

Most Precious Blood Church Bulletin

A Little Italy Newsletter

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Special Collection Today

Catholic
Communications &
Catholic University of
America

Today there is a Second Collection which is split among two very worthwhile organizations viz., Catholic Communications and the

Catholic University of America which is located in the City of Washington, D.C.

Catholic Communications embraces the all-important media, that is, especially the press, radio and Television. Today, perhaps it is the most important source of reaching people - through the newspapers & magazines, through the radio broadcasts which can be transmitted to just about every nook

and corner of the world, and finally television, which even goes further as far as communications goes. There is no doubt that the Catholic Faith has made great strides through these channels, and must continue to reach people in the immediate future . Your donations in this collection have helped immensely to realize this end.

The Catholic University of America is a school dedicated to higher learning. If a priest wishes to pursue higher studies for post graduate degrees in any of the sciences or branches of religion, he usually goes here and if he cannot afford to get his books and anything else that he needs to study, your collection will help him reach his goal.

Hence we ask you to be as generous as you possibly can in this collection. It is impossible for the Church in America to attain its ends without the Communication Aids that are needed to spread the Faith and the Education of Priests to help others in the pursuit of their goals in their studies towards the priesthood., Your donations help to realize these goals.

Church Envelope System

We have given out most of the envelopes for the present year of 2009 to all of the people who had envelopes in preceding years. We have a couple of dozen of sets left over. The fact still remains that most of our people do not use the envelope system for their contributions to the Church.

If you come to church here on Sunday, you should use the Church's envelope System to make your contributions. It is the correct way to support your Church. It is the way that the Church has stipulated that it be supported so that we know who is in our Parish and who is supporting us and who is not. Many people knock on our doors and ask us for favors. Almost all of them are complete strangers to us and yet, these people still say they ARE our parishioners. While we do not like to refuse these people the favors they ask for, at the same time, When we ask them to use our envelopes so that we can get to know them, they seem to be have been struck deaf - they don't hear you! If you are among those who do not have envelopes, please get them and

begin using them every time you get to Mass. Envelopes are available from Fr. Fabian or Angela. Get a box as soon as possible and please put down the amount of your contribution. And NO TAPE ON

February Sanctuary Candle

If there is someone who would like to donate the cost of the Sanctuary Candle for the month of February, (and the cost for the month is \$40.00), we ask you to see either Angela or Fr. Fabian and we will be happy to reserve it for you.

Atlantic City Trip

If anyone would like to take a bus ride to Atlantic City, the Bus will be leaving on Monday January 19th, at 9:30 am. Please give Mary Frattini a call for a seat at 212-242-0195.

Parish Sick & Deceased

Please remember to pray for the sick and deceased of the Parish, especially, your own relatives and friends. They depend on you for prayers. Don't be the ones to disappoint them.

THE ENVELOPE PLEASE. Sometimes, people put so much scotch tape on the envelope that they make it almost impossible for God Himself to open the envelope.

Did You Know? How Could We?

Did you know that 47 countries have reestablished their embassie in Iraq?

Did you know that the Iraqi Government currently employs 1.2 million Iraqi people?

Did you know that 3100 schools have been renovated, 364 schools are presently under rehabilitation, 263 new schools are now under construction and 38 new schools have been completed in Iraq.

Did you know that Iraq's higher educational structure consists of 20 Universities, 46 Institutes or Colleges, and 4 research centers, all currently operating?

And did you know that 25 Iraqi students departed for the United States in January 2005 for the re-established Fulbright program?

Did you know that the Iraqi Navy is operational? They have 5 100 foot patrol craft, 34 smaller vessels and a naval infantry regiment?

Did you know that Iraq's Air Force consists of three operational squadrons, which include 9 reconnaissance and 3 US C-130 transport aircraft under Iraqi operational control, which operates day and night, and will soon add 16 UH-1 helicopters and 4 Bell Jet Rangers?

Did you know that Iraq has a counter-terrorist unit and a Commando Battalion?

Did you know that the Iraqi Police Force has over 55,000 fully trained and equipped police officers?

Did you know that there are 5 police Academies in Iraq that produce over 3500 new officers every 8 weeks?

Did you know that there are over 1100 building projects going on in Iraq? They include 364 schools, 67 public clinics, 15 hospitals, 83 railroad stations, 22 oil facilities, 93 water facilities, and 69 electrical facilities.

Did you know that 96% of Iraqi children under the age of 5

have received their first 2 series of polio vaccinations?

Did you know that 4.3 million Iraqi children were enrolled in primary school by mid October?

Did you know that there are 1,192,000 cell phone subscribers in Iraq and phone use has gone up 158%?

Did you know that Iraq has an independent media that consists of 74 Radio stations, 180 newspapers, and 10 television stations

Did you know that the Baghdad Stock Exchange opened in June of 2004.

Did you know that 2 candidates in the Iraqi presidential elections had a debate on television recently?

OF COURSE, WE DIDN'T KNOW!

WHY DIDN'T WE KNOW?

BECAUSE OUR MEDIA WON'T TELL US OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING! But they do show you photos of flag burning in Abu Ghraib and people

throwing items at presidential motorcades!

Tragically, the lack of accentuating the positive in Iraq serves two purposes: It undermines the world's perception of the United States, thus minimizing consequent

support; AND it is intended to discourage American Citizens from supporting their country

NOW YOU KNOW!!!

