

UIW Mission News

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Mission Calendar

August 25

Mission Committee

August 28

Mass of the Holy Spirit

September 9

Faith, Vocation and the
Intellectual Life Colloquy

September 21

WGC Basket Sale

September 22

Mission Committee

September 23

Day of Caring

September 24

Fundraiser for Mission Fel-
lowship

September 27

Texas Catholic Conference
meeting in Austin

October 6

Mission Committee

October 8

Spirit and Life Workshop
in Houston

OCTOBER 12

HERITAGE DAY

October 26

Peace Day

October 28

Faith, Vocation and the
Intellectual Life Colloquy

November 17

Mission Committee

November 18

Faith, Vocation and the
Intellectual Life Colloquy

December 1

Mission Committee

December 10

Baccalaureate Mass and
Commencement

December 13-14

Mission Leadership Retreat

UPC Ponders Implications of Catholic Identity

The University Planning Commission met in Bandera during the second week of August to evaluate the past year and to determine the focus for the coming year.

One important area of emphasis for 2005-2006 will be the Mission and Catholic identity of UIW. UPC members discussed Pope John Paul's *Ex corde Ecclesiae (From the Heart of the Church)*, the Apostolic Constitution on Higher Education, promulgated for the United States in 2001. *Ex corde* describes the identity and mission of Catholic universities and provides general norms to make them practical. In 2006, the U.S. bishops will review with university presidents how the norms have been implemented.

The UPC examined the four specific characteristics that are considered central to the Catholic identity of a

- Remains faithful to the Christian message as it comes to us through the Church



- Has an institutional commitment to service of others

After lively discussion of how UIW

university:

- Has a Christian inspiration of the university community as well as of individuals
- Reflects on human knowledge in light of faith

does or does not portray these characteristics, the UPC agreed that further work is needed to help the community understand the implications of *Ex corde*. Several suggested action steps, including faculty and staff development opportunities, will be given priority during the year.

UIW Heritage Retreat Participants Walk in Footsteps of Early Congregational Members

Linda McDonald, Houston CCVI-Communications Officer, points out the Galveston memorial to the CCVI victims of the 1900 hurricane. Ninety orphans and 10 Sisters died in that storm.



R. Srs. Audrey, Conchessa and Eileen stand by gravesite of S. Agnes Buisson who, with Madeleine and Pierre, initiated the San Antonio foundation before returning to Galveston.



Mission in Action: Education, Nursing Faculty and Students Reach Out to Needy in Africa

For the past two summers, faculty and students from the Dreeben School of Education and the School of Nursing delivered workshops on such topics as women's leadership, grief and loss, and educational methods to groups of caregivers and teachers in Mongu, Zambia and Bukoka, Tanzania.

These missionary service trips took place under the leadership of S. Dorothy Ettlting of Women's Global Connection(WGC). Through its **Reach Out Africa** program, WGC plans to establish family centers in Zambia. These centers, to be formed collaboratively with the people most impacted, will provide edu-

cational opportunities for children under seven and health literacy instruction for the mothers.

ROA also is involved in assisting business cooperatives that help women become self-sustaining through farming projects or basket weaving. For example, on September 21st, UIW will hold its annual sale of baskets from Zambia and

Tanzania. Profit from these sales

—Continued below



Sister Dorothy Nkuba, a Tanzanian doctoral student at UIW, advises Women's Global Connection on its Reach Out Africa goals.

September Spotlight on Africa

During September, various agencies in San Antonio are hosting programs and exhibits related to Africa. The central event is SAMA's exhibit: **Resonance from the Past. African Sculpture** which opens on September 1st.

UIW and Women's Global Connection are sponsoring the Annual African Basket Sale benefiting AIDS widows on September 21st. Mary Fisher, Founder of CARE, will lec-

ture on **An Artist and AIDS** in the Sky Room, September 29th. See the World Affairs Council website for a list of all sponsored events.

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.

Reach Out Africa, continued helps the women pay school fees and gives them a measure of self-sufficiency and hope for the future.

Some of the faculty who have made these trips are Drs. Eula Pines, Jolynn Lowry, Maureen Rauscsshuber, Sarah Williams, Francis Boakari, Richard Gray, and Richard Henderson. Other faculty and their doctoral students are planning curricula that will enrich the lives of African children through the centers that will start in the fall in collaboration with the diocese of Mongu.

UIW Vocabulary... Chapel of the Incarnate Word Centennial

During 2006-07, the CCVI's will celebrate the **100th anniversary of the Chapel of the Incarnate Word**. The groundbreaking for the Chapel took place on January 6, 1906. On June 22, 1906, the cornerstone was placed in the new building. Carved on the cornerstone were



the words, *Hic est Domus Dei*. Inside a zinc box are the following items: holy water, blessed palm, medals, American coins, copies of the San Antonio newspapers, photographs of Bishop Forest, Father Schneider, Father Bednarek, and Rev. Mother Made-

leine; a catalog of **Incarnate Word Academy**; and a copy of the constitutions. The cornerstone document acknowledges the great blessings received by the Congregation since its founding and, at that point, numbering 452 members in 14 dioceses and in 50 establishments.