



# The Pilgrim Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs



## 2007 Calendar

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### SEPTEMBER

- Fri., Sept. 21 - Sun., Sept. 23 Annual Boy Scouts Encampment
- Sat., Sept. 22 69th Annual Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage
- Sat., Sept. 22 Dedication of Egan-Paret Visitor Center, at 2:00 pm
- Thurs., Sept. 27 Mini-Retreat, Kateri Chapel, 10 am - 2 pm
- Sat., Sept. 29 NCCL/ Pilgrimage for Restoration

#### OCTOBER

- Sat, Oct. 6 3rd Annual Shrine Gala, Egan-Paret Memorial Visitor Center, 5 pm
- Sun., Oct. 14 Marian Day, Coliseum, close w/4pm Mass

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Shrine of Our Lady Of Martyrs is a place of natural beauty and spiritual renewal. We are dedicated to the memory of the martyred Jesuits and Blessed Indian maiden who sanctified this hallowed place. Through the example of the Missionaries' courageous faith, which provides the bedrock of our devotions here, we strive to strengthen the faith of all who visit us. We will always be guided by our dedicated predecessors and our loving Father, so that these historic grounds may be a place of peace, love, prayer, and reconciliation, where each and every pilgrim may be welcomed with joy, and may leave here with a soul refreshed and renewed.

## Shrine News

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### Oh Saratoga Visitors!

by Father Peter Murray

On Sunday September 2nd, during the Labor Day weekend, the Shrine had an extraordinary group of visitors appear. They came direct from the "Oh Saratoga" Campaign or "battle" which is waged each year around this time, bringing together Catholics, Evangelicals, Orthodox and other folks to make a statement about the tragic use of abortion and lack of concern for life, found all too often in our nation. It asks people to work for the unborn and against those places and systems which sadly continue to kill infants — due to the existence of unwise laws and lax consciences that mar our political and religious landscape today.

Father Francis McCloskey, an intrepid worker for the unborn, and a priest with wide historical and social perspectives, spoke at the 9 AM Mass. He linked the gospel—which calls for humility and hope—to the cause that he and his co-advocates have been fighting for. He also put forth an "altar call" asking those who "will come up" to commit themselves to one hour per month to actively work on the "front lines" in the ongoing effort for Life. Many people came forward for this altar call and were moved by Father's message. I myself was deeply moved, and glad that I had responded positively to Beth Lynch, another promoter of "Oh Saratoga," when she called me several weeks ago about this venture.

The Shrine has always been concerned about respecting life at all stages. We hope that this new "Challenge" given by Father McCloskey can spur us forward to an even greater use of our talents and better management of our time, to help others wage this important battle of our times.

### Septemberfest: It's Not Too Late to Join In!

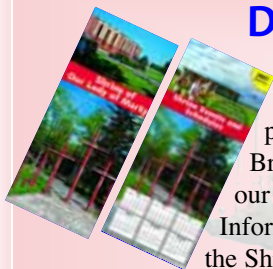
Septemberfest Season has indeed begun ... now that September is here. A few names have already been drawn and will soon be published here. But it's not too late for you to join in or buy a few more tickets in order to have a few more chances at the drawings.

As you already know, there's a drawing for each day in September with amounts ranging from \$50 to \$1000. But the good news is this: THE \$1,000 DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE EVENING OF THE SHRINE GALA, WHICH IS ON OCTOBER 6TH. So you have until then to get in on the action!

Do something good for the Shrine and for yourself! Flyers with entry forms are available at all the major sites on the Shrine grounds. Good Luck! And may God shower you with his blessings for your generosity.

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### DON'T MISS IT!

Don't forget to pick up our Schedule Brochure with most of our events listed and an Informational Brochure on the Shrine!

