

# Father Paul's Ponderings

Where do you and I live? In the flesh? Or in the Spirit of Christ?

Probably both. There are times when we feel lost, ignored, empty...and we find ourselves choosing not the security of Christ in the Holy Spirit, but rather in things of this world...shopping, over eating, and so many other forms of entertainment. When these lead to excess, we must say that our choices were of the flesh not of the Spirit of Christ. St. Paul himself knew the difference and lamented the reality, not always knowing why he chose to do what he did not want to do instead of choosing what he wanted to choose.

This last week our nation celebrated our national freedom. And I wonder really how free I am to turn away from materialism, consumerism, etc...and always choose Christ first and then know how to use the things of this world in His name.

Let us pray today for the forgiveness of all the sinful actions in our nation and in our world. Father,  
through the obedience of Jesus your servant and  
your Son,  
You raised a fallen world.  
Free us from our sin and bring us to a Joy that lasts  
forever!

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# More 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 & must care about the student's welfare. There is a host family application & background check. For more info, call Sandy Graham at 531-6464 or [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.asfcc.org](http://www.asfcc.org) for registration information

## **WOMAN'S STORY GATHERING: An Afternoon of Women's Spirituality.**

A special celebration and thanksgiving for the person, mission, & ministry of Mary of Magdala, the "Apostle to the Apostles" who was the first to witness Jesus' resurrection. Prior to the prayer service & reflection on this biblical role model for women's leadership in Christianity, we will share food & spiritual talk. Please bring some salad, bread or dessert to share. July 13, 12:30-3:00 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi Parish Ministry Center, classrooms B & C, at Mount St. Francis, Colorado Springs. It will be led by Mary Ann Surges & Kris Kouri. For information & registration, please contact Sr. Marilyn Uhing, 598-5486.

## **Volunteer to teach English!**

Family Immigration Services is looking for volunteers interested in helping adult immigrants in our community learn English. Knowledge of a language other than English is not required. Find out more about our next training in July. Please plan to attend the following orientation:

Wednesday July 9, 7:00 -8:00.

Call Margaret Cordova at 632-8093 to register for the orientation and to get location details. ESL classes are offered twice a week, day, and evening from September to May at several parish locations. Family Immigration Services is a program of Catholic Charities of Colorado Springs.

## **What does whip cream, chocolate, God, faith, and praise have in common? TOTUS**

**TUUS:** a fun way for our children to learn about our Catholic faith. Holy Trinity Catholic Church is sponsoring the Catholic VBS during the week of July 20-25, 2008. **TOTUS TUUS** is a great opportunity for your youth, elementary through high school age, to feed their soul, grow in their faith, and learn in a fun environment. So come and join the fun and find out what a human and a sundae have in common ... Please see Holy Trinity's website [www.holytrinitycs.com](http://www.holytrinitycs.com) for more information.