

# UIW MISSION NEWS

## Special points of interest:

- **Women's Global Connection** is sponsoring a traditional Irish Music group, "**Cherish the Ladies**" on Sunday, May 31, 2009. Joanie Madden, founder of the group, and the other entertainers have performed with Joan Baez, Emmylou Harris, the Clancy Brothers, The Chieftains and dozens of symphony orchestras. The Celtic Album, their collaboration with the Boston Pops Symphony, led to a Grammy nomination. The group has recorded a total of 11 albums. All are invited to this benefit concert at the Pavilion, Sunset Station.
- On June 28th, **Clarion Circle, the UIW CCVI Associate Community** will join the other communities in the U.S. to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Association.
- At the end of May, the **University Planning Commission** will spend two days at Barton Creek in an intensive planning session for UIW's future.

## Ethics of Organizations Theme for Board of Trustees and Executive Council Retreat

The UIW Board of Trustees and the Executive Council gathered at the Denman Estate to reflect on what it takes to maintain an ethical organization in the present environment.

**Rev. Robert Lampert, Ph.D.,** System Senior Director for Ethics at CHRISTUS Healthcare, provided a stimulating set of ethical behavior facts and questions

for the participants to ponder. He stressed that the foundation of an ethical organization is a **clearly articulated mission statement and a recognizable set of core values.**

He asked the Board to think about what temptations are lurking out there that may cause us to lose our ethical compass. Some examples of areas for organizational ethics include: advertising, curriculum/degrees, investment decisions, new partnerships,



advocacy, and care of the environment.

He defined organizational ethics as "*the proactive discipline utilized to address/evaluate the actions and behaviors of UIW in light of its mission and core tenets.*"

## Retreat Participants Enjoy Heritage Retreat

Members of UIW, IWHS, SACHS, and IWA spent two days in Houston/Galveston at the sites where our founders first ministered, hearing the stories of **Bishop Dubuis'** struggles to found the CCVI's, and visiting today's ministries that continue the



spirit of the early Sisters. It is always a touching experience to stand at the site of **St. Mary's Hos-**

**pital** and the orphanage destroyed by the 1900 hurricane. Even more inspiring, however, is to hear how the dedicated staff of ministries such as **Our Daily Bread** for the homeless carries on the mission begun in 1866.

## Student Organizations Reach Out to Needy

The UIW Mission specifically addresses social justice and community service as important components of a student's education while at Incarnate Word. During the past few months, students accepted the challenge to reach out to those less fortunate through a variety of programs.

The **TRIO Student Support** Services engaged the community in donating "Cup Care" packages—coffee mugs filled with thoughtful items that an adult in transition might wish to have.

**UIWtv** helped the Food Bank replenish its pantry which is feeling the extra demand created by the economic crisis. Boxes located around campus soon filled up with non-perishable items.

The **History Club** sponsored a toiletry drive for the Battered Women's Shelter while the **Bicycle Club** plans to participate in the American Diabetes Association "Tour de Cure" fund-raising event scheduled for the end of May.

The **Department of**

**Communication Arts** presented Donnie Meals' award-winning graduate thesis, "El Corrido," a cinematic portrayal of the Mexican drug trade.

Plans for the fall include the annual **Meet the Mission** day during which faculty recruit and accompany a group of students to a service agency in the city. MTM, according to Dr. Rodinsky who heads up the effort, is envisioned as an extension of the classroom to facilitate the inclusion of Catholic Social Teaching and issues of social justice into the course material.

## Incarnate Word Missionary Joins WGC in Tanzania



**Terri Horn**, an Incarnate Word Missionary from Maryland, is interning on campus with Women's Global Connection in preparation for two years work with projects in Tanzania.

Terri will monitor the various initiatives underway in Bukoba such as the **Global Business Partners** col-

laboration with the women of BUWEA, the initial steps in the clean water project, and the soy cultivation and marketing.

Before her departure in July, she is honing her computer skills and learning a little Swahili.

## Fr. French to Celebrate his 60th Anniversary

On June 20th, Father Thomas French, long-time chaplain at the Motherhouse and **theology professor at the University of the Incarnate Word**, will cele-



brate his 60th anniversary as a priest. The celebration will take place in St. Joseph's Chapel with his family and friends of

many years.

"As a community, the Church must practice love. Love thus needs to be *organized* if it is to be an ordered service to the community." [*Deus Caritas Est*, Benedict XVI]