

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

By Sister Annette Wagner, IWBS

Remember memorizing those lists in Religion class . . . Can you still name the Ten Commandments? Then you know the core of Judaism. Going a little further: Can you name the eight Beatitudes? Then you are on the way to being a good Christian. Finally: Can you name the seven themes of Catholic social teaching? If so, you may be approaching the heart of the Reign of God that Jesus came to establish.

Yes, naming and explaining the teachings of Jesus is important in sharing the Good News with others. However, until we see how these truths play out in our relationships with each other, we may be merely students—not disciples. Full sharing of the Good News comes with actions—in our private lives and in the public arena.

Grounded in the Genesis creation stories and brought to fullness in the Incarnation, the first theme addresses the life and dignity of each human person. The remaining six name specific approaches to address this core belief. The second theme considers our interaction with each other within an organized society or political state, and the affect public structures exercise on the central relationship among human beings: the family.

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

These words are from the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Reflection entitled "Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions."

The bishops remind us what we already know from our own experience: BELONGING is a hunger deep in each person's soul. No matter the age or the culture, we all want to belong somewhere, to someone. The family offers that primary experience of belonging. It gives adults the opportunity to live in the caring way of Christ and offers a structure in which to teach healthy relationship patterns to the next generation.

Having spotlighted the family as the essential element of society, the bishops name aspects of society that can make or break the family. They assert that we have the *right* to live all our relationships with respect and care and the *duty* to structure our society to support healthy relationships for families, for everyone. Thus they challenge us to get involved in the political process to craft specific structures supporting a safe and healthy society for all.

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Economic concerns: *Job security? Minimum wage? Health coverage? Retirement?*

Laws and policies--their application and enforcement: *Child care and safety? Parental rights dealing with health issues and moral guidance? Equal educational opportunities? Realistic and unbiased law enforcement? Just and constructive penal practices?*
Politics: *Voting informed by the Bishops' Pastoral Letter "Faithful Citizenship"? Holding office? Moving past "what affects me and my family" to what will do the most good for everyone's family?*

Difficult considerations! Uncomfortable considerations! If we really listen to the bishops' statements, then we must challenge ourselves with considerations that may have no guarantee of comfortable, convenient or even obvious solutions.

What is the bishops' challenge? Knowing a list? Rather: Growing a heart that recognizes structures and practices opposing Jesus' command to love one another . . . and then doing something about it in a loving and compassionate manner.

We know that "with God all things are possible." So the question is not: Can changes be made? The question is: Will I join Jesus in bringing the Reign of God closer to completion for the whole human family?



Free Way to Support Incarnate Word Academy

By: Connie Cadena, Executive Director of Advancement

Would you be willing to change your search engine if Incarnate Word Academy earned a penny every time you searched the internet? Or what if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our mission? Well, now you can! GoodSearch.com is a search engine that donates half its advertising revenue – about a penny per search – to charities and schools its users designate.

It works like a normal search engine - it's not only powered by Yahoo, but looks almost identical too. The only difference is whenever you click on ads (located on the right, and top and bottom of the screen) 50% of the revenue goes to charities. In addition, GoodSearch's shopping partner, GoodShop.com, is an online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to charity or school of your choice! You pay the same price as you normally would, just designate Incarnate Word Academy as your charity, and the school will receive a donation every time you shop. Over 900 top online retailers, including Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Amazon, Macy's, and Barnes & Noble are available through GoodSearch.com. Just imagine how easy it will be to support Incarnate Word Academy every time you place an order online!

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ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Student Council

2010-2011

The Elementary Level 2010-2011 Student Council representatives were recently elected. Members will learn how to conduct official meetings and join together to sponsor school and community projects throughout the year. The elected Student Council Officers and Representatives are as follows:

President:	William Beauchamp
Vice President:	Hannah DuBose
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MEJ2:	Anthony Matl
MEJ3:	Ella Scanio
MES1 (4th):	Daniel Diejomaoh Madeline Villa
MES1 (5th):	Jack Harrison

Thank you to our Student Council sponsors, Mrs. Ralene Corley and Mrs. Mary Jo Nolen.

