

# UIW Mission News

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## *Special points of interest:*

- Father Hug, S.J., from the Center for Concern presented a workshop on the demands of social justice for Christians. He challenged the audience to consider how



Christians should witness to Gospel values in today's global world.

- The Psychology Society sponsored a successful clothing drive for the homeless who rely on the charity of Travis Park United Methodist Church.
- CCVI Spirit Award Nominations are due by the end of February. This award recognizes a member of the faculty, administration, or staff who has demonstrated the spirit of the founders in carrying out the Mission of UIW.
- Incarnate Word Week is scheduled for March 20-25th. The special campus liturgy and picnic will be held on March 22nd.
- "Living the Legacy" Project for the 125th celebration set a service hour goal of "125 hours for 125 years." Campus ministry will schedule quarterly group volunteer activities in which the whole campus can participate and will track service hours of employees and students.

## UIW Unveils Heritage Wall Exhibit and McCreless Heritage Room

On February 24th, the University of the Incarnate Word unveiled five panels depicting main stages of development from its origins in an academy for young women to its present status among the largest private universities in Texas. The panels include an overview of UIW's growth and pictures of significant people and events in the 125-year old history of the campus.



*Armando Rey and his crew make sure that the panels are spaced appropriately before the unveiling ceremony.*

The display, on the first floor of the Administration Building, and the newly refurb-

ished Heritage Room which houses major Christian art pieces were made possible

through the generosity of Dr. Glen and Andrea McCreless.

## Chapel of the Incarnate Word Undergoes Restoration for Liturgical Enhancement

During 2006-2007, the Chapel of the Incarnate Word is celebrating its 100th anniversary. To enhance the liturgical environment, the Congregation has engaged a sacred space consulting firm to renovate the Chapel sanctuary, im-

prove lighting and sound systems, and restore the marble floor for acoustical reasons.

The Chapel Anniversary Committee is planning a series of activities including a Solemn Vespers on March 24th and a

special Mass on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. Other events scheduled are concerts by the S.A. Brass, various choirs and prayer services for special occasions. An activities brochure will be published in March.

## Monthly School Celebrations Mark UIW's 125th Anniversary

In 1881, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate requested a charter granting them the authority to pursue their mission through operating schools and hospitals in the state of Texas. UIW, dating itself from this charter, is celebrating 125 years of educational service to San Antonio and South Texas by showcasing the talent of each of its schools.



The major January event was the dedication of the Math, Science and Engineering complex, now named the AT & T Center and the Bonilla Science Hall. U.S. Representative Bonilla was on hand for the ceremony and praised the University for offer-

ing quality education and models to inspire young men and women to develop their talents.

During February, the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences sponsored several concerts and lectures. The Amy Freeman Lee Chair, Ambassador James F. Creagan, presented a first-hand view of "U.S. Foreign Policy and the Holy See: A Diplomatic Path to Peace, Freedom and Justice." Creagan noted that the U.S. deals with the Vatican as a political and not strictly as a religious entity.

The Margaret Patrice Slattery Chair, Dr. Matthias Schubnell, lectured



on "The Earth Charter, Poetry, and Ecological Literacy." The Earth Charter has served as a major discussion topic in the Learning Communities classes and among CCVI members.

The 2006 Pierre Lecturer, Dr. Maria Cimperman, O.S.U., talked about "Incarnational Spirituality and the Moral Imagination: Striving Toward Hope, Healing and Justice." S. Maria set her talk in the context of the incarnation which offers a vision of what it means to be fully human. Morality, she said, is the public face of our spirituality, flowing out of our experience of God. Our moral imagination helps us to envision a world of human flourishing, of hope and justice.

## "Share the Word" Featured "Good for the Soul" Musicians David Kauffman and Bill Gokelman

Song writer and singer, David Kauffman with arranger and instrumentalist, Bill Gokelman, presented a concert of their "Good for the Soul" music on Valentine's Day.

David Kauffman gave up his real estate business to become chief founder of this organization whose vision it is to write and record inspirational music that touches people's hearts

and helps them on their faith journey. Samples of their recordings may be heard at their website: [www.goodforthesoulmusic.com](http://www.goodforthesoulmusic.com).

*"A Catholic University must become more attentive to the cultures of the world of today...in a way that will promote a ...profitable dialogue between the Gospel and modern society." ECE 45*

## Mother and Infant Program (MIP) Takes Root in Zambia

The CCVI Mission in Zambia includes a Mother and Infant Program designed to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to her newborn infant. UIW alumna, Dorinda Escamilla, B.S.N., is in charge of organizing and soliciting needed supplies for the clinic.

At present, there are fifteen mothers with infants participating

in the program but the number is expected to grow to over one hundred by the end of the year. Each week, mothers report to the clinic where the babies are weighed, mothers are counseled and receive baby formula, clean drinking water and other needed supplies.

This pilot is a collaborative effort with the local hospital and other pro-

fessionals involved in HIV/AIDS research and prevention.

