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RICE IS LIFE: INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RICE 2004

By Lucianne Siers, OP

The United Nations declared the year 2004 as the International Year of Rice. Devoting a year to a commodity is an unprecedented step in United Nations history. Compelling factors underlie this decision: the spectre of increased hunger, malnutrition, poverty and conflict in the coming decades. The purpose of highlighting rice is to promote improved production and access to this vital food crop. This enriched food feeds more than half the world's population while providing income for millions of rice producers, processors and traders. Development of sustainable rice-based systems can reduce hunger and poverty and contribute to environmental conservation and a better life for present and future generations.



The theme for this year, *Rice is Life*, reflects the importance of rice as a primary food source. It is drawn from an understanding that rice-based systems are essential for food security, poverty alleviation and improved livelihoods. In Asia, more than 2 billion people obtain 60 to 70 percent of their energy intake from rice and its derivatives. It is the most rapidly growing food source in Africa and is important to the food security of low income food-deficit countries. Rice based production systems and their associated post-harvest operations, employ nearly 1 billion people in rural areas of developing countries. About four-fifths of the world's rice is grown by small-scale farmers in low-income countries. Efficient and productive rice-based systems are basic to economic development and improved quality of life particularly in rural areas of the world.



RICE IN BAGS IN KENYA

There are about 200 million children among the 840 million people under nourished in developing countries. Improving the productivity of rice production would contribute to eradicating this very high level of hunger.

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WE PRAY...

THAT THE FAITHFUL WHO HOLD POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN PUBLIC LIFE MAY FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS OF THE GOSPEL AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH, AND MAY DEFEND AND PROMOTE THE RESPECT OF HUMAN VALUES IN EVERY SITUATION.

-HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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FROM THE BOARD SPRING MEETING, MARCH 2004

The Board continues to work through the U.S. Commission on Catholic Evangelization process designed for member organizations of the National Catholic Organizations Committee (NCCE) enabling organizations to review and update their essential mission. This process has served as a helpful instrument for the USCMA Board which had already begun to work on the update of the USCMA long-term plan. The Board decided to update the present plan to carry us through the Mission Congress 2005 and then begin anew with implementation of the Congress. Sr. Betty Scanlon represents the USCMA Board on the Commission and the NCCE which meets in January and June each year.

A report was received on the endowment campaign. The Board was happy to note that at this time the Endowment Fund has reached \$186,000. We continue to work toward the goal of \$200,000. The Board and staff expressed gratitude to all who supported the Fund.

Sr. Lucienne Siers, OP of the Religious Orders Partnership gave a presentation about the relationship established with USCMA and its status at the United Nations through the Department of Public Information. Sr. Lucienne serves as the USCMA liaison at the UN keeping the USCMA staff abreast of happenings that impact our membership. Through her work with the Religious Orders Partnership, Sr. Lucienne raises issues, monitors nation states' votes, educates members and assists those interested in researching issues. Sr. Lucienne offers a 3-day Orientation to the UN and makes this available to USCMA members.

The Board enjoyed dinner with the Missions Committee of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men on March 26. An informative discussion on mission was held with two members of Focolare following the dinner.

The Board will hold its next meeting prior to the Mission Symposium in Louisville in October. The USCMA Annual Meeting will be held on Monday evening, October 7, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Hurstborne in conjunction with the symposium.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR ROSANNE RUSTEMEYER, SSND

The Memorial Day weekend which we have just celebrated provided many Americans a good reason to visit the nation's capital. Because the World War II Memorial was dedicated as part of the holiday, caravans of buses arrived in DC from various parts of the country carrying veterans and their families. For me it was moving to visit the Memorial with those who served the country so long ago and who had waited sixty years for this recognition and a show of gratitude. The weekend provided a time to remember what a tremendous gift "freedom" is to us individually and as a nation.

So much of what we read at this time reminds us of the challenges we face surrounding war and peace in our world. Whole nations and regions as well as small villages and families face the struggles and effects of conflict each day. What will be our Christian response? In the US Bishops' Pastoral on peace, we are challenged to use our faith as inspiration to address these conflicts. I want to share two practical ways USCMA is engaged in doing just that.

The Dominican Congregation (who maintain a presence in Iraq) has initiated a world-wide call to a time of prayer and fasting from Pentecost to June 30th. This is the final preparation time for the critical transition of governance in Iraq, the diminishment of U.S. power and the presence of the United Nations – all working together to bring about a peaceful changeover for the people of Iraq. We have posted this invitation on the web site: www.uscatholicmission.org hoping members will join in the prayer, fasting and daily gestures of peacemaking as we stand in solidarity with all who strive for peace in the midst of struggle.

