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Apostleship of the Cross

Houston Center



SUMMARY OF THE VI BIANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST CENTER

The VI Biannual Assembly of our Houston Center took place on May 20, at St. Thomas More Parish. We started the proceedings with the 9:00AM Eucharistic Celebration, which was presided by Monsignor Bill Young, pastor of St. Thomas More and past adviser of our Center. After communion, Monsignor Bill encouraged all the participants to recite the “Litany for Priests”.

After registration, at 10:30AM, the official Assembly started. The Houston Center coordinator, Dr. Frank García, welcomed all and introduced Mr. Fernando González, who was the presiding officer for the Assembly, as official representative and Zone I co-coordinator of the Apostleship of the Cross. A copy of the financial statement, the 2006-2007 calendar, and the recently updated “membership directory” were distributed. We then took turns to read aloud the English translation of “Life in Abundance” of Father Marcos Alba, M.Sp.S., to meet in various groups in order to reflect and share on the meditation. This exchange of ideas within the groups was lively and revealed the deep spirituality that exists within our members. The morning concluded with a large group sharing of the summary of the discussions of the various groups, for which a spokesperson from each group was chosen.

Fernando shared some spiritual experiences with the group, and talked especially about the increasing need and role of the laity in the spiritual growth of the Church. He also commented about the difference in the functions of the various Centers of the Apostleship of the Cross in Zone I, and exhorted all the members to evaluate how the Center was operating and the degree of stability and activity within it. His words denoted a deep spiritual life, and how each of us is called to the same. With this we concluded this part of the Assembly and proceeded to have lunch.

After lunch, Frank Garcia gave the Local Council’s 2004-2006 period report, highlighted the spirit of unity that characterizes our Center, and made a special mention to the cooperation that all our Sections provided during our recent and very successful Bake Sale. Frank concluded with the excellent news that, thanks to the assistance of Auxiliary Bishop Joe Vasquez, Frank had met with the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul and the “St. Vincent de Paul Project” was launched.

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The elections were then held for the Houston Center Coordinator. Frank García was reelected, and thanking the members for their cooperation during the past two years, he asked for their help to continue pushing forward and making our best effort to make our plans of expanding the Apostleship of the Cross on a local level, to be very fruitful. He also asked all the Sections to meet during the following 2-3 weeks to elect their Section coordinator so that the new Council could start to plan for the following year. He concluded saying that we should pray a lot so that our dreams of being blessed with a foundation of the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit in Houston, will become a reality.

Fernando González addressed the assembly again and officially closed the proceedings for this VI Biannual Assembly.

Let us thank Our God immensely, for this great gift of expansion of our Houston Center, of the Works of the Cross!

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**ALL SECTIONS ELECTED COORDINATORS
AND THE NEW LOCAL COUNCIL WAS FORMED**

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The week following the assembly, all Sections elected their new coordinators, and the Local Council for the 2006-2008 period was formed as follows:

Frank Garcia	Center Coordinator
Myriam Vega	Secretary
Lupe Rodriguez	Treasurer
Pearl Coronado	Coordinator: STM Section
Nubia Reeves	Coordinator: SVDP Section
Maria Rios	Coordinator: ND Section
Myrla Vanegas	Coordinator: ST Section

FR. GERARDO CISNEROS, MSPS WILL VISIT OUR CENTER

The recently ordained priest, Fr. Gerardo Cisneros, M.Sp.S. will be with us from September 22nd thru October 1st. Fr. Cisneros will give a talk in all the Masses on Sunday, September 24, and on Saturday, September 23, at the 5:00PM Mass, to help us launch our Saint Vincent de Paul Project. He will also be present at the weekly meetings of our three Sections, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Fr. Cisneros will conclude his stay giving us a Spanish spiritual retreat on the weekend of Friday, September 29 thru Sunday, October 1st, which will take place at the Carmelites House of Prayer located at 9600 Deer Trail Drive, Houston, Texas.

EXPANSION OF THE WORKS OF THE CROSS IN HOUSTON!

Christ Eternal High Priest Center in Houston, Texas, is very happy to announce the birth of a new Section of the Apostleship of the Cross at Saint Vincent De Paul Church located at 6800 Buffalo Speedway.

Fr. Gerardo Cisneros, M.Sp.S. who is presently residing in California, will be in Houston to launch the Saint Vincent De Paul project. He will give an introduction on the Apostleship during the 5PM Mass on Saturday, September 23, and during all Masses on Sunday, September 24, which are as follows: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM, 4:00PM (Spanish Mass) and 5:45PM (Teen Mass). All members and non-members are invited and encouraged to attend.

There will be an information table on the back of the Church where members of the Apostleship of the Cross will be ready to answer questions, and will have a sign up sheet for those who will be interested in joining the Apostleship or knowing more about it. We need all members to volunteer to help at the information table during all the Masses. If you need more information, or if you are a member and can help, please contact Nubia A. Reeves at 713-432-0302, or Brenda Luna at 713-663-7122.

Therefore, I will give thanks to you LORD, and will sing praises in Your name (Psalm 18, 49)



DATES TO REMEMBER



SEPTEMBER

- 8 Birth of the Virgin Mary
- 14 Exaltation of the Cross.
23rd Anniversary of the founding of the
Apostleship of the Cross in Houston (1983).
Mass and celebration of our Center
at St. Thomas More
- 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- 23-24 Fr. Gerardo Cisneros M.Sp.S.
at St. Vincent de Paul
- 26 Fr. Gerardo at St. Therese
- 27 Fr. Gerardo at Notre Dame
- 28 Fr. Gerardo at St. Thomas
- 29 - Oct. 1: Spanish retreat

OCTOBER

- 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saint's Day
- 2 All Souls' Day
- 8 Conchita and Francisco Armida's
122nd wedding anniversary (1884).
97th Anniversary of the founding
of The Covenant of Love (1909).
- 23 Thanksgiving Day

JESUS MARIA HAD A BIG CELEBRATION IN AUGUST!

Give them Lord, fidelity to their vocation!

As members of the Family of the Cross, we share the joy of the first religious profession as Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, of the following brothers:

From **Province Félix de Jesús**: Brothers Abel Cruz, Luis Yáñez, Salvador Ortíz, Stefano Cankech, Maurizio Lo tauro, and Miguel A. Herrera.

From **Province of Mexico**: Brothers Juan C. Márquez, Juan C. Equíhua, Carlos Ruíz and Pablo Meza.

From **Province Christ Priest (USA)**: Brothers Matias Herrera and Alejandro Rubio.

Decía el P. Félix de Jesús: "Ser misionero es partir, dejar, sufrir, cruzar el mar, olvidar cosas, recordar personas, entregarse, vaciarse de uno mismo, caminar, descubrir, esperar. Para ser misionero hay que conjugar muchos verbos, sobretodo AMAR... en todos los tiempos y en todas las personas.

Words of Reflection...

*"Simplify your spirit, my daughter, and remove and cut down from it every compound of creatures and things. Love me in Unity, and live, and breathe, and move, and make all your virtues and all the remains of your own self, tend towards that **Unity**. You should live absorbed in that one in essence, in that true God, summarizing, concretizing your spiritual life in **ONE LOVE** with HIM, **IN ONE SAME WILL** with His, that it is in that capital point of wills, where the perfection of that Unity is". (C.C. 38, 81 – 84)*



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Jesus, Savior of men, Save them!