

Register begins summer hiatus

A reminder: The *Idaho Catholic Register* does not publish in July. The first edition in August is Aug. 7, with a deadline for advertising and submissions by July 30. Thank you.

New ICR feature asks for prayers for priests

BOISE — Pope Benedict XVI has declared July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, as a "Year for Priests" and to join in the celebration, the *Idaho Catholic Register* is beginning a "Pray for Priests" column.

The column will appear on page 4, alongside the regular features such as Community Calendar and Bishop Driscoll's Schedule. It will feature a date along with the name of a living priest—active or retired—from the Diocese of Boise. Readers are asked to pray for that priest on that designated day. Accompanying the listing, at least to start, is a suggested prayer, provided in English and Spanish, attributed to St. Theresa of Lisieux.

A word of caution: the Pray for Priests column will be in the same neighborhood as the current Necrology feature, but please don't be confused. Those featured in Pray for Priests are alive and still serving!

We encourage parishes and schools to submit notices of their efforts to honor our priests during this special time.

Respect Life coordinator: Core values essential



NEW COORDINATOR, PROVEN LISTENER—Deacon Pierce Murphy, left, listens as Catholic Charities of Idaho Executive Director Rosio Gonzalez, center, makes her point during a 2008 joint meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Presbyteral Council. At right is pastoral council member Cheryl McCrorie. Earlier this month, Bishop Michael P. Driscoll appointed Deacon Murphy as the new diocesan Respect Life coordinator. (ICR file photo)

BOISE—What does Deacon Pierce Murphy know about Respect Life Ministry?

Plenty.

Growing up in California and studying at Catholic universities there and in Washington, Deacon Murphy, 55, embraced the church's teaching on human life. When he married his wife, Mary Anne, in 1984, he began a new life with someone who shared those beliefs.

Since then, they have raised a family with eight children, two of whom they adopted with special needs.

Having earned a masters in counseling from Gonzaga University, Spokane, in 1984, and a masters in pastoral studies via the LIMEX program 16 years later, Deacon Murphy works for the City of Boise as a police ombudsman, which puts him at the center of determining whether or not human rights and human dignity is being respected. He also serves in active ministry at Our Lady of the Rosary.

"The core issue is 'What is the source of the value of human life?'" he said. "We are all formed in God's image and likeness.... This ought to be the understanding among all our people."

Given his professional and ministerial obligations, Deacon Murphy said, he needed to carefully consider Bishop Michael P. Driscoll's request that he succeed Deacon Ralph W. Flager, who retired last year.

"Serving in that ministry was very, very important to me," said Deacon Murphy. The church's support of human life in all its forms "is something

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Donor pleased with St. Mark's new windows

By Michael Brown
Editor

BOISE — At "97 and a half," Katherine Caron doesn't see as well as she used to, but that didn't stop her from enjoying the placement of the new stained glass windows in the south transept of St. Mark Church June 16.

"Ever since they opened this church, they've needed these windows," she said.

Caron, a longtime parishioner at St. Mark's, made a substantial donation three years ago that covered the design, production and installation for most of the windows in the nave of the church, which opened in 2004.

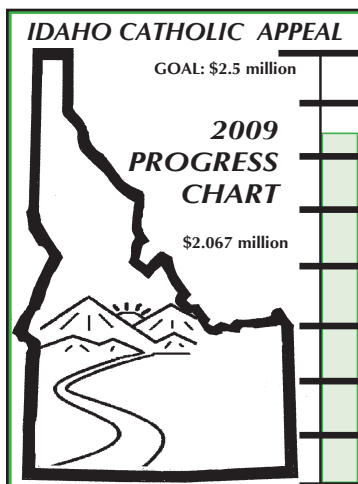
Father Steven P. Rukavina, pastor, noted that the windows have been on order for more

than six months from Hardman and Co., a Birmingham, England, company with a worldwide reputation for its stained glass. Once created, the windows were shipped to Classic Glass Studios in Fargo, N.D. which set each piece in lead before it arrived in Boise last week. The other windows are in various stages of design and production.

They couldn't come soon enough for Caron, whose feistiness at having to wait so long to see the windows was eclipsed only by her admiration of their beauty. Caron had also donated funds for windows in the old St. Mark Church, dedicated in

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Appeal raises \$2.067 million



By Michael Brown
Editor

BOISE — As of June 19, the Idaho Catholic Appeal has raised \$2.067 million, nearly 83 percent of the \$2.5 million goal.

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DEACONS IN TRANSITION — Bishop Michael P. Driscoll, pictured here with a Knights of Columbus honor guard, ordained Deacon German Osorio, left, and Deacon Jose Ramirez May 29 in St. Paul Church, Nampa. The two are among a group slated to be ordained priests next year. (ICR photo courtesy of St. Paul Church)

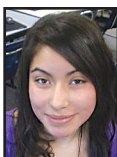
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