The second practical way USCMA is responding in faith is through a joint venture with Church World Service through the Continuing Committee on Common Witness. In March of 2005 a CCCW Consultation will be held in West Africa probably in Liberia in collaboration with the Fellowship of Churches and Councils in West Africa (FECCIWA) and with the World Conference of Religions for Peace. Please keep this project in prayer as the planning unfolds.

Very soon you will be receiving the registration brochure for the Mission Symposium to be held in Louisville from October 3-6, 2004. The USCMA Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Symposium sponsored by the Glenmary Home Missioners in collaboration with USCMA. You will not want to miss this event!

I want to express our gratitude to those who have responded to our request for mission stories to use in preparation for the Mission Congress to be held in Tucson in October of 2005. We are happy to exceed the thirty responses we had originally hoped to receive.

The Mission Handbook for 2004 will soon be available on the website in a PDF file for downloading. Should you want a copy and do not have access to the internet, please give us a call and we will mail a copy to you. Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Continued from page 1 However, rice production is facing serious constraints which include: declining yield growth rates, natural resource depletion, labor shortages, gender issues, institutional limitations and environmental pollution. The answer to these problems is to enhance sustainability and production of rice-based systems and to protect and conserve the environment. This will require the commitment of the nation-states, NGOs and inter-governmental organizations.

There are many initiatives which focus on sustainable rice development. These initiatives recognize that the efforts are coordinated, responsibilities are shared and participation is included at all levels from local to the international. The basic themes of these developments are: food quality, climate change, trade and non-tariff trade barriers, biological diversity and the safe movement of modified living organisms (hybrids) and concerns about producing genetically modified foods and the safety of their consumption.

This campaign focuses on rice and identifies interdependent relationships among agriculture, food, security, nutrition, agro-biodiversity, the environment, culture, economics, science, gender and employment. These aspects of a rice-based system include the following.

RICE PRODUCTION. From its Asian homeland, rice is now cultivated in 113 countries and on all continents except Antarctica. It is grown in a wide range of soil moisture regimes from deep flood to dry land and in different soil conditions. Rice is an important aspect of food security, rural development and economic development.

NUTRITION. In the developing world, rice provides 27 percent of dietary energy supply and 20 percent of dietary protein intake.

AGRO-BIODIVERSITY. Rice-based systems are hubs of biodiversity. They combine well with other agriculture production activities such as providing water space for fish and ducks, and feeding rice-straw to livestock. In turn, ducks and fish feed on weeds and small aquatic organisms, while livestock help with transportation and land preparation and produce organic fertilizer. Rice is grown with vegetables and fruit trees such as bananas and coconuts. Rice fields host a wide variety of natural enemies that control harmful insects. In these ways, rice-based systems provide great opportunities for improved nutrition, diversified agriculture, increased incomes and protection of genetic and agricultural resources.

WATER AND LAND MANAGEMENT. Rice is the only major cereal that can withstand water submergence. Rice-based systems can make productive use of all the available water and land resources. Terracing allows cultivation on steep slopes, helps prevent soil erosion and landslides, controls floods, minimizes weed growth and generates water percolation and groundwater recharge, while submerged conditions enable organic matter to accumulate in soils.

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME. Rice cultivation is the principal activity and source of income for about 100 million households in Asian and Africa, and several countries are highly dependent on rice as a source of foreign exchange earnings and government revenue. In addition, the threshing, milling, processing, market transport and cooking of rice helps support rural livelihoods. Other rural people generate income from producing, servicing and maintaining tools, implements and equipment for rice cultivation and post-harvest operations.

GENDER. Women and men often develop different agricultural expertise and knowledge. Women play important roles in both rice production and post-harvest activities. But, women have less access to credit, farm inputs, marketing facilities, extension services and information. They often miss out on the benefits of improved rice cultivation particularly at the field level.

SCIENCE. Improved technologies enable farmers to grow more rice on limited land with reduced need for water, labor and agro-chemicals. Genomic studies by research laboratories have resulted in a comprehensive database of rice DNA, which is useful for breeders in developing rice varieties with higher yield and tolerance to pests and diseases. There is a distinct difference between hybrid rice and genetically modified rice. Concerns regarding health issues and patents for genetic varieties need to be monitored for the health and well-being of the farmers and consumers.

ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES. For many decades, rice was one of the most heavily protected agricultural commodities. Since the 1980s, structural adjustment programs have changed and the world rice trade is expanding. At this time, urban consumers enjoy most of the benefits because of low prices, while small-scale, low-income farmers bear the brunt of this change. Developing countries are now challenged with reaping the benefits associated with more efficient resource allocation at the same time alleviating the plight of small producers.

Wherever it is grown—in the deltas and valleys of Asia's major rivers, on the slopes of the Himalayas, in Africa's tropical rainforests or on dry lands in the Middle East—rice enters people's lives as a daily food, at religious festivals and wedding parties, in paintings and in songs. Even in nations who are new to rice, cultivation of the crop has changed landscapes, introduced new cuisine and provided farmers with new sources of income. It is significant that almost every culture has its own way of eating rice and these different recipes have become part of the world's cultural heritage.

So, rice is more than a food. It is society, culture, politics, business, the beauty of the landscape, and people in their communities. In short, rice is life.

For more information contact: www.rice2004.org

WORLD MISSION INSTITUTE 2004

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*The Future of
World Christianity*

More than 250 people attended the World Mission Institute 2004 held April 22nd and 23rd at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. This year's conference focused on the fact and challenge of global Christianity. Dr. Philip Jenkins, author of **The Next Christendom**, spoke on the theme of the conference, *The Future of World Christianity*. Dr. Lamin Sanneh, author of **Whose Religion is Christianity? The Gospel beyond the West** spoke on *Global Catholicism* and Rev. Prasanna Kumari described the growing gap between the rich and the poor.

Workshops centered on the main theme: the Future of Christianity in Asia (Michael Amaladoss, S.J.); in Africa (Dr. Ogbu Kalu); in Latin America (Rev. Raquel Rodriguez); in Europe (Dr. David Bjork) and in the United States (Dr. Mark Noll). Dr. David Daniels discussed Global Pentecostalism while Dr. Stephen Bevans pointed out the implications of the topic for mission.

Since many of the speakers and workshop leaders are also authors, a book display was held in the Lutheran Book Store.

The Institute is held each year in April and is sponsored by the Chicago Center for Global Ministries. The Center is sponsored by the Catholic Theological Union, the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary. **The World Mission Institute for 2005 will be held April 21st and 22nd on the theme, *Peace Making: Conflict Transformation and Healing*.**

For information on CCGM activities, consult our website at www.ccgministries.com

Constants in Context—a Theology of Mission for Today, Stephen Bevans SVD and Roger Schroeder, SVD, Orbis Publications, Maryknoll N.Y.

Christ Crucified—a 21st Century Missiology of the Cross, Dr. Mark Thomsen, (Director of the Chicago Center for Global Ministries), Lutheran University Press.

THE STORIES BEHIND THE STORY ON THE NIGHTLY NEWS

Bethlehem Besieged is a riveting story, beginning with the siege of Bethlehem in 2002 and continuing into today's scene of occupation, the wall, and suicide bombers. Like **The Diary of Anne Frank** it also chronicles the personal struggles of Palestinians and their families to survive the violence and to act with integrity in extreme circumstances. It gives full voice to the soundbites of the nightly news.

Mitri Raheb's powerful collection of compelling personal stories—stories of desperation and hope in the midst of lethal conflict—brings the Palestinian/Israeli conflict up close and personal.

Raheb's lifelong commitment to his people has kept him in the legendary birthplace of Christianity, even as the town has become a flashpoint in the world's most volatile and hate-filled conflict. His passionate personal testimony lifts up the stray gesture toward friendship, the brave attempts to rebuild life and livelihood in a destroyed land, and the unquenchable desire for justice and peace.

Mitri Raheb is a Palestinian Arab and Christian Pastor who ministers to his people in Bethlehem, where his family has lived for hundreds of years. Pastor of the Evangelical Christmas Church there, he holds a doctorate from Marburg University in Germany.

JUSTICE AND PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mr. Neville Gabriel, Coordinator of the Justice and Peace Office for the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference, spoke recently about South Africa.

Economic justice is a key focus within the Office. In 1999 the bishops issued their Pastoral Statement on Economic Justice and the Office continues to work on this issue. Gender issues focus on Church and society as well as specific women's issues. In the area of environmental justice the Office is concerned with agricultural technology, food security, and water.

