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Confirmation

4 May 2003

The following young adults will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 11 o'clock Mass from Archbishop Felix Job, Ibadan Archdiocese, Nigeria

Gusatyo Aishemberg
Therése Maria Baier
Fadi Ifram
Justina Job
Sangeetha Manavalan
Katharina Maruszczak
Justin Alexander Miller
Mats Nordbo
Frances-Catherine Quevenco
Connor Reilly
Elise Sequeira
Courtney Sullivan
Katherine Anne Khan

Catechists

Lee Sperry
Anne Job
Veronika Huebner

Reception with Archbishop Job:
Right after Mass all are invited to a reception in honour of Archbishop Job and the Confirmees at the Parish Hall. If you would be willing to bring along some wine, juice, soft drinks, cheese, or sandwiches, it would be much appreciated.

Come Holy Spirit!

First Communion

18 May 2003

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time during the 11 o'clock Mass.

Robert Bene, Austin Cassel
Marcel Ceska, Noah Crespo
Kevin Dewasurendra, Maurice Doblinger
Alexander Ernst, Daniela Figiel-Hauska



Maxwell Kaesshaefer, Lauren Killeen
Nicole Killeen, Alexander Kunz
Victoria Kunz, Laura Lovell
Cassandra Marshall, Nicola McCafferty
Joseph Merz, Anna Miller
Rachel Morris, Tiffany Odeka
Lucy Roberts, Mary Ann Roberts
William Shamin, Gabriella Marie Spare
Thomas Sperry, Colette Van Buchem
Fabienne Van Buchem, Stephanie Van Buchem
Barclay Waller

Catechists

Arnold Crespo, Deacon Greg Felling
Valerie Morris, Godwin Nuwordu
Mary Spare

Who is who in VESCC?

Our community is based on the voluntary participation of each individual be they teenagers, adults, men or women. Each contributes to the best of his ability to make the community's social and spiritual life active, strong and enjoyable. Some become elected council members to help the Pastoral Team. Still others are engaged in the promotion of the spiritual life of our children through religious education. Some others join the choir, and others are involved in charity activities. We should not also forget those who organize the Sunday coffee and potlucks. In brief our community members are involved in one or more activities to make VESCC what it is.

The purpose of this new column, ***Who is who in VESCC?*** is to look into the various community activities and introduce some of the role players. It is another form of introducing the community to its own members.

The first of the series is going to focus on our young altar servers. Their contribution is not negligible. They contribute to make the Eucharistic celebration lively. They assist the priest and the deacon in the celebration of the liturgy during the Mass. They set also an example to the congregation by active participation in the liturgy by looking alert and by sitting or standing at the appropriate time. They make life easy for Fr. Kevin and Deacon Greg at the altar. One hates to think what a priest goes through celebrating a mass without the servers or a deacon. We should be proud that our young servers, ten of them, come punctually and regularly. We should congratulate them and encourage them to continue serving the community. Our servers were asked to introduce themselves by answering some 9 questions on themselves and their role during the Eucharistic service. We thank them for their cooperation. Here is what each of them had to say.



Questions

1. Since when did you become an altar server?
2. What encouraged you to become a server?
3. Did you have any training for becoming a server, and what did you learn?
4. What do you do as a server? What is your responsibility?
5. What is the difficult part of becoming a server?
6. When was your happiest day as a server?
7. What preparations do you make before the Holy Mass in the sacristy?
8. What do you do immediately after the Mass is over?
9. What is your hobby?

Anne Job

1. I became an altar server at the age of 8 (meaning 2 years ago).

2. My Dad.
3. Yes, some times we had training but on the Sunday before you became an altar server, the other servers would tell you what to do. I learned how to hold a candle, call the people, hold the prayer book and how to pour water for the priest's hand washing.
4. As an altar server you can do many things different all the time but most of the time you don't change. I do the candles most of the time, so you can say it is my responsibility.
5. There is just one difficult part, it is getting up in the morning.
6. It was on Christmas 2000 my first Christmas as an altar server.
7. Nothing but some time we have a prayer.
8. Most of the time I go home and have lunch.
9. My hobbies are painting, cooking and playing the piano.

Anne's quote: *There is just one difficult part, it is getting up in the morning.*

Marcelino Linares

1. About three years ago.
2. I didn't have to sit down and watch the Mass instead I was actually involved in it.
3. I didn't have any training but tell me what to do and I have learnt from them how to serve.
4. ...
5. Having to be responsible about the other servers and remembering what to do.
6. When I did the incense for one of the masses.
7. We get robed and assign what everyone has to do.
8. I either go to potluck to chat with my friends or I go home if I have lots of homework to do.
9. I do Tackwondo and I am now a green belt and I play tennis. I also enjoy playing chess, badminton and football.

