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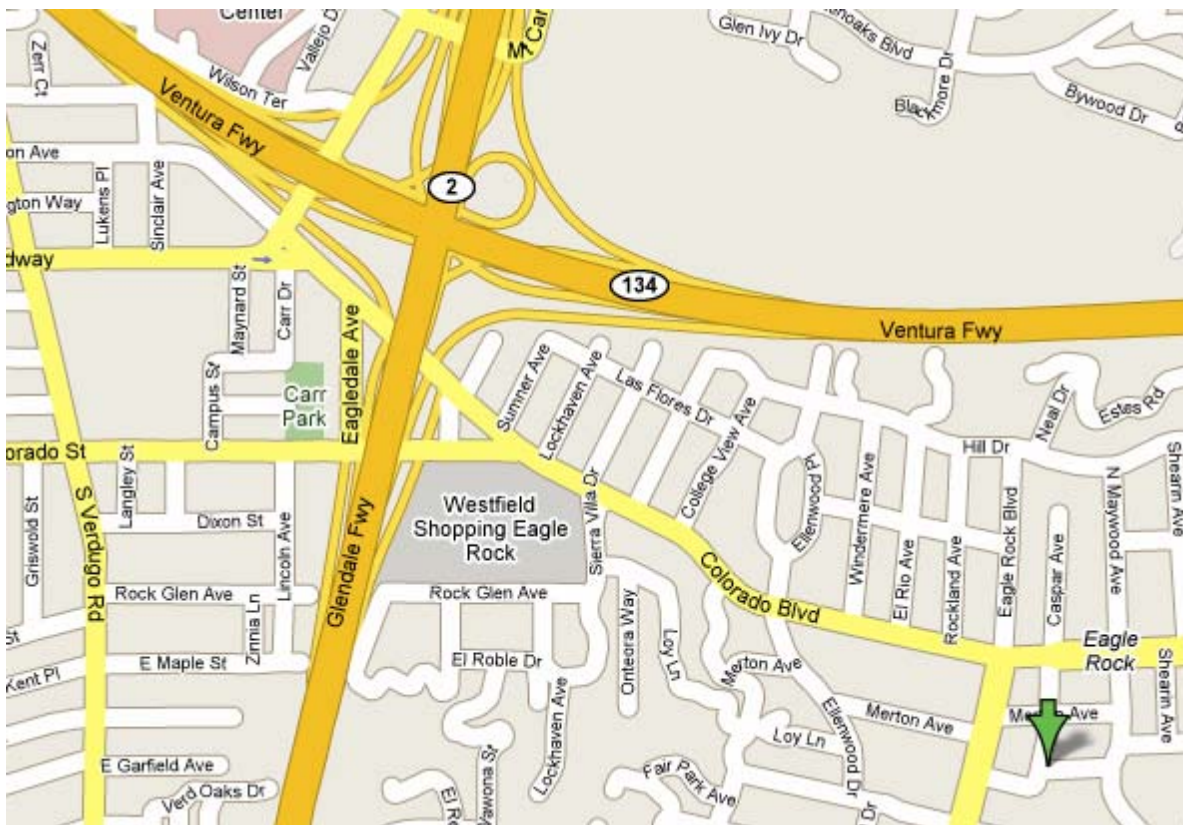
September Quarterly Meeting

The Los Angeles Catholic Committee on Scouting Quarterly meeting will be held Sept. 10 at St. Dominic's Community Center, 5016 Caspar Avenue, Los Angeles(Eagle Rock), CA 90041

The meeting begins at 1:30 P.M. preceded by a Retreat Committee meeting at 12 Noon If you would like to have input into the actions of the

Catholic Committee on Scouting, or you just want to observe the meeting and see what is going on, please join us. We hope to see many people at this meeting, and would love to share the load of the Committee, both in its work and its ideas. Thank you in advance for your attendance.

A map of the area is below:



Sad Announcements

We are sad to announce the deaths of the following people. Fr. Norm Supancheck's mother Alice,

Dennis Matthews' father Kyle, Tom Nishikubo's

father Ben and Bob Tarn's father Bill please

remember them in your prayers.

The Reverent Scout by e-mail

The Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Los Angeles (CCSALA) is trying to save money by sending the *Reverent Scout* by e-mail. It costs the Committee \$600 postage and printing for each issue. This comes to \$2400 per year.

The committee needs everyone's e-mail address in order to cut expenses. If you have not received this by e-mail please let the Membership Subcommittee chair know what your address is. His e-mail address is reeves40@pacbell.net.

