

# Father Paul's Ponderings

*CHRIST THE WORD MADE FLESH IS PLANTED IN YOU, IN EACH BAPTISED PERSON! THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES TO AWAKEN EACH US TO HIS LIVING WORD WITHIN US. AND OUR PERSONAL RESPONSE? HOW DO WE COOPERATE IN RECEIVING, CULTIVATING, SPREADING THE WORD??*

Jesus uses the parable of the Sower who scatters the seed. How would you and I picture our hearts receiving this seed, this Christ who wants to live within us?

Is our heart like the "path": where the birds come and eat up the seed sown?

Or like rocky ground? Great seeds of life planted, but no depth to root the seed? And no shade for protection from the heat of the day?

Or is our heart full of thorns that choke the seed, the Word of God?

Or is our heart like the rich soil that produces fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold?

To begin answering these questions demands prayer and humility. While it is true that each of our hearts has heard, received and accepted Christ the Word, we each probably have a few spots that have not responded.

Can each of us examine our heart, asking Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to cast out the thorns that choke His Word, to crush the rocks that hinder His growth, to scatter the birds that devour His word before it can take root?

As persons, as families, as parish communities, we can never ever fully know and explore the depth of God's unconditional love for us! And so as we develop and grow through life. Our God continually surprises us !

So we continue to pray that we may hear and understand, look and see, understand with our hearts, and thus to be continually converted. And we will know Christ is always present to heal us.

Father Paul

# 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)

The Diocese of Colorado Springs seeks an Editorial Assistant for the Colorado Catholic Herald to provide clerical and editorial support services to the Colorado Catholic Herald. The successful candidate will have a HS diploma or equiv. BA in English or Journalism desired; Two years experience answering phones in a busy office Environment; Computer experience with Microsoft Office programs; Proofreading and customer service experience desired. Bi-lingual (Spanish) a plus. Complete job description, wage and benefit information is available with an application. Resumes alone insufficient - need application. This position is open until filled. For further information, call (719) 636-2345, see [www.diocs.org](http://www.diocs.org), or write to:

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## **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.