

# Father Paul's Ponderings

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
and to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia, alleluia!

Are you and I not delighted that Christ has chosen to eat with sinners? (With us?)! Many of the Pharisees of Jesus' time accused him, ridiculed him of eating and dining, of associating with sinners. Strange as it may see, many of us seem to have risen above this ridicule, this criticism.

And yet we come to the meal where Jesus is so thrilled to be with us!

And we drink the Blood of Christ that He shed for us that all sins may be forgiven.

When we eat His Body and Drink His Blood we commit ourselves to forgive as He has forgiven us, to associate with others who have sinned, perhaps even against us!

May today's prayer of the Church strengthen us to be forgiven, and to associate with those who need forgiveness and life!

Father in heaven, words cannot measure the boundaries of love for those born to new life in Christ Jesus.

Raise us beyond the limits this world imposes,  
so that we may be free to love as Christ teaches  
and find our joy in your glory

It is love that I desire, not sacrifice, and knowledge of God rather than holocausts.

Peace, Love, Forgiveness and Peace!

Father Paul

# News from the Diocese

**St. Mary's High School in Colorado Springs** has international students who wish to attend this fall, but they are in need of host families. There is a generous room & board stipend, & the student pays for tuition & incidentals. The host family must speak English, provide transportation to/from school (student can walk or bus if you live close enough), & activities. The host family must be interested in providing an American type experience and must care about the student's welfare. There is a host family application & background check. For more information, please call Sandy Graham at 531-6464 or email her at [skerpy@msn.com](mailto:skerpy@msn.com)

## **34th annual Southwest Catholic Charismatic Conference**

Registrations are now being accepted for the  
Glorieta Conference Center, Glorieta, NM

July 25 – 27, 2008

Theme: Good News, Go Tell it Everywhere

Speakers Include:

English sessions:

Archbishop Michael Sheehan

Fr. Daniel Balizan

Fr. Celsus Marcellus Auguiste

Jim Murphy

Spanish sessions:

Fr. Gino Correa, OFM

Fr. Gonzalo Moreno, OFM

Please call 505-247-0397 or visit

[www.asfccc.org](http://www.asfccc.org) for registration information

## **Marriage Renewal Retreat**

Author of "The Splendor of Love: John Paul II's Vision for Marriage and Family", Father Walter Schu will host a one day marriage renewal retreat Sunday, June 29th, 2008 1:00 to 7:00 PM. A good way to nourish and strengthen marriages, this retreat will be at Holy Trinity Parish, 3122 Poinsettia Drive, Colorado Springs 80907. To registration call or email Valerie Carriedo: [sixmex@earthlink.net](mailto:sixmex@earthlink.net) or call (719) 265-5965.

## **Marian House Soup Kitchen**

The Grand Opening celebration with ribbon cutting for the New Marian House soup kitchen will take place on June 24 at the Marian House, 14 West Bijou. We will celebrate with a pancake breakfast for the community from 7 - 9am (which will be cooked and served by Ft. Carson personnel). At 8am, we will have a short program and ribbon cutting. The First Presbyterian choir will be on hand at 7:30 to provide musical entertainment. We will also have KBIQ on hand with a remote broadcast. All are welcome to attend.