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Next Novena  
Martyrs Novena  
October 11-19

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**SHRINE SEASON:**  
April 28-Oct 21, 2007

### MASSES

- **Sun.:** 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., & 4:00 p.m.
- **Sat. & Daily:** 11:30 a.m., & 4:00 p.m

### CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASSES

- **Sun. & Sat.:** 30 min
- **Daily:** 15 min

### DEVOTIONS

- **Adoration:**  
**Wed.:** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
(*Kateri Chapel*)
- **Benediction:**  
**Sun. & Feasts:** 3:30 p.m.
- **Blessing with Relics**  
(*of the Martyrs and Blessed Kateri*):  
**Mon. - Sat.:** 3:45 p.m.
- *Stations of the Cross and Rosary available for private devotion.*

### NOVENAS

9 Days of Masses, see front cover for next novena.

### VISITOR'S CENTER

and Expanded Gift Shop Hours:  
 • **Sun. - Fri.:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 • **Sat.:** 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### MARTYRS MEMORIAL CENTER AND MUSEUM:

Mon. - Fri.: 12 - 5 pm  
 Sat. - Sun.: 10:30am-5:30 pm

### GUIDED TOURS

Call Shrine Office to reserve a time for tours.

### MORE INFORMATION?

- [www.MartyrShrine.org](http://www.MartyrShrine.org).
- Fran Ralph, Administrative Coordinator 518-853-3033 x 221

## Find it at the Shrine: Part 10

We hope it will give you a better understanding of what is here and what its significance is, if you don't already know. It is being prepared by Dorothy Domkowski, a loyal supporter of the Shrine and a member of the Shrine Council.

We hope you will enjoy the series and find it beneficial on your visits to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs.



### Find it at the Shrine

On the walls of the Visitor's Center are 74 originals ceramic tiles. Designed by Frances Serber, each 12" square tile represents a Native American symbol. Included are Thunderbird (bearer of happiness), crossed arrows (friendship), sun (happiness), ceremonial dance (enclosure), mountain (abundance), eagle feathers (chief), bear track (good omen), and arrowhead (alertness).

### Find it at the Shrine

A statue of the Sacred Heart stands on the brow of the hill near the Coliseum, overlooking the Mohawk River and highways. It is a sign of Christ's watchful care for travelers below. This "Christ of the Mohawk" extends open hands in a spirit of invitation, welcoming all passers-by to pause from their travels and visit the Shrine.



### Stewardship Offerings

Weekend of 9/1 - 9/2  
 \$4642.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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# Shrine Events

Come Join Us

## Dedication of the Egan-Paret Visitor Center

Through the years, the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs has been blessed with some dedicated and well-loved leaders who have functioned as directors of the Shrine. Two seem to stand out from recent decades, and they are Fr. John J. "Jake" Paret (1919-1996) and Fr. Thomas F. Egan (1968-1981).



The Shrine Council and Staff are proud to honor these two dear Jesuits by announcing the dedication of the newly-refurbished Visitor Center and Gift Shop, naming it the Egan-Paret Visitor Center. Portraits of each of these distinguished priests have been commissioned and will be displayed in the vestibule of the building. For the opportunity to have inscriptions on the plaque beneath these portraits in this prominent location, please inquire at the Shrine office: 518-853-3033 X 221.



The dedication ceremony will commence at 2 pm, on Saturday, September 22, 2007 and we are pleased that we will be joined that day by a contingent of the Boy Scouts, many of whom are camping at the Shrine for the entire weekend and the distinguished Knights of Columbus, who are making their 69th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine.

The Shrine is privileged to have the Most Reverend Bishop Howard J. Hubbard celebrating the 4pm Mass that day in the Coliseum. All are invited to attend.

## Wilderness Survival & Tracking Workshop

On Monday, October 8th, a wilderness survival workshop will be held from 9am-3:30pm at the Picnic Pavilion on the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs near the Visitor Center parking lot. For young and old, this workshop will help one "see the forest for the trees" and learn to survive comfortably in the forest if lost. Participation is the key in learning these skills first hand. Also native games will take place such as kick stick & deer hunt with competition to win prizes. It will also include information on fire starting, shelter building, signaling for help, etc. Registration fee is \$10. For more information contact Lily at 853-3033 x 235 from 12pm-5pm, Wednesday thru Sunday. Limited numbers, respond soon.