Marcelino's quote: *Having to be responsible about the other servers and remembering what to do.*

Lucia Linares

1. I think about 2 years ago.
2. Well, my brother did it and I thought I should try it.
3. No, I did not have any training. I just looked and copied. I learnt how to do lots of things, eg. the candles, bringing the communion plates, etc.
4. I do lots but I mostly do the candles but I some time help with the cup, and other things.
5. It is not that difficult being an altar server. Just you have to know when to do things or what to do.
6. Actually it was very recent. I finally got to hold the book.
7. We get into our robes and we decide what or who is going to do for example the book.
8. I take my robes off and I head to coffee morning or potluck. If my brother has homework then we go home.
9. My hobbies are touch rugby, West African drumming, choir, reading board games and collecting key chains.

Lucia's quote: *Well, my brother did it and I thought I should try it.*

Paul Doherty

1. I started serving when I was about eight or nine years old, soon after my first Communion.
2. Most of my brothers and sisters used to serve and they encouraged me to start.
3. When I first started serving I was taught the basic rules and then just learnt more each time.
4. Because I have been serving the longest out of the servers, it is usually my job to teach the new servers about what they should do and make sure that the other altar servers know what they are doing when they are on the altar. Normally, I lead the procession and carry the Cross at the beginning and end of each Mass.

5. The hardest part about learning to serve is remembering when you are meant to start doing your jobs.
6. My happiest day as an altar server was probably when I first started serving because it was very exciting.
7. Before each Mass, I have to check that all the servers are dressed properly, know what jobs they are doing and know where they are seating. Also I check the books we will be needing are in the right places.
8. After Mass I check that cassocks have been hung properly and check if the new altar servers have any questions.
9. I enjoy playing football with my friends or playing computer games.

Paul's quote: *The hardest part about learning to serve is remembering when you are meant to start doing your jobs.*

Hannah Doherty

1. I started altar serving when I was about eight or nine years old.
2. My brothers and sisters used to be altar servers so I started as well.
3. We were taught the basic rules about carrying candles and the procession at the beginning and end of Mass.
4. I do different jobs each week so that everybody can practice each role.
5. Learning how and when to do different things.
6. When I used to serve with lots of my friends was the best, but I liked the masses outside and the christenings, and my first few weeks as an altar server.
7. We put on the robes, and assign people jobs.
8. We get changed, and sometimes help the priests, or if there are people who want to start serving we show them what to do.
9. I like playing soccer and going swimming with my friends.

Hannah's quote: *When I used to serve with lots of my friends was the best.*

A Server's Prayer

Loving Father, creator of the Universe,
You call Your people to worship,
To be with You and one another at Mass.
I thank You for having called me
to assist others in their prayer to You.
May I be worthy of the trust placed in me
and through my example and service
bring others close to You.
I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
Who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Kids Corner



Puzzle for Children

Find the following words

Server	Priest	Deacon
Host	Ambo	Collections
Gifts	Cross	Candle stick
Chalice	Holy Water	Altar
Procession	Sanctuary	Stole
Tabernacle	Gospel	Sacristy
Easter Candle	Communion	Holy Mass
Amice	Alb	Eucharist
Scripture Readings	Benediction	Veil

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Catholic Scouts Receive Awards

Two Cub Scouts, Maxwell Kaesshaefer and Thomas Sperry, received the Light of Christ Award during a ceremony on 30 March. Two other scouts, Austin Cassel and Jens Freese recently completed the program and will soon also be receiving the Light of Christ Award. Additionally Nicholas Spare completed the requirements for the Parvuli Dei Award for older scouts and will also be receiving that award. The Parvuli Dei and Light of Christ Awards are given in special recognition by the Catholic Church to a Cub Scout for advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual growth. In committing oneself to the Parvuli Dei and Light of Christ programs, the young scout chooses to go beyond what would normally be expected of him and explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in his life, and also to develop a good, positive image through the contributions he can make in serving others. All the boys are members of the VESCC and are Cub Scouts in Vienna Pack 27. For more information on Pack 27, please see pack website www.scoutsrock.com <<http://www.scoutsrock.com>> .

Thomas and Maxwell

"Mission in the City" 2003 in Vienna

**"Mission of Mercy" Event - Friday, May 30th at
the "Christ, Hope for the World" Church**

This big "Happening" is the major all-English City Mission event and, as the largest international English-speaking Catholic Community, we are involved in organizing it. Especially teens and young adults are invited to participate. (In the official presentation dossier of City Mission there is a special attention dedicated to young people and their place in this event. The Congress will be more successful if it reaches young people.)

How the VESCC's Youth Group (and all other teens) can be involved in "Mercy Evening"?

Before the event:

Promotion- to put up or hand out flyers and posters at school, clubs, sports...get friends and families to come.

