



# THE BODY

Corpus Christi Fellowship

November 1999



## Wake Up Call by Sherry Khatab

It's 3:00 a.m. and my alarm clock is ringing. I think to myself, "Oh no, not yet" . . . but it's time. Oh yes, it's time to get up and head south to Mexico for an awesome day of building, supporting and giving to a less fortunate family. One of CCF's biggest service projects is CORAZON. We go into Mexico, help build or repair a home for the most needy of families. In our most recent trip, CCF and San Francisco Solano Parish (in Santa Margarita) helped finish a senior citizens' home in the town of Tecate. Aside from Tom's motor home breaking down, all the noise, dirt, digging, ax picking, hammering, painting and sawing . . . there is an air of excitement. CORAZON is fun! We were able to finish a home that will house fourteen senior citizens, who call themselves "The Happy Club." Seeing people's lives transformed in a matter of hours . . . from worry and despair to one of hope and promise is a very humbling experience. With everyone working hard and pulling together in the spirit of love and fellowship, we are drawn to keep coming back.



▲ Grubby CCFers smiling through a layer of dirt!

A big thank you goes out to Jeff Corrigan for organizing this tremendous event and to everyone who made Corazon a success. Thanks to all who helped in fundraising and donations, namely Connie Mangona for her creative talents in getting her company, Specialty Risk Services, to raise most of the funds! And applause to all who answered the "wake-up call" on that early Saturday morning. It would not have been possible without your help and support.



◀ Jeff on paint detail!

▼ The sun deck!



Just when you thought it was all over . . . April will be upon us quickly. So get ready to set those alarm clocks, because 3:00 a.m. comes awfully early and you don't want to be the 'one' who misses out on another memorable trip!



▲ 16 of us squeeze together for the long ride to and from Tecate after one of the motor homes breaks down!

# ♥ Toasts & ✉ Notes

- ♥ To our **Lord Jesus Christ** and His joyful **Holy Spirit** for bringing us all together as Corpus Christi Fellowship.
- ♥ A very big WELCOME to all our new CCF members!!!
- ♥ Way to go Service Team! Great job on organizing our first service event of the year!
- ♥ A huge thank you to Connie Mangona and her co-workers at Specialty Risk Services for supporting Corazon!
- ♥ Kudos to Tom Mottl and Judy Doyle for their never give up attitude, despite the break down of Tom's motor home on the way to Corazon. Congratulations on earning your 'blue Corazon shirts!'
- ♥ In gratitude to San Francisco Salon Parish for treating everyone to dinner after Corazon!
- ♥ Thanks to the Halloween Party committee ghouls for a frightening party – you know who you are!
- ♥ A special thank you to Herb & Stella for ghost hosting our Halloween Party. Wow, what a scary pad!



A big "atta boy!" to Joe Commodore who was named Executive Director of Corazon. Wow, we are really proud of you "Big Hammer!"

- ✉ After a one-year hiatus, CATHY BULL IS BACK as our "new" treasurer. We don't believe in term limits here and feel very blessed to have such capable hands "handling" our funds.
- ✉ **Renew your Newsletter subscription NOW for the year 2000. Just \$5. to CCF/OLQA.**
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🎂 Happy Birthday to God's Wondrous November creations: 1 Alicia Acosta - 1 Janet Rhoades - 2 Laura Guerrero - 2 Kevin Jane - 2 Rich Killar - 2 Tracy O'Toole - 2 Lisa Young - 2 Gil Yurly - 4 Kurt Misner - 4 Ted Nusenow - 4 Nancy Plunkett - 4 Lisa Yappel - 5 Millie Olagne - 6 Craig Mlady - 7 Ramona Rivera - 10 Cindy Mayberry - 11 Mark Artesani - 11 Martin Ledezma - 12 Mary Davern - 12 JoAnn Hillebrand - 12 Ann Marie McBride - 12 Esther Ramirez - 13 Sandeep D'Souza - 13 Rev Heath - 14 Christi McManus - 14 Barbara Recchia - 15 Maegan Whitley - 16 Craig Manning - 18 Tim Hayes - 18 Tim Imhoff - 19 James Blanchard - 19 Frank Mead IV - 20 Denise Bourgois - 20 Joe Speaker - 21 Celeste Miller-O'Brien - 21 Luci Rasmussen - 22 Klara Farkas - 23 Jeff Nihill - 4 Diane Golini - 24 Jennifer Jaksha - 24 Ken Pick - 25 Joey Daddario - 25 Roch Johnston - 26 Mary Crichton - 26 Marianne Plunkett - 26 Rene Scandura - 27 Michele Barona - 27 Angela Moore - 29 J Smith - 30 Jennifer

