

CALENDAR

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24th Annual Galaxy of Stars Benefit—Dinner, dance, and auction at Joe's Garage Automotive Museum, Tustin, benefitting Cornelia Connelly School. Tickets: \$150 per person. Information: Aykesha Walker at 714-776-1717, ext. 21 or awalker@connellyhs.org.

MARCH 26

Koinonia Monthly Meeting—Roman Catholic support group that provides spiritual support for lesbian and gay persons, parents, and friends. Meets last Monday of each month at St. Joseph Center, 480 S. Batavia St., Orange, 7 - 8:30 p.m. For more information call diocesan liaisons Father Eamon O'Gorman at 949-497-2601 or Deacon Bill Cobbett at 714-963-1811, ext. 122.

MARCH 31

Speech Competition—Rosary High School, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Awards ceremony noon - 12:30 p.m. All 7th and 8th grade students invited to participate in fourth annual competition. Registration fee \$10. For information call 714-879-6302.

Catholic Singles Cappuccino and Movie—Orange County Catholic Alumni Club meets at Borders Bookstore at The Block, 20 City Blvd. West, Orange. Information: Irma, 562-682-5478.

APRIL 6

24 Hours Around the Cross—Retreat at Pro Sanctity Center, 205 S. Pine Dr., Fullerton. Runs 3 p.m. April

6 - 3 p.m. April 7. Theme: "Crucifixion: The Connection Between Heaven and Earth." Donation. Reservations: 714-956-1020.

APRIL 20

95th Anniversary Dinner Dance—St. Mary Church, Fullerton, evening of celebration at Los Coyotes Country Club, Buena Park, 6 p.m. Cost: \$50 per person. Reservations required. For reservations or information, call 714-879-5252 or 714-525-2500.

APRIL 21

Open House—St. Michael's college

prep boarding school for young men, 3:30 p.m. No registration required. For more information, go to www.stmichaelsprep.org or call 949-858-0222, ext. 237.

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NAIM Support Group for Widows and Widowers—Offers social and spiritual support. Group meets the first Saturday of every month at St. Juliana School, 1316 N. Acacia Ave., Fullerton, at 2:30 p.m. For more information call Eileen at 714-871-0456. **occ**



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MASS KITS

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more than just hosts. "It happened bit by bit, slowly, but around the same time Father Davis (Chackaleckel) came here, there was enough money for a Mass kit.

Father Chackaleckel, St. Catherine's pastor and a member of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, knows well the importance of having small, portable Mass implements. As a missionary priest in India he served 30 to 40 villages, traveling on foot from place to place.

"A Mass kit makes a priest much more mobile," he said. "There are so many (missionary) priests in India, I can think of at least 10 who could use one. It can be a source of great joy and help in the apostolic mission."

Father Chackaleckel said he was "sent out as a missionary 30 days after I was ordained. It is impossible to carry a big backpack, as we have to trek several miles -- all hilly terrains. The roads are trace paths originally made from wild elephants' routes."

Wheaton praised the fact that "money just keeps coming in at Yahweh's." An Italian company is

supplying the Mass kits for \$175; however, the reliquary is separate and costs \$39.

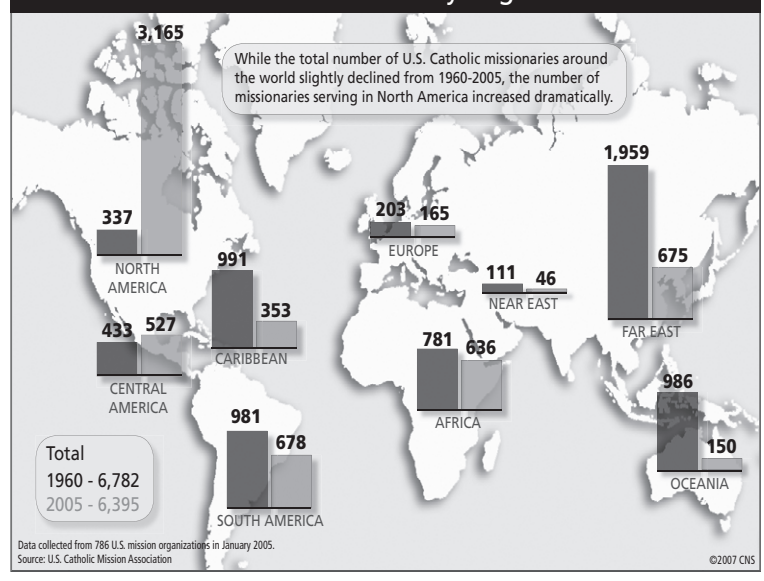
The first Mass kit was sent to Father Joy Lukose, a priest in the far region of northeast India bordering China. And, while Father Valery loved receiving the hosts, he said he would like getting a Mass kit even more.

As parishes in the Diocese of Nashville continue to raise funds

for the Haiti Visitation Hospital, Wheaton noted that these gifts add a spiritual dimension to supporting Haitians hungry for physical and spiritual assistance.

"Jesus commands us to go and proclaim the message," Father Chackaleckel said. "This attempt by a small group is to be seen as a commendable step to participate in the global mission of the church." **occ**

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