## Rosary for Peace

Following the exhortation of Our Lady of Fatima, there will be a special Mass on Saturday, October 13th at 11:30am in the Coliseum of Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, after which will be devotional hymns to Our Lady and the recitation of the rosary. All are invited to participate in this devotion prompted by the National Rosary Crusade.

## Shrine Gala

On Saturday, October 6th, the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs will host its Third Annual Gala/Fundraiser. This festivity, in celebrating its 122nd Anniversary, will be held in the newly refurbished Visitor Center, recently dedicated as the Egan-Paret Memorial Visitor Center. Event will open with cocktail hour, 5-6pm, followed by an elegant dinner, 6-7:30pm, and music by "Mixed Company" 7:30-10pm.

One highlight of the evening will be the \$1,000 final drawing of the Septemberfest fundraiser. Tickets for Septemberfest are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 with drawings being made through the month of September for prizes ranging from \$50 to \$200 each day. The final \$1,000 one being held off till Oct 6th, the night of the Gala.

Tickets for the Gala event are \$50 each and will help support the Shrine's ongoing "renaissance." For more information please call Tom Ralph at 853-3033 x 225.

## Shrine Season Finale

Sunday, October 21st is the final day of the 2007 Shrine Season. This date is the celebration of the Feast of the North American Martyrs.

## Mini-Retreat

Thursday, October 25th a mini-retreat will be offered at the Kateri Chapel on the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs from 10am - 2:15pm. This day of prayer includes inspirational talks, uplifting music, celebration of Mass, potluck lunch. All are welcome. For more information about topic, speakers, etc., please call Fr. Bob McGuire at 853-3033 x 233.

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## Lost and Found

Can be found in the the Visitor's Center during their hours of operation or by calling them at (518) 853-3033 x 236.



## Young Adult MovieNight

This is an event that is put on to gather young adults who are of any denomination of faith who wish to get away from everyday life.

During the previous movie nights we experienced good friendships through our time of socializing and enjoyed the movie in a community atmosphere of friendship. At 6:30 pm on **September 29th**, Entertaining Angels will be playing in the Kateri Museum and Media Center. A winter schedule of young adult events will be posted soon. If you are interested in coming, show up for the movie and bring \$5 for a donation and RSVP for dinner by calling Anna at 853-3033 x 224 or Marketing@MartyrShrine.org.

### Entertaining Angels

Dorothy Day is no saint. She lives hard, makes mistakes, endures the consequences. But the unquenchable fire burning within her cannot be contained. Dorothy wants to make a difference. During the Depression, she vows to house the homeless, feed the hungry, tend the sick. Easily said. Not easily done when her total finances amount to 97 cents in a battered canister. Yet Dorothy persists, walking on frequently stormy waters of faith.

Popular stars and important themes combine in this compelling true story of the "American Mother Teresa," filmed by Paulist Pictures (Romero) from a script by ER writer and executive producer John Wells, Moira Kelly plays Day, the impassioned New York journalist who launched the activist newspaper *Catholic Worker* and put the words she wrote into controversial action. Martin Sheen, Melinda Dillon and Brian Keith join Kelly in this moving saga of faith not just believed, but lived.

## Benefit Spaghetti Dinner

Monday, October 1, 2007 Saint Stanislaus Church will be hosting a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner at the Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course, Van Dyke Avenue on Monday, October 1st from 4-7 pm. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased beginning Sunday, September 9th before and after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Stanislaus Church or at the Parish Office, 73 Reid Street, Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 am-1 pm. For information call: 842-2771.

## Reflection by Larry Gillick, S.J.

The chapter from which the First Reading comes for this Sunday's liturgy opens with a direct prayer from the heart of King Solomon who experiences the tremendous weight of being King of Israel. He begs God by first praising God for being the Creator of all things. He then acknowledges his personal frailty and absolute dependence upon God's gift of Wisdom. He knows the difficulties of governing the Jewish people and the prospects of building a new temple in Jerusalem. What we hear from this chapter are the verses which follow this prayer. It is a meditative musing upon God's ways and the problems humans have in figuring things out, both on earth and about God in heaven.