## ***CCF'S 1999-2000 Core Team***

### **Co-Leaders**

David Bullock  
Judy Doyle

### **Monday Nights:**

Paul & Agnes Michelini  
Susan Ralph  
Bob & Carol Wehn

### **Communications:**

Denise Dowling  
Sherry Shishkhatib

### **Service:**

Jeff Corrigan

### **Hospitality:**

Pamela Jenkins  
Tom Mottl

### **Spirituality:**

Dan McGuinness  
Teresa Quintana

### **Marketing:**

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### **Treasurer:**

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# INTRODUCING: SPIRITUALITY



**DAN**

I can tell we have a good communications team. I thought if I procrastinated enough, they would forget I owed them this “bio” and I could sneak out of doing it, no such luck. Don’t think there’ll be much that gets past them. Like our Co-leader David, I grew up on the East Coast. I come from a small seaport town called Northport. Its on the north shore on Long Island about 60 miles east of New York City. It was a great place to grow up. Ever since I was a kid, I wanted to be a pilot. So while I was in college I joined the Marine Corps.

After graduating from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with a degree in Economics, I was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and sent to Navy Flight School in Pensacola Florida. I should have known that going to Navy flight training would portend a lot of time on ‘boats’. After earning my wings, I was assigned as a helicopter pilot to one of the squadrons that used to be based here in Tustin. Except for overseas deployments and a tour as a flight instructor back in Pensacola, I’ve lived in California.

One of the advantages of military service is the opportunity to see the world in its truest sense. Not only do you get to visit places, you also get to experience humanity—both at its most noble best and ignoble worst. This contrast has affirmed in me the importance that faith and community have in each of our lives. It has also given me an appreciation for an organization like CCF, which brings out the best in each of us and in doing so helps us discover that sense of faith and community our world needs most.

This is my third year in CCF and first year as a member of the core team. What keeps me coming back is the balance of spiritual, service and social activities that encourages us to learn, challenges us to grow and allows us to have some fun in the process. In spite of knowing that the word NAVY actually means never again volunteer yourself, I asked to be part of this years core team. How I ended up on the spirituality team is a mystery known only to Judy and David. I think they saw some of my lucky shots made during beach volleyball this summer and discerned some kind of divine connection.

This should be an interesting year. There is a lot of talent to be tapped and each of you has some gift to share. So don’t hesitate to get involved. I look forward to meeting new faces and getting to know the familiar ones better.



**TERESA**

Though I was born and spent the first six years of my life in Cuba, I consider myself a Californian at heart. I was raised in Whittier with my six siblings, and I had the good fortune of attending Catholic school for most of my education. My parents’ adventurous loving spirits and the lunacy of a large family were the perfect recipe to a fun, nurturing experience. I couldn’t have had better.

In college, I was a drawing and painting major, but a long term-sub position turned into a permanent teaching assignment. Well, here I am nine years later. I love teaching; however, someday, I hope to enjoy the pleasures of painting again.

Although I have many passions, travel is on the top of my list. I’ve been lucky enough to visit a few countries and live abroad for three years. There’s so much to see and learn about the world that I just pray my opportunities continue to increase.

I was involved with Long Beach Search for about ten years, but until I came to CCF a year and a half ago, I had not been part of a community for several years. It’s been nice to come home! Thanks for having me, and I look forward to a great year on Spirituality.

