

# UIW Mission Newsletter

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## Points of Interest



Dr. Lou Agnese, UIW President, welcomes new students and their parents at a summer orientation session in the International Conference Center.

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Below: Three CCVI's, preparing to make final vows in August, stand at the gravesite of the Congregation's founders, Sisters Madeleine and Pierre, and pose on the balcony of the Brackenridge Villa which served as the Sisters' first Motherhouse.



## Pastoral Institute Gives Thanks for its Forty Fruitful Years

In 1968, UIW initiated the Pastoral Institute in response to the Second Vatican Council's call to educate the laity to take their rightful place in the church.

At the fortieth anniversary celebration, Father Juan Alfaro reminisced about all those years and the influence of such people as Archbishop Lucey, Rev. Virgil Elizondo and Sr. Theresa McGrath who, in spite of many challenges, managed to bring this Institute into being to develop pastoral min-

isters from Texas, Australia, Ireland and many other places.

Over the years, the Institute participants created a close-knit community of parish administrators, religious education teachers, music ministers, and witnesses to the Gospel wherever they felt called to serve. At 40, the Institute gives thanks.



S. Eilish Ryan, Pastoral Institute Director, prepares for the celebratory Mass on June 22.

## Mendell Morgan, Library Dean, Retires After 33 Years at UIW

The UIW community

celebrated Mendell Morgan's complete dedication to the Mabee library at a retirement party on May 13th. Dick McCracken, Dr. Lou Agnese, and Germaine Corbin

celebrated Mendell Morgan's unflagging efforts to bring the campus library into the 21st century. His legacy of service will live on through an endowment set up in his honor.



# Allen, Bibby, Rolheiser Speak about Megatrends in Church and Society

At a summer institute sponsored by Oblate School of Theology, three international presenters spoke about what they termed “**mega-trends**” which will shape the Church and society now and into the future.

**John Allen**, a CNN Vatican analyst, defines megatrend as a “deep impulse shaping Catholic thought and life at the universal level, a sort of tectonic plate whose shifts lie beneath the fault lines and upheavals of the

present.” He identifies these trends as: a world church, evangelical Catholicism, Islam, the new demography, changing lay roles, the biotech revolution, globalization, ecology, multipolarism, and Pentecostalism.

**Dr. Bibby**, a Canadian, has been tracing societal changes over the past thirty years (*The Boomer Factor*) and includes among them: “the pervasiveness of diversity, the decline of community, the new sense of time,

and the information explosion.”

**Father Rolheiser**, President of Oblate School of Theology, addressed the impact of “**inner megatrends**” such as the driving force of technology and pop culture, the need to stand out instead of measure up, the deification of celebrity, the inner battle between modernism and post-modernism, the loss of fear of God’s wrath, of a contemplative sense and of a meta-narrative which undergirds hope.

# UIW Bids Farewell To Father Philip

The UIW community bid a sad farewell to Father Philip Lamberty who has retired and moved to New Orleans. His gentle nature, good humor and love of music endeared him to all.

Among the lasting memories of Father Phil will be his violin solo

for the children at the Christmas Mass and the many guitar and tin

whistle sessions held outside the Campus Ministry office.



*“The imperialism of coca-cola and Hollywood will succeed where no army ever has! Why? Because the poor want what the rich have!” Philip Rieff*



# UIW Reaches Out to Needy

Even during the summer, the UIW community continues its Mission outreach.

Residence Life students and staff are living the Mission through service to the local Ronald McDonald House which offers hospitality to people with children

hospitalized for serious illnesses.

Two groups of faculty and students are spending several weeks in Zambia and Tanzania working to empower women through education and business skills. Another project concentrated on gathering school supplies for a poor area in Mexico.