During the event:

- Stage hands - venue set-up and logistics
- Meal helpers - preparing and decorating
- Hospitality- welcome, give directions, answer venue questions
- Contribution in Festival of Prayer.

Mission of Mercy Schedule

18:00 International Dinner for our guest students from Rome and Mission Team. Everybody is welcome to come, to bring something, or help in the preparation and stay on dinner. The idea is to bring typical food from your country and share it with others.

19:00 King's Kids performance (group of 25-30 kids ages 9-16 who sing, act and bring Jesus to life). This program will last about 30-45 minutes and will include dances, drama, testimonies and crowd participation. It is planned to do the performance outside on the Church's meadow, depending on the weather.

20:00 Festival of Praise: high school and college students, the young and adults will be challenged and encouraged to take a deeper step in their faith through the praise, drama, testimonies from the West and the East (young adults from Slovakia, Belarus, Russia, Poland), message, Eucharistic procession and commitment to Jesus. It is basically a huge prayer meeting where a variety of ways are used to help people encounter God. This event will last about 2 hours.

Sonja Skrepek is allowing us to use some of her **Icons** for our service and Duka Sobocanec will be exhibiting some of his hand made **Crucifixes**.

International Congress for a New Evangelization (ICNE) is a new and original idea of four Cardinals: Christoph Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna; Jean-Marie Lustiger, Archbishop of Paris; José da Cruz Policarpo; Patriarch of Lisbon and Godfried Daneels- Archbishop of Malines, Brussels. They noticed the need for new ways of announcing The Gospel and made an initiative for this Congress, actually Congress and Mission in the City. Beginning 23 May through 1 June, 2003 Vienna will be the first city to host the annual International Congress for the New Evangelisation (ICNE) "Mission in the City".

We invite you to be a part of VESCC's event and through that become a part of Vienna's and Europe's new missionary project. Many parishes in Vienna are involved in this project. VESCC is also involved through providing Bed and Breakfast Housing for "School of Mission" students; evening meals for Mission Team staying with Fr. Kevin. We host "Hauskreis" (Home Discussion Evening"; and we are part of "Mission in the Schools" program organized by the ICNE,

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas please contact our VESCC *Stadtmission* liaison, Anamarija S. Sostaric at anamarija.ss@chello.at or VESCC Council Member, Valerie Morris at 479-8058 or taftmorris@aol.com for more information or to sign up.

For more information about *Stadtmission* or to register as a "missionary" yourself visit www.stadtmission.at.

Thank You

Many, many thanks to all who have shared with the needy during Lent thru our various charity projects. Nearly 2500 Euro were raised for the 3 Community Projects. Some additional 450 Euro were donated at the Soup Lunch last Sunday. It is difficult to estimate the Euro value of the rice and sport articles which were donated!

During the Easter Season we would like to draw your attention to the plea of Caritas for aid to those suffering in Irak. We hope you will continue to be generous and to show your faith in action.

Help us not to abandon war victims

Caritas

In any war situation the victims are children, women and the elderly. In the war in Iraq hundreds of thousands have fled their homes and have taken refuge in neighbouring countries. Desperate situations even before the war have gotten worse. Caritas is providing desperately needed medicines, food, water, shelter to war victims in camps located in neighbouring countries and inside Iraq itself. The magnitude of the need has necessitated Caritas to launch an appeal for contributions for its activities in the region.

Your contribution will be used for providing the victims with clean drinking water, medicines, food items and shelter material. You can make payments through Bank Transfer Form (Erlagscheine) which is available at the hymnal stand or bank transfer Konto number PSK 7.700.004.

THE RICE MAN COMETH

Most readers will know that the parish was asked by Father Kevin to bring rice to church every Sunday during Lent for shipping to orphans and street children in Lusaka, Zambia.

Few will realise that this project is just part of the remarkable work being done by Hannes Urban, a Viennese taxi-driver who has been a regular visitor to Vienna's English-speaking Catholic community throughout Lent.

Moved by a profound faith in God, and with no conscious planning on his own part, Hannes has built up a one-man international aid organisation in less than four years. He is building a kindergarten in South Africa - now nearing completion - and has shipped tens of thousands of dollars' worth of medicines to the poor of Mexico.

He has helped street children in Nairobi, Kenya get schooling or learn a trade and led a team of doctors and nurses into the mountains of Mexico to provide medical treatment for the poor.

The project for which we were asked to donate rice is the City of Hope orphanage in Zambia, run by the Salesian sisters. Hannes is collecting food, clothes, toiletries and birthday presents for the girls who live at City of Hope, almost all of whom have suffered abuse.

He will ship a full container-load of supplies to Zambia in the next few months, including the rice donated by the English-speaking community.

The work to which Hannes now devotes his life began with no planning on his part. He had no background in development aid and none of the experience or contacts normally considered necessary.