"The deliberations of mortals are timid." Solomon is wondering how will he ever know how to do what is right in God's plan if he, as with other humans, can hardly know what is right to do on earth. As King Mongkut reluctantly cries in the play, *The King and I*, "tiz a puzzlement!" Solomon, at the end of this passage does surrender to the history of God's having sent a spirit of holiness to assist our timid ponderings. It is not so much a "puzzlement", but an ongoing relationship between our insufficiency and God's loving care. Solomon rests from his worries, by reflecting that God has given the gift of Wisdom which does assist the straightening of what seems impossibly crooked.

Our Gospel reading is the conclusion to a major section of Luke's presentation of Jesus' teachings about who belongs at the wedding feast of heaven. Jesus has just told a parable about such a feast to which many who were invited did not come and so the doors were opened to the physically injured and outcasts. When He finished this story someone at table said that the ones who eat at the heavenly banquet will certainly be blest. What we hear today is Jesus' reply. The first challenging statement involves hating the very closest relationships we have. We are to "hate" them all, and our very own lives, in order to follow Him. Then Jesus ups the bar a little higher by saying that those who will be His disciples will have to carry their own crosses. Woe is me!

Jesus relates two little parables to finish off the discussion. If you are going to build a tower, you'd better have enough to finish or else. If you are going to wage war then you'd better have enough soldiers to win, or else. The chapter ends with two verses we do not hear today. Jesus talks

about salt losing its flavor and when it does, it gets thrown out. Jesus ends all this by reminding all who have ears to be listening. Hating those we love and carrying our crosses is not real attractive. "Hating" is the exact Greek word Luke uses though. Jesus did put great emphasis on loving and being loved by parents and friends. Next Sunday's Gospel will relate a great story about family love. So what can this "hating" mean!

That to which we are invited by Jesus is a wisdom about which we heard in the First Reading. All relationships of love are gifts from God and they are not meant to make gods out of those whom we love. How are we ever going to build our relationship with Jesus by loving God above all other relationships and also carrying crosses! It is the "puzzlement" question and the answer is "wisdom". How are we going to build a tower successfully or be on the victorious side when we feel so insufficient? Very early in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, we pray for "big-souled" generosity so as to be able to find and love the will of God. A temple in Jerusalem, a tower in the Gospel, a war waged against perhaps over-whelming odds, will we have enough, do enough, pray enough, so as to win!

It is about "salt" from the last verse which is not included today. Keeping our flavor lest it be lost and so we too. To follow Jesus is not a quantifiable gradeable thing. Each of us is given a salty wisdom which allows us to keep our ears and hearts open to the invitation. This involves not keeping our eyes on how we are doing and perhaps that very thing is what is the nature of the crosses we are to carry. Not any of us can love well enough. We do not do enough, feel enough, forgive enough, but we keep living, loving as we can and that keeps our salt from being thrown out. We cannot follow Jesus well enough, but we don't throw ourselves away either, because we are not doing that well enough. "Large-soulness" is the gift of Wisdom which builds and wins and keeps us salty.

"Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, O God.  
My soul is thirsting for the living God."  
Ps. 43, 2-3



## Special Moments at the Shrine

**Top Left:** The Jesuit Cemetery at Auriesville

**Top Middle:** Interior of the Goupil Chapel

**Top Right:** Donor Plaque in the Goupil Chapel

**Bottom Left:** Work beginning on Garden for Jesus

**Bottom Right:** Christine Wagoner and members of Vacation Bible School

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## Saint Isaac

## Jogues Volunteers

by Father Robert McGuire

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Do you want to do something for the Kingdom?

Can you spare the time?

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**Father Bob McGuire, S.J.  
at 518 853-3033 ext 233**

## Get Your "Passport" Ready for Heaven, Says Pope

*Stamp It With Works That Show Friendship With Christ*

(Zenit.org).- Heaven is an equal-opportunity destination, but to gain entry one needs a "passport" stamped with virtues such as humility, mercy and truth, says Benedict XVI. The Pope said this today in a reflection he gave on the "narrow gate," before reciting the midday Angelus with several thousand people gathered in the courtyard of the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo. The Pontiff asked: "What is meant by this 'narrow gate'? Why is it that many people do not succeed in entering through it? Is it perhaps a passage that is reserved only for a few elect?"