So you have an idea as to how each Council is doing here is the percentage of addresses for each council for which we have e-mail addresses:

Los Angeles Area	14%
Long Beach Area	13%
Los Padres	49%
San Gabriel Valley	84%
Ventura County	38%
Verdugo Hills	13%
Western Los Angeles County	11%

As you can see we have a good start but we have a ways to go.

Coordinator for Awards Presentation Mass Needed

Over the years many of you have attended the Presentation Mass where the Scouts are awarded the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII awards they have earned. In 2007 this ceremony will again be at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. CCSALA needs a coordinator for this event – someone to make sure there are Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, a program with

all of the Scouts names by parish listed, medals and certificates available, and everyone lined up in order to process into the Cathedral. If you are interested in being the coordinator or ever just a member of a sub-committee planning and coordinating the event please contact Bill Cole at (805) 493-8351.

Chairman's Corner

All unit leaders are strongly encouraged to bring your Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, or Girl Scout units to the CCSALA annual retreat. The retreat will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park in Sylmar. Check in is Friday, October 6, from 5PM to 9PM and check out will be by noon on Sunday, October 8. The patron saint of this year's retreat is St. Isaac Jogues & the American Martyrs. Our retreat theme is "Evangelization". For more information and a unit registration form please check our website at www.CCSALA.org.

appropriate discussions of spiritual topics. Where else can you experience Mass outdoors with hundreds of other Scouts and Scouters or Benediction under the stars? This year there will be a Saturday afternoon Pow-Wow that will include a variety of Indian crafts and games tailored to different age groups, Indian Lore Merit Badge Counselors and Order of the Arrow dance demonstrators. Cost for this great event is \$15 per participant (\$12 for registrations postmarked by September 23) and includes a retreat neckerchief and a patch.

Sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the retreat staff of trained facilitators will guide scouts in age-

Please check our website (www.CCSALA.org) before leaving for the Retreat for the latest

information on weather, fires, or other possible

problems.

3 New Council Committee Chairs

Three new committee chairs have been selected. Mara Childers has accepted the chair for the Long Beach Area Council, Dennis Matthews for the San Gabriel Valley Council and William Leahy has returned for the Western Los Angeles County

Council. You can get in touch with them by checking the CCSALA website at www.CCSALA.org for their phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

AAD & PPXII Counselor Training in Fresno

The Los Angeles Catholic Committee on Scouting's Training staff was asked to come to the Fresno Diocese and conduct training. They had no trainers and asked for our help. Our trainers Jim Shivers, Thelma Reeves and Jesse Reeves had a great weekend July 28-30 meeting some super excited Scouters and were able to train 12 AAD and 9 PPXII leaders. They have asked us to come back again next year for another session. After that they will be training their own staff. They also were

excited about coming to our Retreat in October and said that they will bring as many as 75 Scouts. They are going to provide a CCSALA trained facilitator for every 8 Scouts they bring.

The Retreat will be a great time to meet some Scouts and Scouters from other areas. It is always good to share ideas with others in the program as you always learn something.

Scout Development - try it you will love it!

A great chance to be with Scouters, you know adult sized Scouts. Even better this will be for a full weekend of Scouting and getting in touch with me being a youth minister in my Catholic faith. Yes, Catholic as in Universal Christian. You will share the weekend with Scouters from throughout the Archdiocese and this year we will be joined by several from the Diocese of Fresno the weekend of November 3-5, 2006. It will be held at a breath taking Camp Rancho Alegre across from Lake Cachuma in the Santa Ynez Mountains.

We normally think of Scouting as a camp out experience. At Scouter Development it will be an

experience in a dormitory with bunk beds, hot showers, someone else doing the cooking and cleanup. We do this because you will be fully engrossed in going from an ordinary Scouter who may be an ordinary Catholic - or is it an ordinary Catholic who may be an ordinary Scouter to becoming **Extraordinary Catholic Scouters!** This remarkable transition will have you return home with all this happening in one all too short weekend.

Please join us. For more information check out our website at www.CCSALA.org. More information will also be available at the Scout Retreat and in your unit's leader packet.

Scouter Development in Las Vegas?

Believe it or not the Las Vegas Diocese has again asked us to send a team to conduct a Scouter Development weekend in Las Vegas. Actually it

won't be in Las Vegas but at the Council's Scout Camp Potosi. We will be conducted October 20-22.

This will be another chance to meet some new people and exchange ideas.

I wonder if they have any slot machines at the camp?

