

FACILITIES At the beginning of August we will re-asphalt the parking lot. We were able to put off this project four years ago with just a light resurfacing but the water damage from the last few years reveals it will not last another rainy season. We will also re-build the trash bins behind the Hall and make the whole area more attractive (it faces the front of our school). Finally, our hillside area that runs along the northwest of our property has been re-landscaped and will eventually provide a more beautiful environment for both our parish and school.

KOINONIA JOHN THE BAPTIST This new community was founded in 1979 to promote an enthusiastic and energetic style of Catholicism as well as to educate members in the skills of making converts, or evangelization. There are several new religious orders doing this important work as well. For the last two years, St. Paschal's provided living space for Koinonia members, Fr. Claudio, Brother Olivier, and Brother Eamon. With the approval of both Cardinal Mahony and Bishop Curry, they will continue their retreats and workshops, expand into other parishes, and move into their own house at the end of August.

THE UNIVERSITY We have already had several planning meetings for next year's program, and are happy to announce the addition of two new parishes, St. Peter Claver in Simi Valley and Assumption parish in Ventura; bringing the total to ten parishes. However, we are sad to announce that Beverly Bryde, our past Director, will be leaving Thousand Oaks to start a new faculty position in Pennsylvania. Thanks to her very professional work, University planning is now a lot easier. We are in a search for a new Director now who will function as a spokesperson for the program. We also encourage anyone who might have ideas for topics and speakers to email Wendy at wendy@stpaschal.org.

PARISH WEBSITES We will have two new parish websites coming soon. The first will be a renovation of our existing site, making it easier to find out what is happening at St. Paschal's. It will also offer a "blog" or opinion section for articles on relevant parish and faith topics and links to answer your questions about our faith. The second site will feature a kind of "virtual parish" online. You will be able to join various devotions at St. Paschal's, such as Mass, Stations, the Rosary, and other services through online video. It will also include professionally made video taken in the Holy Land this last May by our pilgrimage group from St. Paschal's.

PARISH PICTURE BOOK This long awaited project is in the final stages of production. We hope to have it here sometime in late summer or early fall. We had an excellent turnout of families who participated which enabled us to qualify for additional pages of parish activity photos. Once again, we can all be thankful to Fr. Alex for leading this project.

ADORATION CHAPEL We continue to upgrade this important spiritual center of our parish. New landscaping, a new stained glass window, and some new chapel furniture ensure our Adoration Chapel remains a peaceful, serene, and very comfortable place to contemplate Our Lord in the Eucharist. After two and a half years the Chapel has welcomed approximately 80,000 people. The Chapel is open 24 hours a day and we encourage you to consider signing-up for a specific hour each month or each week as a helpful spiritual habit of

prayer, (496-0222 ext. 160). To visit between 10pm to 6am we ask that you sign up for an hour in order to receive the nighttime door code to enter. Twenty-four dedicated Adoration Hourly Captains coordinate the schedule of adorers. They have also helped organize the several youth Christian rock concerts we have hosted here at St. Paschal's as well. We can be especially grateful to Jeff and Marcella Ketelhut for coordinating all the Chapel activities.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER This is a medical and counseling center in Thousand Oaks that provides help to women in crisis pregnancy situations. I have been honored to serve on their board for several years and impressed by the good work they do. Our parish provided fantastic support recently from all those who responded to our fundraising and volunteer request letter in the bulletin a few weeks ago. I am glad that so many from St. Paschal have responded to help this important Center here in Thousand Oaks.

RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE We have just started a new ministry to support efforts that preserve the human dignity of every person no matter how young or old. Pro-Life values are the very center of our faith. Frank Schillo, our former Ventura County Supervisor, has led the organizing effort here and encourages all who are interested to email our office at parish@stpascal.org.

FREE EDUCATIONAL CD'S! Each week beginning in September we will offer free educational CD's that cover key topics of our faith. They will be in a large display case in the patio or vestibule depending on the weather. Each CD is free although there is a space to make a donation if you like. This is a chance to pick up some good educational material that you can listen to at your convenience, (while waiting for the University in Lent!).

NEW HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT In January of 2005, Cardinal Mahony asked the Legion of Christ religious order of priests to allow other religious communities that were already operating high schools in the Archdiocese the chance to bid on staffing our new high school. While this delay seriously derailed the already established land acquisition and fundraising plans for this approximately 50 million dollar project, the local committee of lay people who began the high school project accepted his decision. (Committee listed at stpascal.org) The Cardinal took the lead in this search effort; however, after eighteen months no other religious group has accepted his offer. The lay committee continues its search for property suitable for the new high school and continues discussions with the Cardinal about religious order staffing.

HEALTH Last March I was diagnosed with Follicular B-Cell Lymphoma and began an intense 24 week chemotherapy program (CVP-R) at UCLA. Fortunately, my version of this cancer is one of the most treatable and has a good prognosis. While the treatment was more intense than I anticipated, my main side effects remained anemia, thinning hair, and a kind of vertigo, which prevented me from saying Mass. I am happy to say that the treatments and prayers have worked. I should return to saying Mass in early August. I am deeply humbled and very grateful for all the prayers that came my way, and I ask that all our prayers continue for anyone who is sick or in need of our support. I also want to especially thank Fr. Peter for arranging so many great priests to come to St. Paschal's to help during this time. Fr. Alex, Fr. Claudio, and Deacon Mitch and Deacon Jim also stepped up to do extra work. I hope that you will thank them as I have!

*God bless!
Fr. Dave*