The Holy Father said that the message of Christ is that everybody has an equal chance of entering through the narrow gate, "but it is 'narrow' because it is demanding, it requires commitment, self-denial and mortification of one's own egoism." Christ invites all to heaven, he said, "but with one and the same condition: that of making the effort to follow him and imitate him, taking up one's cross, as he did, and dedicating one's life to the service of our brothers." Benedict XVI makes the point that "we will not be judged on the basis of presumed privileges, but by our works."

"True friendship with Christ," he added, "is expressed by one's way of life: it is expressed by goodness of heart, with humility, meekness and mercy, love of justice and truth, sincere and honest commitment to peace and reconciliation." The Pope adds, "This, we might say, is the 'I.D. card' that qualifies us as authentic 'friends'; this is the 'passport' that permits us to enter into eternal life."

### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18, Ps 90:3-6, 12-13, 14-17, Phil 9-10, 12-17, Lk 14:25-33

**Monday:** Col 1:24-2:3, Ps 62:6-7, 9, Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Commemoration of 9/11

Col 2:6-15, Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Most Holy Name of the BVM

Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-13, Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** St. John Chrysostom

Col 3:12-17, Ps 150:1-6, Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Num 21:4-9, Ps 78:1-2, 34-38,

Phil 2:6-11, Jhn 3:13-17

**Saturday:** Our Lady of Sorrows

Heb 5:7-9, Ps 31:2-6, 15-16, 20, Jn 19:25-27

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## Cheap Grace versus Costly Grace

by Fr. Tony Akadavil  
During the era of World War II, the great German protestant theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) wrote a book entitled *The Cost of Discipleship*. "Cheap grace," Bonhoeffer wrote in his book "is the grace we bestow on ourselves...grace without discipleship, while 'costly grace' is the gospel that must be sought again and again, the gift, which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock... It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

As a religious scholar in a country where the Nazis were bent on expanding an ideology of national and racial superiority, Dietrich Bonhoeffer struggled inside himself and chose to resist the Nazis as a true disciple of Christ. He joined the underground on the conviction that it was his duty as a Christian to work for Hitler's defeat. His convictions inspired many to resist, but this cost them their freedom and lives at the hands of the Gestapo. Bonhoeffer's theologically-rooted opposition to National Socialism first made him a leader, along with Martin NiemueLLer and Karl Barth, as an advocate on behalf of the Jews. Indeed, his efforts to help a group of Jews to escape to Switzerland were the cause of his arrest and imprisonment in the spring of 1943. He was hanged in the concentration camp at Flossenbürg on April 9, 1945, on the false charge of plotting to assassinate Hitler. Thus he paid the cost of discipleship with his life and death.

## In Search of a True Disciple

Abraham Lincoln was debating whom to hire as Indian Commissioner. He called his advisors Ben Wade and Senator Daniel Voorhees for assistance in selecting the right man. "Gentlemen," said President Lincoln, "I want an honest, decent, caring, moral Christian man, a man frugal and self-sacrificing!" "Mr. President, I feel certain you won't find him," said Voorhees. "And why not?" asked the President. "Because he was crucified more than eighteen hundred years ago," said the Senator.

## Lector's Schedule

**Saturday, September 8**

4 p.m. DICK E.

**Sunday, September 9**

9 a.m. FRAN R.

10:30 a.m. ANNA B.

12:30 p.m. DON W.

4 p.m. KEN M.

**Saturday, September 15**

4 p.m. A. HOCK

**Sunday, September 16**

9 a.m. TONY N.

10:30 a.m. TOM F.

12:30 p.m. AUDREY D.

4 p.m. MARION S.

**Saturday, September 22**

4 p.m. CATHY O.

**Sunday, September 23**

9 a.m. T. NOCE

10:30 a.m. DON W.

12:30 p.m. PHIL V.

4 p.m. KEN M.

**Saturday, September 29**

4 p.m. A. HOCK

**Sunday, September 30**

9 a.m. FRAN R.