Improving local government skills and empowering people to participate more at the local level is a focus of their democracy and reconciliation work. While legal racism has ended Christian churches still experience racism within its ranks. The Office provides a safe place for clergy to talk about this issue.

An inventory of all church-owned land has been taken. A land audit will follow to determine how best this land can be used to facilitate poverty reduction. Since 1996 there has been a call within faith communities to develop the moral character of the people. Church members are asking themselves, What is our vision? Who do we want South Africans to be?

An International Solidarity and Peace Institute is being developed. What can South Africa contribute to the struggles of others? Of particular interest is Sudan, Great Lake countries, Zimbabwe, Angola and Swaziland. As a semi-autonomous organization the Institute, which is ecumenical, is able to do more than church structures can.

While there is no specific AIDS program within the Office, AIDS is integrated into all of its work. There is emphasis on home-based care, children, and child-headed households.

The conversation with Neville touched on the similarity of issues facing many countries including the US such as poverty, availability of small arms, and effects of trade policy. These shared experiences of the poor can lead to real possibilities of solidarity among nations. We need to help people increase awareness of local/global connections on issues. How do issues impact on my community and what other communities are affected in the same way? People thinking beyond themselves is crucial for increased understanding.

BORDER BISHOPS BRACE FOR "SEASON OF DEATH"

MEXICO CITY, MAY 26, 2004 - Catholic Church leaders in Mexico and the United States fear this year's "season of death" for illegal border crossings could be the worst so far.

The so-called season runs from the end of May until October, a time of dangerous heat in the Arizona desert. Bishops along both sides of the border have warned about the plight of illegal immigrants who enter the United States through that desert.

The predictions of death are based on data that the Mexican Secretariat of Government and the U.S. Border Patrol have on deaths during the "low season," from October to May.

Mexico said 61 people have died during the low season on the border between the states of Sonora and Arizona. The Border Patrol puts the figure at 53.

Both figures are well above the totals of previous years. Hence, officials fear this year's "season of death" could see more than 500 deaths.

U.S. and Mexican bishops have called for greater attention to migrant workers, to safeguard their fundamental rights. The prelates argue that to be "illegal" does not mean to be delinquent.

According to estimates of Church offices that assist immigrants in the United States and Mexico, more immigrants will die this year because of tighter border security and the recent promise of amnesty.

The amnesty policy, announced by President George Bush, could attract thousands more people to the United States, who hope to be in the country when the amnesty takes effect.

U.S. sources estimate that there are 8 million to 12 million illegal immigrants in the country, 90% of whom are Catholic.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The resolution on Human Trafficking from the 2002 USCMA Conference informs us of a huge international business that engages in the selling and trafficking of adults and children to and from countries all over the world. This is a gross violation of human rights. Actions to prevent this abuse and to help victims are a moral and ethical responsibility. Trafficking usually involves sending/receiving women and children but it also includes exploitation of domestic, agricultural and sweat shop workers.

In his address to the UN last September President Bush condemned trafficking whose purpose is often sexual exploitation of the victims. "Each year, an estimated 800,000 to 900,000 human beings are bought, sold or forced across the world's borders. Among them are hundreds of thousands of girls, [some] as young as five, who fall victim of the sex trade. Of this number about 50,000 women and children are trafficked into the United States each year."

The Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking has recently been formed by a number of Catholic organizations and institutions who network to eliminate this evil practice.

For further information about trafficking visit the website of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. Their March/April 2004 issue of News Notes has an article www.maryknollogc.org Another website that can be helpful are US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Migration and Refugee Services www.usccb.org/mrs Sr. Jean Schafer, SDS puts together a newsletter that focused entirely on the issue of human trafficking. It can be seen at <http://homepage.mac.com/srjeanschafer/sds/stoptrafficking>

BREAKING THE CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE: CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND THE GLOBAL AIDS CRISIS

Donald E. Messer
Augsburg Fortress, 2004

More than twenty years into the global AIDS pandemic, the efforts of Christian congregations and denominations have been less than minimal. This book is aimed to awaken Christian compassion in the coming years to this fathomless tragedy.

The worst health crisis in the world in 700 years, global HIV/AIDS epidemic is overwhelming in scale: 40 million people are infected worldwide (75% of them in Africa); 7000 people die daily; each day 1600 persons are infected. Some 26 million people have already died.

