future temptation. Regular confession of venial sin helps the individual to form his conscience better, fight against temptation, be aware of the occasions of sin and progress in the life of the Holy Spirit (cf. Catechism, No. 1458).*

*Yes, strictly speaking, the Code of Canon Law asserts, "After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year" (No. 989). However, the Code also asserts, "It is to be recommended to the Christian faithful that venial sins also be confessed" (No. 988.2). (This regulation is a slight variation of the old "Easter Duty" prescribed by the Fourth Lateran Council (1215) which stated, "Every faithful of either sex who has reached the age of discretion should at least once a year faithfully confess all his sins in secret to his own priest. He should strive as far as possible to fulfill the penance imposed on him, and with reverence receive at least during Easter time the sacrament of the Eucharist."*

*Only a legalist would suggest that a person only has to go to confession when in a state of mortal sin, thereby hinting regular confession is not necessary. Regular confession is the recipe for sainthood, and all of the saints of our Church knew it. As we continue our Easter celebration, we must not forget those graces of forgiveness and reconciliation the Risen Lord offers to each of us through the sacrament of reconciliation. - Father William Saunders*

***I am looking for someone*** who has skills in cropping pictures from a book and preparing them to be printed.

I am working on some old pictures of the parish that I would like to get framed but they are in a book and I need someone with skills in this area.

Thanks, Father Pat  
[woodscsr@aol.com](mailto:woodscsr@aol.com)

## MARY AND THE YEAR OF FAITH

The Montfort Missionary Spiritual Center located at 26 So. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore NY 11706 is having a day of prayer, reflection and study of St. Louis Marie de Montfort's masterpiece, TRUE DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY on **Saturday, April 27th from 9AM - 4PM**. It is \$15 per person which includes continental breakfast and a light lunch. The event will begin at 10AM with the Holy Rosary and the day will include talks by Fr. Gillespie, the Sacrifice of the Mass, and St. Louis de Montfort's "Little Crown" including the Crowning of Mary.

To find out if registration is still open, please call 631-786-8074.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 20/21: Last Drumline fundraiser ticket sale
- Apr. 26: Life Teen's Annual Auction
- Apr. 27: First Holy Communion 10:30 & 1PM
- Apr. 28: Guided Meditation **after** 10:00 mass
- Apr. 28: *Damien* performed by Casey Groves
- May 4: First Holy Communion 10:30 & 1PM
- May 5: Guided Meditation **after** 5:30 mass
- May 11: First Holy Communion 10:30 AM
- May 14: Youth Ministry Adoration 7:00 PM
- May 18/19: Life Center of L.I. Baby Shower
- May 20: Knights of Columbus BLOOD DRIVE

### GLUTEN, PEANUT & DAIRY FREE HOSTS



St. Martin's always has a supply of hosts available for anyone who is allergy-sensitive to these types of foods. Please seek out the sacristan **before mass** so that the priest is prepared to include it for consecration.

Please be sure to follow this procedure every time you attend mass.

### Life Center of Long Island Baby Shower

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH & SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

in the Fellowship Area (Seaman Avenue side)

*After All Weekend Masses*

The month of May is filled with celebrating Mother's Day. We would once more ask you to celebrate the birth of babies by donating what you can to the Life Center. These mothers and their babies are in need of:



Baby wipes, diapers, formula, breast pumps, baby powder, oil, swabs, monitors, car seats, pack & plays, baby clothing - newborn to toddler size 3. Slightly used items are welcomed.

***Thank you for your constant support and generosity!***



If anyone is interested in joining the **LEGION OF MARY**, please call the rectory at 931-0818 and leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Meetings will be at 208 Broadway (Parish Outreach building).

***The object of the Legion of Mary*** is the glory of God and the grace of His Mother through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in Mary's and the Church's work.

If you would like to learn even more, go to [www.LegionofMary.org](http://www.LegionofMary.org).

### St. Martin of Tours/K of C #5033

Catholic War Veterans #1938

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, May 20th; 2:30pm - 8:30pm

517 Central Avenue

Bethpage Knights of Columbus

**Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! Thank you for caring!**

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months
- For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

**For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:**

**Jack Batt @ (516) 868-8192**

 **New York Blood Center**





St. Martin's Life Teen program is for all high school aged teens (9th-12th grade). Life Teen gathers every Sunday for the 5:30pm Youth Mass and every Sunday night from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Center (room 107 of the school) for our Life Nights. Each week we gather to grow in faith and friendship with Christ & each other. Check out our parish website for a calendar of events at [www.smtbethpage.org](http://www.smtbethpage.org) or contact Erin at [EKHoran@yahoo.com](mailto:EKHoran@yahoo.com).