10:30 a.m. ANNA B.

12:30 p.m. AUDREY D.

4 p.m. MARION S.

**"The good Shepherd lays down his life, says the Lord, that is, his physical life, for His sheep; this he does because of his authority and love. Both in fact, are required: that they should be ruled by him, and that he should love them. The first without the second is not enough. Christ stands out for us as the example of this teaching: if Christ laid down his life for us, so we also ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."**

— St. Thomas Aquinas

## Sons and Daughters of the Light

From the USCCB

### Part Three: The Young Adult

#### Developing a Meaning of Work

Young adulthood often signals a person's entrance into the world of work. "What do you do for a living?" is a constant topic of conversation because work is a major part of their lives. For young adults, this experience is highly fluid because they move from job to job and even from career to career. Work can dictate their use of time and can determine what they can afford to do or buy. It can also determine the quality and quantity of leisure time. Work defines and influences a young adult's identity and self-concept and is a prime place where friendships and other relationships develop because generally it is not done alone.

Young men and women speak of work as fulfilling a function and providing meaning. Work allows young adults to meet their practical needs but even more importantly to seek meaning and fulfillment of their dreams and visions. Although work may not help achieve their dreams, it is important for young adults to nurture a vision, learn how to work in a truly personal and life-giving way, and to continue to discern God's call.

**The Christian, whether laborer or judge, doctor or farmer, business person or professor, is recognized by the way he or she practices the commandment of love for God and neighbor. . . . Whatever place you take in society, whatever profession you carry out, you are called to do as a service.**

—Papal Message to College Students at Villa Nazareth in Rome, June 8, 1996

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#### Work as Functional

For many, work has a purely functional role; it is what puts food on the table, provides shelter, and takes care of the family. Today both husbands and wives often work.

Some couples do so to survive economically; others to establish careers. This can greatly influence a couple's relationship with each other, family, friends, and the Church. Many young adults are concerned about unemployment, underemployment, and job-related stress during these years. Work can take on another dimension when young adults realize that they may remain single or be a single parent for life. This can lead to concerns about financial security and a focus on work over relationships.

#### Work as Meaningful

In Christian theology, work is directed to bringing the Gospel to the world. It can give meaning to our lives and can provide an opportunity to collaborate with God in building a culture of life within society. Meaning in work comes through choosing a career, volunteering, and discerning a vocation.

Finding a fulfilling career and a good job is a principal reason why many young adults go to college, attend a trade school, or immigrate to this country. More than in the past, young men and women must work hard at finding a job that is meaningful, fits their career goal, and is financially rewarding. Many young adults end up accepting work that is less fulfilling but is able to sustain them economically. Others choose work that pays less in order to find employment in a chosen field. Many people who work for the Church or in service/social justice agencies are living examples of this willingness to forgo economic benefits in order to fulfill a dream.

Work includes not only what one does to earn a living and support a family but also countless hours and

energy spent volunteering one's time and talent within the social, civic, and church community. Today, more people of all ages seek volunteer work as a way of meeting people and contributing to the community.

Young adults participate in volunteer work for a number of reasons, sometimes because of the difficulty of getting a job but more often out of the desire to be of service.

Volunteering is an avenue where people can achieve their dream of contributing to the common good—of making a difference in the world today and embracing an enlarged vision of the world and their role as citizens. This leads some to join service organizations and to serve as locally elected officials or as members of civic review boards and homeowner associations. Sometimes this participation is to effect social change, including the transformation of unjust situations. Volunteering touches the experiential side of life where it can be most helpful to men and women who are in the process of discerning God's calling.

The ultimate search for a meaning and a spirituality of work in a Christian context is a response to God's call, which is our vocation. This response reflects the spiritual dimension of work. God calls each of us to spread the Gospel through a particular vocation. An important decision for young adults is the discernment of this call. In the past, young people made a vocation choice typically during late adolescence or their early twenties. Today many men and women undertake this discernment in their twenties and thirties, often leading to a decision to marry, remain single, or embrace a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, or lay ministry.

**To be continued...**

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