T-Shirt Art Contest

Winners

Congratulations to Ian Fernandez, Grade 5, First Place winner of the Fall Fun Night T-Shirt Art Contest, Amy Ayala, MES1, Second Place winner, and Natalie Smith, Grade 5 Third Place winner!

Honorable Mention was given to Alejandro Carreño, Grade 4, Romulo Corrada, MES1, Sarah Garcia, Grade 3, Sara Humpal, MES1, Santiago Mendizabal, Grade 4, Kate Tiemann, Grade 2, and Robert Walsh, Grade 5.

A special thank you to Mrs. Susie Martin, Art Teacher, and to the judges.

Student Council

Remembers

9/11 Heroes

In remembrance of 9/11, the Student Council collected and delivered sweet treats to Corpus Christi Fire Stations and to the Corpus Christi Police Department. The students collected

***Gospel Value
for October:
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Volleyball

Schedule

Fourth Grade Girls

September 21-
vs. St. Pius @ IWA, 4:00 p.m.
September 28-
vs. St. James @ IWA, 4:00 p.m.

Fifth Grade Girls White Team

September 15-
vs. St. James @ St. James, 4:00 p.m.
September 22-
vs. St. Cyril @ St. Cyril, 4:00 p.m.
September 29-
vs. Central Catholic @ IWA, 4:00 p.m.

Fifth Grade Girls Red Team

September 15-
vs. Most Precious Blood @ IWA, 4:00 p.m.
September 22-
vs. Holy Family @ IWA, 4:00 p.m.
September 29-
vs. St. James @ IWA, 4:45 p.m.

Boys Fifth Grade Team

September 15-
vs. St James @ St. James, 4:45 p.m.
September 22-
vs. Holy Family @ IWA, 4:45 p.m.
September 29-
vs. St Patrick @ St. Patrick, 4:00 p.m.

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MIDDLE LEVEL

Junior Optimist Club

2010-2011

The Incarnate Word Academy Junior Optimist Club is sponsoring a monthly food drive benefiting the Food Bank of Corpus Christi. The club is asking every student and every teacher to bring to school ONE OR TWO food items each month for the next nine months.

This is not a contest; this is not for service hours; this is not for extra credit. It is what all should do as Christians and members of our community.

Every month each class will bring one type of food; one grade will bring canned fruits and vegetables: green beans, corn, beets, baked beans, fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, etc.; another will bring starches: rice, beans, macaroni and cheese, pasta, sugar, flour, masa, etc.; the third class will bring protein: canned meat, canned tuna, canned salmon, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, soup, etc.

Students should listen to announcements for the dates and types of items to bring. One of the corporal works of mercy is to feed the hungry – this is the middle level's fulfillment of that good work.

The Junior Optimist Club elected officers on September 7 for the 2010-2011 school year.

Serving the club this year are:

President: Maddie Baker

Vice-President: Kristen Creamean,

Secretary: Aparna Sivakumar

Treasurer: Kristen Biggins

Historian: Andrea Puyol

History Rules

It is that time of year again: the History Project. The requirements for the history project have been given out to the students. Each grade level has a particular set of instructions.

The theme this year is "Debate and Diplomacy: Successes, Failures and Consequences".

All students have the following due dates for their history project:

Topic—September 22

Sources—October 20

Rough Draft—October 27

Final Version of Project—November 9

The Incarnate Word Academy Middle Level History Fair will be held November 12, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact: Mrs. Osborne-Kay at osbornet@iwacc.org

Art Club

Art Club is where all middle level students may come by room 116 and do a , start to finish, art project with Mrs. Limke. We begin at 3:40 p.m. and end at 4:20 p.m.

Art Club is the first and third Wednesday of the month. Next month is different because of Fall Break. The Dates for Art Club for next month are: Wednesday October 13th and Wednesday 27th. If your student attends Art Club please make arrangements to pick them up by room 116 at 4:20.

Student Council

The week of September 13th students at the Middle Level were campaigning for Student Council. Creative posters and stickers were seen all over campus that week.

