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Headwaters Coalition Dedicates Largest Laurel Tree in Texas



Bill Mulcahy helps to unveil the history of this distinctive mountain laurel located near Brackenridge Villa as S. Cindy Stacy reads the tree dedication. Dr. Connelly, chair of the Headwaters Project, spoke about the need to respect the trees that have stood on the campus for over 130 years, well before UIW was even launched.

Father Philip speaks at traditional Heritage Day Mass at Lourdes Grotto



Heritage Week Reflects on 125 years of UIW History

Heritage Week 2006 had a full schedule of activities celebrating 125 years of service as a community of scholars. The week began with tours of the most historic parts of the campus and of the congregational archives. Sister Margaret Patrice Slattery, President Emerita, shared a brief survey of how the CCVI's and the University always made "a place at the table" for the underserved among us.

Richard McCracken, Gil Hinojosa, S. Germaine Corbin and S. Martha Ann Kirk formed a Readers Theater group to present sto-

ries submitted by alumni reminiscing about their days at Incarnate Word. Funny, whimsical, nostalgic—all painted a picture of "the way we were."

McCracken will preserve these stories and continue to collect snapshots of UIW heritage.

Other activities included the annual opening ceremony at the gravesite of Sisters



Dr. Agnese congratulates Dr. Diana Tison on her 35 years of service to Incarnate Word.

Madeleine and Pierre, Mass at the Grotto and the employee ceremony where medals and certificates were presented to those who have faithfully served UIW from five to fifty years.

UIW Legacy of Leadership Celebrated

UIW chose Heritage Week 2006 to recognize UIW's blessing of continuity of leadership which has brought it to its present level of achievement.

Pictures of its eight presidents as well as chairs of the Board of Trustees, the Development Board and the

Faculty Association hang in the Administration Building as reminders of dedicated leadership over the years.

S. Margaret Patrice received special recognition by having Incarnate Word House renamed the S. Margaret Patrice



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CCVI Associate Community, Clarion Circle, Invites Others to Join in this Circle of Prayer, Service and Companionship

Seven members of the CCVI Associate Community, Clarion Circle, described this different form of commitment to a "Share the Word" group on November 15th. They explained that an Incarnate Word Associate is a "Christian lay woman or man who wishes to participate in carrying out and living the Charism of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word." Fidelity to prayer, participation in community, public witness, and living incarnational spirituality are the hallmarks of an Associate's commitment.

The Clarion Circle Community is active in a number of service projects, most notably Valentine's Day dinner for the homeless women at Visitation House.

UIW Students Create Radio Programs for Peruvians Living in Remote Areas

Students in Dr. Amalia Mondriguez' Spanish 4399 Literature, Language and the Media will create programs for a parish radio station in an effort to reach out to people, most of whom are illiterate, in over a hundred remote villages in the mountains near Lake Titicaca, Peru. The programs will address health, religious and literary issues. Professor Hank McDonnell's communication arts students will record the radio programs. Information about the Sisters' work in Peru may be found at www.amormeus.org.

Dr. Said's Spanish Class Constructs an *Ofrenda* to Mark Day of the Dead Traditions



On November 2nd, the Church celebrates All Souls' Day. In Mexican tradition, families may visit the cemetery to pray for their loved ones or construct an altar as an offering to the dead. Typically, the altar is adorned with photographs of deceased family members along with their favorite foods, belongings and flowers, usually marigolds whose color symbolizes death. The altar pictured above with pictures of UIW community members who have died recently reminds us to keep them in our prayers.

Institutional Technology Sponsors "Meet and Greet" Open House; Serves SPAM!



The Institutional Technology department opened its doors for community building and refreshments during early November. Pictured at left: Dr. Jim Parlett, Chief Information Officer, offers a gift of spam to librarian Leslie Todd while Dr. Kevin Vichcales (below) plays darts to win a prize.

Legacy of Leadership, cont.



In accepting the honor, Sister Margaret described how Incarnate Word House marks the transitions at UIW. Built in 1939 as a Home Management House for young ladies, the House later served as her home while she was President. Dr. Agnese converted it to offices for himself and Institutional Advancement. Now, it houses the UIW Provost's suite.

Incarnate Word Academy, Visits UIW and IWHS



During November, Mary Gannon, Vice Principal and Kate Flatly, Alumnae Director, immersed themselves in Congregational history and landmarks to give them a context for their mission at the Incarnate Word Academy in St. Louis. They also invited IWHS to visit them in St. Louis.