"At this unprecedented kairos moment in human history," says Messer, "God is calling the church to a new mission and ministry." Drawing on his own involvement in global AIDS education in Asia, Latin America, and Africa, Messer uses stories, basic factual information, and theological insights to motivate lay and clerical Christians to assume leadership and form partnerships with Christians around the world in this struggle. Just as individuals must change their behavior to prevent and eliminate AIDS, so must congregations and church leaders. Compassion, not condemnation, is desperately needed, says Messer. But financial resources for education and prevention programs are also urgently required from churches. Messer shows how churches can partner with ecumenical organizations, relief agencies, volunteer mission programs, healthcare programs, and other agencies to engage global AIDS directly and effectively.

Donald E. Messer is Henry White Warren Professor of Practical Theology and Director of the Center for Global Pastoral Ministries at Iliff School of Theology, Denver.

NEWS FROM MARYKNOLL PRODUCTIONS

The award winning series *Caminante* will run as a weekly series May 2-July 25, 2004 by the Spanish-language Galavision. The series of 13 shows features two on-camera guides, Roberto Alcaez and Leticia Vasques. The programs feature stunning, colorful imagery from celebrations in eight Latin American countries. Check your local Galavision listing for show times.

JESUS AND THE NONVIOLENT REVOLUTION

By André Trocmé
 Edited by Charles E. Moore
 Orbis. 215p. \$15.00
 ISBN I-57075-538-8

Jesus and the Nonviolent Revolution is a disturbing read for anyone used to leaving their religion at the church door. Written by André Trocmé, the Pastor of a French Reformed Church that hid Jewish refugees from the Nazis, it has become a classic text in the literature of Christian political involvement. This new edition by Orbis revises the 1971 English translation of the original 1961 French text.

In his simple and direct, but tightly reasoned argument Trocmé issues a challenge that a Christian cannot easily escape. You must dispute his exegesis or you must get into the street to advocate for justice as Jesus did. For Trocmé it is not enough to live a humble life of prayer and service. A Christian must live in constant tension with and actively seek to change the institutions of the state even as he cares for the individuals who suffer from its negligence.

The basis for this challenge is Trocmé's interpretation of Jesus' life and death within the context of the social and political realities of the Palestine in which he lived. With convincing exegesis of Old and New Testament texts, complemented by other sources, he portrays Jesus as a promoter of the Jewish concept of the Jubilee, a period of social renewal leading to justice and equality. Jesus' mission was nothing less than to establish Jubilee relationships, not just for the Jews of Palestine, but for all people.

Trocmé gives us a Jesus who was political in the sense that he cared about the wholeness of each person, which cannot be separated from social relationships, culture, economic status, and subjection to political authority. Interpreted this way Jesus' mission was not to get people to heaven, but to bring heaven to earth. The work of Christians, then, is to make the parousia possible by making life on earth better. Jesus' model of how to do this was the difficult, unyielding path between the withdrawal of the Essene and the violence of the Zealot.

CATHOLIC MISSION FORUM

When the Catholic Mission Forum met May 21, 2004 one of its main issues for discussion was Mission Congress 2005. The Congress, to be held in Tucson October 13-16, 2005 at the invitation of Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, will provide a venue to focus and reflect on some issues that are shaping the Church and the world: globalization, a migrant church and a church without borders. Set in the context of crossing "borders" participants will address the question, "**What is the responsible contribution of the Church in the U.S. in mission in the global community today?**"

Participants will spend one day of the Congress in an immersion experience either at the border, within Mexico or on a Native American reservation. This will be followed by a day of reflection from different perspectives. A panel of speakers will address the Congress on the final day on how the Church can respond to the Global Community.

In connection with the Mission Congress is the project "**Voices for Mission – Engaging a Globalized World.**" Many missionaries have responded to our request for stories – their own or the stories of people with whom they work. The stories talk about globalization "from below," the grassroots experiences of missionaries who live and work closely with the poor throughout the world.

Themes that focus the stories include: changes in patterns of consumption, production, migration, political relations, social relations, and religious experiences which have been affected by economic globalization.

Care was taken to include in the project missionaries from all parts of the world as well as lay people, men and women religious and priests.

The themes and common threads that come out of these stories will be used to develop theological reflection for the Mission Congress 2005.

People from several programs in the Tucson area (Borderlinks, Humane Borders and Prima Inter-faith Council) will facilitate the immersion experience through orientation and post-experience processing sessions.