Speeches and introductions were given on Friday, September 17, in front of the student body as well as faculty. Great job to all those who campaigned for the 2010-2011 Student Council!

The Middle Level 2010-2011 Student Council are the following members:

President: Christina Matl

Vice-President: Natasha Stark

Treasurer: Angelina Wolfe

Secretary: Mary Hubert

8th Grade Media Coordinator:
Madeline Brown

7th Grade Media Coordinator:
Amanda Madrid

6th Grade Media Coordinator:
Mary Matl

8th Grade Representative:
Belize Ellison

7th Grade Representative:
Sarah Rosales

6th Grade Representative:
J.R. Ramos

Angel Athletics

Cross Country Results from Moody Invitational August 28th:

Team Placing

8th Grade Girls - 1st Place

8th Grade Boys - 1st Place

7th Grade Girls - 1st Place (Complete team comprised of 6th grade girls)

7th Grade Boys - 1st Place (Mixed of 6th & 7th)

HIGH SCHOOL

PSAT Information

The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) will be given to all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students on Wednesday morning, October 13. This test is the qualifying exam used by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's Scholarship Program for 11th graders.

Additionally, it is the test used by the National Hispanic Recognition Program to identify National Hispanic Scholars. The test takes approximately two and one-half hours and has three parts: critical reading, math, and writing. It is a great "first step" in college preparation.

Early dismissal for students is at 11:15 a.m. Seniors do not report.

Rummage Sale

The High School Academic Booster Club Annual Rummage Sale will be held on: Saturday, October 16, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Alameda Street parking lot.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund the academic letterman jackets. Donations are now being accepted, for more information please contact Mr. Torres at ext. 129.

Blood Drive

Saturday, October 16
Incarnate Word Academy HS
2910 South Alameda Parking Lot

TAPPS-Bound Speech Competitors

Congratulations to the following students who competed on September 25 in the Texas Forensic Association (TFA) speech tournaments at Carroll High School.

Novice Poetry

Ashley Arriaga
J.D. Noyola
Kelvie Mason
Kyle Thomas
Lauryn Alanis

Sr. Poetry

Lydia Ayala
Samantha Skurka

Sr. Humorous Interpretation

J.D. Noyola
Kaitlin Lindell
Kyle Thomas

Duet Acting

J.J. Arizmendi
Tori Parra

Sr. Dramatic

Ashley Arriaga
Clarra Moore
Jacob Bartlett
Lydia Ayala
Roy Riojas
Samantha Skurka

Novice Prose

Chloe de Roche
Jacob Bartlett
Kayla Trevino
Roy Riojas
Brantly Bright

National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 marked the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month which runs through October 15. The Spanish Honors Society started the celebration by sharing historical and cultural facts about Spanish-speaking countries and Hispanic Americans, as well as, kicking off its yearly taco sales every Tuesday morning on the high school patio.

Also in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, SHS asked students to show their support and appreciation by wearing a colored Incarnate Word Academy polo that reflects the flag colors of the countries who gained their independence during this time.

These countries include Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, who all share September 15 as their independence day. Mexico's Independence Day was September 16, and Chile celebrated its independence on the 18 of September.

A big thank you to all of the Spanish Honors Society members, especially Oscar Schechter and Julia Baker, for their help in organizing the month's events.

25th Annual Germanfest

Saturday, November 6
Incarnate Word Academy HS
6-11 p.m.
For more info call JoAnn Garcia
at 883-0857, ext. 111

A Special Thank You to Incarnate Word Academy PTO

From day one, there is a lot of action happening on campus. Many activities have already blessed the lives of our students and enriched their academic, athletic, and personal experience. It is the work and enthusiasm of our volunteers that contribute significantly to the success of these school events and to the very heart of our school spirit.

The officers of this year's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) hosted our Back-to-School Parent Social in the high school cafeteria on August 12. The relaxing event was a wonderful opportunity for new parents to acquaint themselves with teachers, staff, and also with veteran families who know and understand who and what Incarnate Word Academy is all about. Thank you to PTO officers, Lisa Marti (HS), Teresa Cobbs (ML), and Patti Flood (EL) for all that you do.

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