What he did have was a deep Christian faith and a willingness to follow where God led him. His primary

motivation is not just to help poor people materially but to spread the Word of God by demonstrating the power of Christian love in action.

"I live in the present and trust in God," he says. "I take Jesus at his word. He sent the Apostles out to heal the sick, to bless people, to preach the Gospel. I try to do the same."

"The Bible says God made man in his own image. If I take that seriously, then every person is like God. If I embrace a poor homeless person in Africa, I am embracing Jesus. If I help a child to get off the streets, I am helping Jesus."

Hannes has set up a charity, named Helfen Wir (Let's Help), and you can read more about his activities in German and English at www.helfen-wir.org.

But it remains very much a one-man operation. He has no staff, receives no salary and continues to earn a modest living driving a taxi - although now for only six months of the year.

A small network of helpers and supporters has developed - more evidence of God's providence - and in March this year Hannes was given free office space in the 2nd district. But his battered Mercedes taxi is still his effective headquarters.

A brief Austrian newspaper article about his work is on display in the back seat. If passengers ask him about it, Hannes is happy to elaborate.

He has found an encouraging willingness among ordinary people to help. Many internationally known companies have also been supportive, donating everything from medicines and computers to airfares.

His remarkable work has attracted increasing media attention in Austria and abroad. Hannes was featured in Readers' Digest in numerous languages last year. Reuters, Associated Press and the U.S. National Catholic Register have written about his work. He has been on television in Austria and elsewhere and he

was recently interviewed for Time magazine - look out for the article in May.

So how can you help?

There are many ways - a monthly standing order to Helfen Wir would be a good start. Hannes stays with priests, missionaries or local people on his travels so his costs are minimal and around 95 percent of donations reach the intended recipients.

You could sponsor a child through school in South Africa. You could come along to his fund-raising events in Vienna, including occasional concerts and dinners. You could buy some of the beautiful wooden crucifixes (made by young single mothers in Mt Frere, South Africa) available from Hannes or Father Kevin. You could put your skills, local knowledge and your contacts to work. You could get your employer to help or raise money among your colleagues.

If you are interested, talk to Hannes after Mass or contact him through Father Kevin.

After meeting Hannes for the first time in 1999, Bishop William Slattery of Kokstad, South Africa, wrote: "Hannes Urban from Vienna, through the mercy of God, reached our region with a word of consolation and help."

Let us help him spread that word.

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Marriage Preparation Seminar in English

Saturday, May 17, 2003

9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

For all couples planning to marry within the next year, there will be a one-day course offered in English by Deacon Greg Felling. This will be the final all day course offered before next autumn. So, please, spread the word to English speaking couples you know who are planning to wed during the summer or next fall. Those interested need to register as soon as possible.

Place of Seminar: Parish Hall, Rooseveltplatz 8, 1090 Wien.

Registration: Tel/fax: 402 18 30; e-mail: vescc@aon.at

Cost: € 38

ESCHATON

A super star...
A revolutionary...
A liar...
Who do you think I am?

German Language Premiere!
April 25, 7:00 pm, Votive Church
April 26, 7:30 pm, Votive Church

This presentation of the person of Christ (the "Eschaton") through drama and song was written by Fr. Cyril Desbrulais S.J. and produced in German by Deacon Greg and his young team from the Canisius Parish. Most of the songs are in English. The play is in modern dress.

Donations are welcome and will go towards the Santulan Project in Pune, India, a project supported by the Jesuits which aids stone quarry children.

MOVING IN SPRING OR SUMMER?

It is getting to the time of the year when we have to say goodbye to some of our members. If you and your family will be leaving us for pastures new, or you know of anyone leaving us, please contact VESCC office. We shall be arranging a Farewell Party.

By the way, anybody leaving Vienna who would be willing to give anything that may be of any use to furnish Father Kevin's apartment, please contact him on his handy number 0664 824 3630.

VESCC Pledge Programme

During the month of May our annual pledge drive will be carried out. Both those community members who have supported our annual pledge and those who have not yet made this commitment should be on the lookout for new pledge forms for the fiscal year 01.07.03- 31.06.04.

For those new to our Community, more details on our Pledge Programme can be obtained from the Church office or the Finance Committee.

Community Council

The next Council meeting will take place on 9 May 2003 at 7 pm. at the Parish Hall, Rooseveltplatz 8. All members are kindly requested to attend.



The Pastoral Team and the Community Council of the English-speaking Catholic Community wish you and your family a very happy Easter

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Sundays 10:30 Votive Church

Fridays 2:00-4:00pm, St. Stephens Cathedral

or by appointment via Fr. Kevin's handy 0664 824 3630

Baptism/Marriage

Please contact Fr. Kevin or Deacon Greg well in advance.

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