*The Spirituality Team plans retreats, Lord’s Day Suppers, and participation in parish and diocese events. They are also available to pray with you after Monday night meetings. You may also pass your prayer requests or special intentions along to them to remember throughout the week.*

# INTRODUCING: MONDAY NIGHT TEAM



**H**ello, I'm Susan! I was born and raised in a small town in upstate New York called Derby, just outside Buffalo. And yes, I'm a huge "Flutie" fan—"Go Bills!" The Catholic faith was a significant part of my traditional East Coast upbringing, and my parents instilled in me the value of church and family.

I relocated to Southern California a little under three years ago and settled with my two cats Tom and Becca in Huntington Beach. I found Sts. Simon & Jude Parish and became an active member of their youth ministry team, and I teach a confirmation class. I currently work as a Digital Sales Consultant while studying for an MBA at Pepperdine University.

Since all that doesn't keep me busy enough, God decided I should join CCF's Monday Night Team. I'm a true believer in the philosophy of a "busy person gets more done" so I jumped and here I am! I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve CCF and foster spiritual growth. See you Monday night!



▲ Music for the soul starts us off on Monday nights!

## Monday Night Topics

**November 1st** ➤ Lola Falana has enjoyed tremendous success in singing, acting, and dancing on Broadway in New York, in movies and television, and in Las Vegas Nightclubs.

Her life has changed tremendously since her conversion to the Catholic faith in 1991. Come hear her conversion story and how we can all live our lives by loving God with all our hearts, all our minds, and with all our strength.

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** ➤ Sister Gretchen Haylor from Los Angeles will speak on "The Beatitudes-How to be a Happier Catholic." Sr. Gretchen spoke last year at the Young Adult Conference at Marywood.

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** ➤  
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**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** ➤ Praise Night! Come praise the Lord with music and song with Ray Martinez and the CCF band!

**November 29<sup>th</sup>** ➤ No meeting!! Recover from Thanksgiving.

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** ➤ St. Gloria Therese, a Carmelite nun from Alhambra, will share her thoughts on the spirituality of Therese of Lisieux. This event will also promote the visit of St. Therese's Reliquary at the Carmelite Convent in Alhambra on December 31st and January 1st.

\*Next Meeting will start the Relationship Series on Monday January 3rd!!

MONDAY NIGHTS CONTINUED . . .



## AGNES & PAUL



*Paul & Agnes met at a CCF retreat-planning meeting. They are very honored to give back to CCF by helping to find excellent speakers for the Monday night meetings. They also hope and pray that every Monday night is a great faith experience for all and an opportunity for fellowship.*

I'm Agnes. I grew up in the Philippines. I purposely attended a secular university after high school because I thought I had learned everything I could about my faith after studying in a Catholic school from kindergarten to high school. Little did I know that in my freshman year in the university, I would attend a Life in the Spirit Seminar that would forever change my life. I moved to California in 1987, and became an active student leader at the Newman Catholic Center at Cal Poly, SLO. After graduation, I moved to Orange County and joined CCF.

I'm Paul. I grew up in Fresno, CA. I have really enjoyed all the people and experiences in the six years I have been a member of CCF. Contrary to popular belief, I am not some corn fed Fresno boy that drove up to his first CCF meeting in a John Deere 7500 tractor. Actually, it was a Caterpillar 500 Series Grater. (Just Kidding, of course). My faith really grew when I moved to Southern California in 1988 and had to deal with big city issues. I am still learning a tremendous amount everyday and credit many people for my growth. CCF has been a tremendous blessing in my life.



## BOB & CAROL



Hi, my name is Bob Wehn and I'm a native of Orange County. I grew up in the parish of St. Cecilia in Tustin and I left home after college. After 10 years of living in the Los Angeles area, a job change brought me back to Orange County. In the fall of 1996 I stumbled into CCF. What a blessing it was to make new friends and fellowship with the opportunity to enrich my faith.