The Edge program is for all middle school aged student (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). Edge meets every other Thursday evening from 7-8:30pm. This program is a wonderful way for young adolescents to grow in their faith as well as build lasting friendships.



Parent Life is designed to give parents an opportunity to support their parish ministry programs while strengthening their own relationship with Christ and His Church. Parent Life meets once a month on Sundays following the 5:30pm Mass in the school building. **All parents and adults are welcome!**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Life Teen Youth Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction every 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Our next service is Tuesday, May 14th. We fervently hope that you come and join us in prayer and adoration of our Risen Lord. The music and praise that are lifted up to Christ will bring you to a place of peace and hope.

Everyone is welcome!

## Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity A Special Message to Our Members

Dues are in order. They are \$10 per year. Many members are asking about being a "**Member in Good Standing.**" As a member in good standing, you can:

- Run for office
- Vote in elections
- Receive Healing Mass Cards for sick members
- Receive memorial cards for a deceased mother, father, husband or child
- Special wake service for the Christian Mother Rosarian
- Honor guard at the funeral mass

Any member who wants to return to be reinstated can please call Louise Smith at 735-1375, and she will check your standing. So far we have had several members reinstated and experienced how happy they are to return.

If you would like to pay your dues for 2012-2013, send a check payable to CMRC and address it to: Louise Smith  
3794 Windsor Drive, Bethpage NY 11714

For a membership card, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and one will be sent to you. The continued good works of the organization - to keep the altars, baptismal robes, help Parish Outreach - **all depend on you and your dues.** May God bless us all!

## Other News from Christian Mothers

On Tuesday, May 7, 2013 we will be Crown-ing our Blessed Mother followed by the Living Rosary. This will all begin promptly at 7:30 P.M. in Saint Alphonsus Hall. Election of officers will then take place.

Refreshments will be served. ALL women are welcome!

## 2013 Over The Edge Charity Event to Help Raise Funds For FREE Drumline

The F.R.E.E. Players Drumline, made up of mentally and physically challenged individuals, has been invited to perform on stage at Disney World in May. Two of our own parishioners, Altar Server Jenny Pace and former Folk Group drummer, Steve Malerba, are members of the Drumline. **Please support the Drumline's efforts to raise funds for the trip to Orlando by attending a "Flapjack Breakfast at Applebee's" on SATURDAY, APRIL 27th from 8 to 10AM. Tickets for the breakfast are on sale in the Fellowship Area (Seaman Avenue side) after most Masses this weekend. If you cannot attend the breakfast, a small donation would be greatly appreciated.**



### The Catholic Counseling Center 12 Ryder Court, Dix Hills NY 11746

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of George A. Giuliani, PhD, Director/Psychologist, is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese.

Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503.

You may visit his website at  
<http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.

### An Invitation for Seniors to an OPEN HOUSE Harvest Houses—Residence for Well Elders

**Harvest House**  
235 Cold Spring Road, Syosset NY  
**Sunday, April 28th from 1-3PM**

or

**Harvest Park**  
33 Flower Avenue, Floral Park NY  
**Sunday, May 5th from 1-3PM**

For more information please call  
Sister Jeanne A. Brendel, O.P. at 516-496-9796

**Go to [www.harvesthouses.org](http://www.harvesthouses.org) for a closer look!**

### Project HOPE Helping you recover from Hurricane Sandy

A representative of Project HOPE  
will be speaking at all Masses  
this weekend April 20th and 21st.

Project HOPE is funded through a grant by the  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
and administered by the Substance Abuse  
and Mental Health Services Administration.

Project HOPE is a program of the  
NYS Office of Mental Health.

### Pro Bikers for Life Sunday, April 21, 2013 3:00—4:00 PM

Light refreshments at 2:25 PM

Molloy College  
1000 Hempstead Avenue  
Rockville Centre  
Amphitheater  
Kellenberg Hall, North Wing  
Speakers: Founding members of  
Pro-Bikers for Life and  
Molloy College Campus Ministries  
Contact Jane Gilroy  
(516) 379-5409  
[jgilroy@molloy.edu](mailto:jgilroy@molloy.edu)

## RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

### CONSCIENCE PROTECTION OF HEALTHCARE

#### CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE

Catholic healthcare providers have been leaders in the delivery of care in the United States and across the globe. There are over 600 Catholic hospitals in the United States alone. Catholic community hospitals represent one out of every 8 hospitals and one-sixth of all patient admissions in the U.S.

