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Headwaters Coalition Announced



The blue hole is a central feature of the land included in the Headwaters Coalition.

At the March 21st presentation on the Headwaters Project, Dr. Bob Connelly read a letter from S. Helena announcing the formal recognition of the Headwaters Coalition, a non-profit corporation which will oversee the preservation and restoration of the 60 acres of urban forest within the original estate bought by the Sisters from Col. George Brackenridge.

The beauty and sacredness of the land and its creatures will be respected while it serves as an area of research and ecological restoration for UIW students. This conservation easement will honor the land on which ancient people lived and keep it true to its natural state for future generations.

UIW Celebrates Incarnate Word Week Dr. Michael McGuire Receives CCVI Award

On its 125th anniversary, Incarnate Word celebrated five major activities during Incarnate Word Week.

The week began with a presentation about the Headwaters Coalition: an effort to preserve and restore to its natural beauty about 60 acres of the original Brackenridge estate (See related story).

The joyful celebration of Dr. Agnese's 20th anniversary as President took place on Tuesday. The community reminisced about the funny and sometimes arduous events of these past twenty years.

Wednesday was designated Incarnate Word Day. At noon, students enjoyed a picnic on Du-

buis Lawn. At a special liturgy, Dr. McGuire was honored with the CCVI Award for his untiring concern for the economically poor, especially in San Antonio and in El Salvador.

An International Symposium, attended by Presidents and other dignitaries from UIW's sister schools brought a multi-lingual, multi-cultural flavor to the week as each school told its story.



Dr. Roger Barnes (R), former honoree, congratulates Dr. McGuire.

The week ended with the celebration of the Annunciation at a liturgy attended by Archbishop Gomez and many benefactors of the Sisters, the University and CHRISTUS Santa Rosa. The evening gala "boasted" about accomplishments, "roasted" Dr. Agnese and "toasted" 125 years of fidelity to mission.

L. Mickey and Lou greet well-wishers at the 20th anniversary community gathering.



Fr. Bernard Lee Addresses Topics of Culture and Charism at UIW

At the annual in-service held at the Diamond K Ranch, Fr. Bernard Lee, SM, engaged the Board of Trustees in reflecting on the meaning of Incarnate Word's *deep story*, its cultural identity and on its *charism*, its response to critical unmet human needs and aspirations.

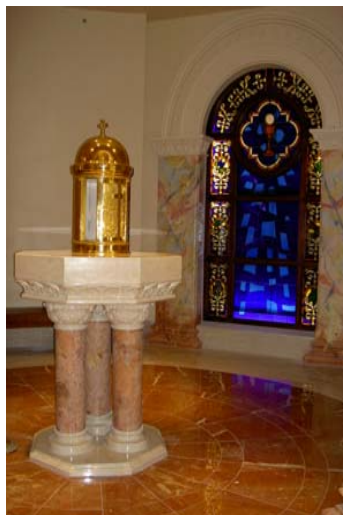
Lee stressed the importance of lay appropriation of Incarnate Word's *deep story*. For this to happen, he said, there must be an **explicit, organized and funded formation program for Board and staff**. He advised that we spend less time saying who we are and more time trying to understand what are the needs



of the reign of God in this culture. Then, we can fashion a response and exercise our

charisma for the times in which we live.

Solemn Vespers and Mass of Thanksgiving Held in Newly Restored Chapel of the Incarnate Word



The Congregational logo is set in the marble floor at the entrance to the Chapel.

On March 24th, the vigil of the Annunciation, the Congregation invited the San Antonio community to join in Solemn Vespers in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word which is undergoing a liturgical update and restoration. On the feast of the Annunciation, Archbishops Gomez and Flores, Bishops Zurek, Pfeiffer, Carmody, local clergy, religious and benefactors of UIW, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa and the Congregation assembled to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the University and the 100th anniversary of the Chapel. Pictured above are (left) Bill Gokelman and members of the UIW Chorale with Archbishop Gomez, (center) a view of the newly constructed Blessed Sacrament side chapel.

News Briefs....

WGC International Conference Registration Deadline

March 31st is the deadline to register without penalty for the Women's Global Connection International Conference: *Affirming Diversity: Women Making a Difference*. Late registration has additional fees. Presenters from such diverse places as India, Uzbekistan, Palestine, Great Britain, and the U.S. will attend the Conference. **Dr. Inonge Mbikusita Lewanika, Zambian Ambassador to the U.S., will be a special guest at the conference.**

June Mission Conference Set

The Congregational Mission Committee is sponsoring a Mission Conference, *Looking at Mission Through the Lens of Incarnation*, on June 30-July 1, 2006. Featured speakers are Sr. Ann Munley, IHM, Ph.D. and Sr. Carla Mae Streeter, OP, Ph.D. Sr. Carla, a theologian at

the Aquinas Institute in St. Louis, will give the keynote address on the theology of Incarnation. Sr. Ann, a sociologist and expert on Africa, will present practical applications to mission in Africa.

First Peruvian CCVI to Head Peru Region

Sister Pilar Neira, among the first three Peruvians to enter the Congregation, has been elected Coordinator of the



Region of Peru. Pilar is spending March on the UIW campus to study English. She is pictured above in front of the advertisement for UIW's summer 2006 Peru Study Tour. S. Martha Ann and several Incarnate

Word Associates will lead this "Faith and Solidarity" visit to the CCVI ministries and places of historical interest in Peru.

Career Fair to Include Emphasis on Vocation to Ministry and Service

On April 11th, Career Services and Mission Effectiveness are sponsoring a Career Fair which will include an emphasis on vocation to religious life, to lay mission work and to non-profit ministries. Representatives of these areas have been invited to offer summer internships which might help a student discern a call to service.

Archbishop Gomes greets participants in the traditional St. Patrick's Day