CONCLUSIONS OF CAM2/COMLA7

The conclusions of the American Missionary Congress held in Guatemala November 25-30, 2003 were approved and distributed at the fourth mission meeting for Central America, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, February 18, 2004. According to the cover letter of the document, the conclusions "contain the hope of entering a new era that we qualify, according to the expression of John Paul II, as a 'great Christian springtime for evangelization in the Church.' This is the opportunity that the God of life and of history gives us – in the smallness and poverty that characterize us – to deploy all Church forces in the service of a new evangelization and of the *ad gentes* mission, fully conscious of our need to assume in a responsible way the missionary command, 'Go throughout the world and spread the Gospel.'"

Six pastoral strategies to promote *ad gentes* mission were recommended "based on God's revelation and on the reality of our churches."

The complete document is available online in English at www.missionsocieties.ca or in Spanish at www.cam2guatemala.org

RESOURCES & UP-COMING EVENTS

Migration and Theology Conference

September 19-22, 2004

University of Notre Dame, Center for Continuing Education,
McKenna Hall

Registration fees increase after August 1, 2004

For registration and accommodation information:
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For program, schedule, or presenter information:
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www.nd.edu/~latino/migrationtheology

Orientation to the United Nations

September 5-7, 2004

Church Center, 777 UN Plaza
and UN Headquarters,
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2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine Free World

Sponsored by International Campaign to Ban Landmines
November 29 – December 3, 2004
United Nations Offices, Nairobi KENYA

For information:

www.reviewconference.org

Maryknoll Mission Institute

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Promise or Threat: Living the Paschal Mystery in Film

July 18-23, 2004

Encountering Paul: Mission, Spirituality and Hope for the Church

July 25-30, 2004

For information

www.maryknoll.org/mmi.htm

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ORBIS BOOKS RECEIVED AT USCMA

A SELECTION OF BOOKS PUBLISHED BY ORBIS BOOKS, MARYKNOLL, NEW YORK

- The Spirit in the Church and the World: College Theology Society Annual Volume 49**, Bradford E. Hinze, editor, 2004
- Sor Juana: Beauty and Justice in the Americas**, Michelle A. Gonzalez, 2003
- Creative Fidelity: American Intellectual Traditions**, R. Scott Appleby, Patricia Byrne, William L. Portier, editors, 2004
- “Stamped with the Image of God”:** African Americans as God’s Image in Black, Cyprian Davis, OSB, Jamie Phelps, OP, editors, 2003
- People of God**, Jose Comblin, 2004
- Breath of Life: A Theology of the Creator Spirit**, Denis Edwards, 2004
- Violence in God’s Name: Religion in an Age of Conflict**, Oliver McTernan, 2003
- Healing America: Values and Vision for the 21st Century**, Sen. Paul Simon, 2003
- Seeking Paradise: The Spirit of the Shakers**, Thomas Merton, 2003
- History of Vatican II: Volume IV Church as Communion, Third Period and Intersession, September 1964-September 1965**, Edited by Giuseppe Alberigo, 2003
- Anatomy of Inculturation: Transforming the Church in Africa**, Laurenti Magesa, 2004
- Constants in Context: A Theology of Mission for Today**, Stephen B. Bevans, Roger P. Shroeder, 2004

OTHER BOOKS RECEIVED BY USCMA

- Breaking the Conspiracy of Silence: Christian Churches and the Global AIDS Crisis**, Donald E. Messer, Augsburg Fortress, 2004
- Becoming Local Church**, James H. Kroeger, Claretian Publications, 2003
- Bethlehem Besieged: Stories of Hope in Times of Trouble**, Mitri Raheb, Augsburg Fortress, 2004



GODS MISSIONARY PEOPLE: A NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH
A CALL FOR REASSESSMENT AND RENEWAL IN THE UNITED STATES
October 3-6, 2004
Louisville, Kentucky

This national symposium on mission, presented by Glenmary Home Missioners in cooperation with the U.S. Catholic Mission Association, will be held in Louisville, KY, OCT. 3-6, 2004. Keynoter Father John Fuellenbach, SVD, will speak on "The Church as Mission."

Other participants include Dr. Shawn Copeland; the Rev. George Hunsberger; Sister Dianne Bergant, CSA; Louisville Archbishop Thomas Kelly; Glenmary Father Dan Dorsey; Sister Rosanne Rustemeyer, SSND; Father Anthony Gittins, CSSp; Father Steve Bevans, SVD; and many other panelists and workshop presenters. A full schedule will be released soon.

For more information, visit www.glenmary.org or www.uscatholicmission.org and search "Mission Symposium," or contact Father Wil Steinbacher at 615-256-1905 or wsteinbacher@glenmary.org



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