*It is increasingly evident that there are efforts in our country to force medical providers to either perform actions against their personal conscience or leave the profession completely. Faith-based professionals are being driven out of medicine, which in turn will also limit access to patients.*

**The Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision gave new meaning to the need for conscientious objection. Following this decision many physicians, particularly Catholic doctors, refused to take part in procedures that would violate their moral or religious convictions.**

**Recognizing this real problem, Congress passed the Health Programs Extension Act of 1973, which included the Church Amendment. Along with the Church Amendment, the Coats Amendment was passed by Congress in 1996, and a third federal conscience clause provision is the Weldon Amendment which prohibits federal agencies and programs, as well as state and local governments, from discriminating against healthcare entities because they do not offer ABORTION SERVICES or provide coverage or referral for abortions. The amendment covers physicians and healthcare providers, hospitals, provider-sponsored organizations HMOs, insurance plans and any kind of healthcare facility, organization or plan.**

**It is widely accepted, and guaranteed in law, that PHYSICIANS, NURSES AND PRISON EMPLOYEES have a right to refuse to participate in EXECUTIONS for reasons of conscience.**

What the Second Vatican Council declared in DIGNITATIS HUMANAE is as true for medical professionals as it is for all of us:

*“All are bound to follow their conscience faithfully in every sphere of activity so that they may come to God, who is their last end. Therefore, the individual must not be forced to act against conscience nor be prevented from acting according to conscience, especially in religious matters. The reason is because the practice of religion of its very nature consists primarily of those voluntary and free internal acts by which human beings direct themselves to God. Acts of this kind cannot be commanded or forbidden by any merely human authority.” (Excerpted Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, USCCB) )*

#### FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Hart Mirando  
(C)830-5077 (H) 605-1979

ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24  
HOURS, RACHEL'S VINEYARD RE-  
TREAT (631) 243-2373.

Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe  
Place at 1(877) 796-HOPE. Adoption,  
Foster Care, Maternity Services, Catho-  
lic Home Bureau 1(800) 592-4357.

**FATIMA DAY—MONDAY, MAY 13th**  
**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND**  
**258 Eastport Manor Road**  
**MANORVILLE NY 11949**

**“The Triumph**  
**The battle has begun...which side are you on?”**  
**Powerful new Medjugorje film**

**10:00 AM Stations of the Cross**  
**11:30 AM Holy Mass**  
**12:30 PM Lunch**  
**1:30 PM Viewing of the movie “The Triumph”**  
**3:00 PM Benediction**



**St. Martin of Tours  
Youth Ministry  
Presents:  
Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction**

**April 26th  
7pm**

**Grand  
Prizes,  
50/50 &  
Door Prizes**

**SMT Life Teen**

**SMT Edge**

**For more info  
contact Erin  
EKHoran@Yahoo.com**

**All Proceeds help fund our trip  
to the Steubenville East Youth  
Conference and a week long  
stay at Camp Veritas!**

## Saint Damien of Molokai Performance

**We are delighted to welcome back Mr. Casey Groves to St. Martin of Tours on Sunday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 p.m. for a one person performance of *Damien*.**



On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Casey gave a wonderful performance on the life of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. I believe that those who attended were very moved by the performance.

Since Mr. Groves will be back in the northeast, I have invited him to do his one person play on Saint Damien of Molokai, the great apostle to the lepers of this Hawaiian island. (see the biography below). There is no charge to attend, but you are invited to make a free will donation at the end of the performance if you wish.

- Father Pat CSSR

## Rebuilt

In the book ***Rebuilt***, the authors, Father Michael White and Mr. Tom Corcoran, make these observations about the mistakes they were making in leading the parish of Nativity in Timonium, Maryland over the course of their first five years in the parish. They, like many of us in our parish, wonder why we have such a challenge in inviting our own adult children, who we raised in the Catholic faith, and so many other non-practicing Catholics to be active in the parish community. Why is it so difficult to bring people back to their religious roots? Here are some possibilities that the authors of ***Rebuilt*** suggest:

1. *We assumed if we did more and did it better, people would grow in their maturity and wisdom.*
2. *We thought that if we did more and did it better, people would automatically give more money.*
3. *If we did more and did it better, we took it for granted that people would automatically get involved and help out in the parish.*
4. *We looked to our stalwart churchgoers as our natural allies as we tried to move forward.*
5. *Little did we appreciate how detached second and third generation of demanding Catholics had grown.*
6. *We did not understand how marginalized the whole enterprise of faith and religion had grown in the lives of many of our Catholics.*
7. *Despite our best efforts, we were not reaching our student population.*
8. *We did not understand how profoundly uninterested the non-churchgoing population had grown, how distrustful any outreach efforts we made, and how cynical people could be about organized religion.*
9. *We were not turned toward God. We were not relying on his leadership, and we were not looking to go where he was blessing.*
10. *We thought evangelization would be easy.*

More to come about *Rebuilt* in the following weeks with possible ways to promote evangelization.

- Father Pat, CSSR