

# Bowl and Towel



Diaconate Community



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- End of Life Conference - April 11, Servite HS
- God's Beloved - April 25
- God's Servants - April 25
- Aspirants Retreat - May 1-3, Mission San Luis Rey
- Candidates Ordination Retreat - June 10-14, Viña de Lestonnac
- Deacon Retreat - Sept. 25-27, Temecula Creek
- Ordination Class of 2015 - Oct. 17, 11 a.m.



*Deacon wives Mary Kelleher, Roberta Garza, Shelly McGuine, Marianne Glaudini, JoAnn Pyne, Beverly Doubledde and Yolande Doidge share their wedding photos at February God's Beloved meeting. Upon seeing the photos, diaconate office program manager Lucy Dominguez promptly said, "They were really handsome!"*

## LA wives ask for help from *God's Beloved*

After becoming aware of our very successful *God's Beloved* ministry, a group of deacon wives from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are consulting with Orange wives for help in beginning their own group. Following an initial meeting here, Program Manager Lucy Dominguez, Socorro de Santos, and Yolande

Doidge traveled to the San Gabriel Valley to meet with a group of LA Archdiocese wives to assist them in their plans for their own wives ministry.

During their February meeting, Orange wives shared their wedding photos and heard Father Don Siple, OSM, the pastor of St. Philip Benizi Parish.

Father told the women, "You don't stand behind your husband. You stand next to him."

Father continued, "When the Bishop placed his hands on your husband, God put his hands on your heart."

Father Siple will speak at *God's Servants* on April 25.

# Georgeann directs appeals

by *Georgeann Lovett*



Two years ago, I was invited to be the U.S. Mission Appeal Coordinator for the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary of Tabora, Tanzania.

I came to know the order through Sister Sophia Mbihije when she was invited to give a mission appeal at parishes in our Diocese, and we were fortunate to have her speak at our parish, Holy Family Cathedral.

On her second visit, Rich and I invited her to stay at our home. Sister had been attending the University of Chicago. Once she obtained her MA and was returning to Tanzania, she asked



me to be their U.S. Mission Appeal Coordinator.

The Congregation was founded in 1933 by the "White Fathers" and White Sisters (Missionaries of Africa) in response to the tremendous social, economic and spiritual needs of the local people in Tanzania. Their activities include health care, pastoral ministry, social work,

education, and women and youth development. Education and healthcare are directed to rural areas where they serve poor nomadic people, orphans, and deaf children.

The community has a clinic among those most in need in a rural area at Kipalapala Mission. Due to the high concentration of poor people in that area, patients must walk 20-30 miles to reach the clinic.

Expectant women often deliver their babies on the way to the clinic, and some patients lose their lives before arriving at the clinic because of the lack of transportation. Even after arriving at the center, patients are forced to share one bed, and some sleep on the floor. There is also no running water.

Close to the clinic, there is an elementary school for poor HIV children and orphans. AIDS is one of their major areas of concern. The community provides the orphans all their personal needs including food, clothing, schooling and school supplies.

Running water is the main problem at the school. Sisters and children must walk about six miles carrying 20-30 pound buckets of water on their heads.

A crucial problem at the school is the lack of enough classrooms

and desks. For example, a room that holds 30 children is forced to hold more than 50, so some must sit on the floor.

My role as coordinator is to contact the dioceses in the United States to request permission for Sister (or other bi-lingual speakers) to give an appeal. I complete application forms, send letters of suitability and other documents.

Once the sisters are approved, I arrange their speaking schedule, travel and lodging. I prepare brochures, bulletin notices and flyers. It's complicated and sometimes difficult, but knowing that I'm in some small way helping the people they are helping makes it well worthwhile. I feel privileged to help with their important work.



*Sister Sophia Mbihije*

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## God's Servants meet April 25

Deacons will gather Saturday, April 25, at the Pastoral Center for their quarterly *God's Servant's* meeting. It will be held on the same day as *God's Beloved'*

Guest speaker will be Father Don Siple, OSM, who will share about Servite spirituality. All deacons are invited especially new deacons and their mentors. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and finish by noon.

## Giambrone's talk marriage, family

Candidate Angelo Giambrone and his wife Cindy recently presented a well-received day of reflection on marriage and the family to a group of Eastern Rite Catholic Parishes including six priests.

The Giambrone's reported that they were struck by the differences in Eastern Rite liturgy, spirituality and presentation styles when they are compared with our Roman traditions.

## NFP information session April 27

Leading national family planning experts, couples who practice NFP, and certified teachers will present an information session on this effective and easy means for married couples to achieve responsible parenthood on April 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Christ Cathedral.

For information, contact Father Tim Freyer at (714) 282-3053 or at [tfreyer@rcbo.org](mailto:tfreyer@rcbo.org)



*Deacon Nick Sherg is honored with the St. George Award by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for his "significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting."*



*Candidate Humberto Ramirez is instituted as Lector by Bishop Dominic Luong with the help of Humberto's wife Julia. The Lector/Acolyte institution was celebrated during Mass at the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. Ordination for the Class of 2015, The Hands of Christ, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, at 11 a.m. at St. Columban Church.*



*Aspirant Bill Weeks and his wife Carrie (Class of 2017) renew their marriage vows during JustFaith evening. The Class of 2017 is currently petitioning their formation board for candidacy. Following reviews of each aspirant, including interviews of the men and their wives, the board will make their recommendations to Bishop Vann.*

## Becoming a man after God's heart

San Antonio de Padua Parish has begun a men's fellowship called TMIY (That Man Is You).

The group began meeting in Advent with video presentations showing how Christ perfectly fulfills the four leadership roles of men and offers every man the opportunity to do so. "This is one of the most successful

programs ever at San Antonio," says Deacon Doug Cook. They consistently have six tables of men each week.

San Antonio is willing to assist others in beginning TMIY or visit [www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org)





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## End of Life conference April 11 at Servite

**B**ritany Maynard, a young woman with terminal brain cancer recently traveled to Oregon to end her life because physician assisted suicide is now legal in Oregon.

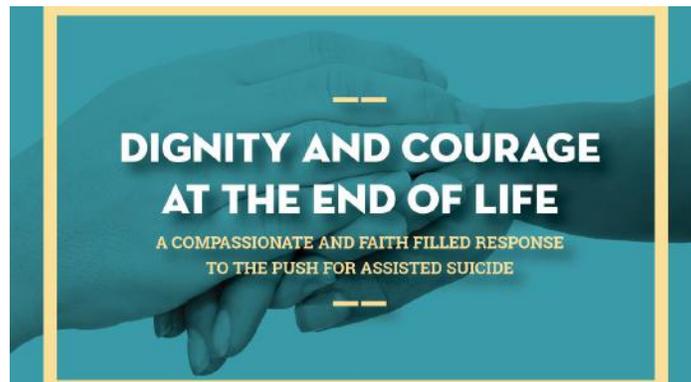
This has prompted several California state senators to introduce the *End of Life Option Act (SB 128)* that would allow California physicians to prescribe life ending barbiturates to assist patients in committing suicide.

Because the proposed law is contrary to Catholic teaching on the dignity of life, California bishops are mounting an organized effort to defeat the proposal.

The Diocese of Orange has taken the lead in this effort and will host a conference on Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Servite High School to discuss a response to the proposed legislation. “We seek to educate and

form Catholics with regard to approaching the end of life with humility, courage and love,” say conference leaders.

For more information, visit [www.rcbo.org](http://www.rcbo.org) or call 714-282-3045. Registration website is printed below.



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