Hi, I'm Carol Wehn. My sister Daisy and my friend Agnes introduced me to CCF in 1997. In my last job, I was Head of the Business Planning Department of a semi-conductor company. My MBA and corporate career were all done in obedience to my mother. I eventually pursued a dream of doing mission work. I spent a year and a half doing campus evangelization. I lead prayer meetings, conducted retreats and coordinated events such as World Youth Day and Asian Bishops' Conference in Manila. In my last six months of mission work, I lived with orphans and abandoned elderly people in a remote mountain area. There was no electricity, phone lines or public transportation. Our water came from a deep well.





The next thing I knew I was serving on the spirituality team for the 1997-98 year. What a tremendous privilege! My greatest blessing came when I met my wife to be Carol Ilagan—who was visiting from the Philippines. At that time, I had no idea of the events to follow.

God's work is at times foreign to our minds, but close to our hearts. Now, I'm married, putting on a few extra pounds and experiencing the greatest happiness of my life. The problem is that I have little desire for anything else but God. It is Carol who takes the initiative to involve us in outside activities and ministries. I gladly follow through because it doesn't matter what we do, as much as sharing the experience together.

In December 1996, I gave a State of Life Discernment Retreat. Through scripture, the Lord gave me a message. "As sure as the sun paces its way through the sky, so shall the bridegroom come eager as an athlete." This was not the only sign indicating I was for married life. I told the Lord, "No one would be able to court me where I was, so let His will be done." Soon after, my sister invited me to vacation in America. Once I arrived, a CCF member invited me to various talks in churches around Orange County. We would pray the rosary every night. I planned to stay for only one month, but I received a marriage proposal. Who could say no to a great and handsome man who loves the Lord?! If God chose to manifest His love and care for me through a person, who was I to reject the offer? We got married in January 1998. I helped CCF with the spring retreat and intercessory prayer. I look forward to serving CCF this year, and I want to give back what has been given to me . . . a great life!

CCF is special to me; it was there that God chose to work in me. Serving on core team again is definitely an honor and privilege. It's an opportunity to stay connected to the body of Christ. I pray and look forward to all that God has in store for us this year. Christ peace to each of you!

# November 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OLQA 7:30 Lola Falana <b>1</b>	2	3	4 Bible Study with Jim Schmiesing 7:30pm Marywood	5	6 CCF retreat @San Luis Rey
7 † CCF retreat	8 OLQA 7:30 Sister Gretchen Haylor <b>2</b>	9	10	11	12 Concert at OLQA 7:30pm <b>3</b>	13 OLQA Parish Auction <b>4</b>
14 †	15 OLQA 7:30 TBA	16	17	18	19 "Jesus & Java" @ Marywood <b>5</b>	20
21	22 OLQA 7:30 Praise Night <b>6</b>	23 Mercy House Thanksgiving <b>7</b>	24	25 <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	26	27
28 †	29 NO MEETING	30		◀ Who is this guy?		

## Calendar Details

- 1** Lola Falana has enjoyed great success as an entertainer in NY and Las Vegas. Come hear her life changing conversion story!
- 2** Sister Gretchen Haylor from Los Angeles will speak on "The Beatitudes-How to be a Happier Catholic."
- 3** Special Concert at OLQA 7:30pm. Tickets \$10. See Tom Mottl.
- 4** OLQA Parish Auction at Newport Marriott. Volunteers needed for this OLQA charity event. Call Jeff Corrigan, CCF Service Team (949) 378-9775 or jorrski@usctrojans.com
- 5** Diocese of Orange presents "Jesus & Java: Jam with the Lamb." Live music w/ 4 Christian bands. 7:30-11 pm @ Marywood Center. \$5.
- 6** Praise Night! Praise the Lord with music & song w/ Ray Martinez & the CCF band!
- 7** Mercy House Thanksgiving Dinner, Santa Ana. Volunteers needed to help prepare & serve holiday meal for residents of a transitional living center for homeless. Contact Jeff Corrigan. (see above for contact info.)



Our Lady Queen of Angels

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