What is a Vocation?

Fr. Jim Maher (chaplain Emeritus)

The English word “vocation” comes from the Latin word “*vocare*” meaning “to call.” We are all called to one vocation or another. There is the “call” to the Sacrament of Holy Orders (the ordained priesthood), the “call” to religious life for men and women, the “call” to the Sacrament of Marriage, and, surprising to many people, the “call” to the single life! For the purposes of this article, I will address the “call” to the ordained priesthood and the religious life. Many men and women are called to be nuns and brothers in the various communities and congregations available in our Roman Catholic Church. However, there is a special ministry, that of the ordained priesthood, which has its own Sacrament. This vocation is limited by Church law, based on theology (the study of God) and Canon Law (Roman Catholic Church law), to male members of the Roman Catholic Church. Having said that, let me proceed with what is common to all vocations. They all have much in common and that is what we have to start with.

The very word “vocation” suggests that the initiative for undertaking priesthood, religious life, marriage or to remain single comes from “outside” one-self, from Another (God). It suggests that the person hears some clear divine communication about his or her destiny. This says both too much and too little about the beginning of the process. It says too much because it suggests an experience that very few people will have: a kind of audible divine summons. It says too little because it suggests that, in a sense, only one’s ears and mind are involved in the experience of “vocation.” It also can lead to faulty decisions in that some might feel that unless they receive an absolutely unmistakable “sign” from God, they are not truly called to that particular vocation.

When vocation is thought of as a clear call from God indicating what one should do, it carries an implicit threat that failure to obey will have unpleasant or dire consequences. So, if “vocation” or the ‘call’ is not an explicit divine command, to what does the word refer? It is, definitely, a call to “consider” the lifestyle you are thinking of leading. Unlike someone suddenly calling your name in a crowded room, the call is coming both from within and from without in a way that is similar to the “felt” call to be an artist or an actor or a scientist. It is the coming together of many interior factors such as attraction, talent, interest, experience, desires, ideals, and even realistic fears and awareness of personal limitations, with exterior factors such as people you admire, work that interests you, opportunity presenting itself, needs that move you, structures that invite exploration, or invitation from another. For example: every time I meet a boy or man, young or old, I always ask: “Did anyone ever ask you if you ever thought about becoming a priest?” Their answers are very surprising. Usually, they say “No.” Then I say: “Well, you can never say that again.”

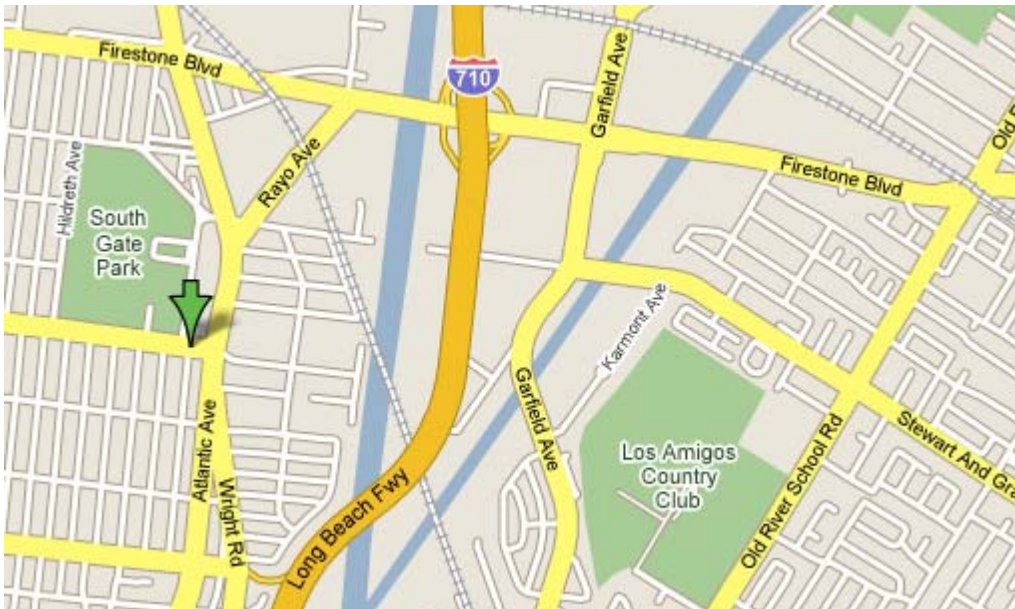
The bottom line is that when it all comes together, it is usually a rich mixture that is both confusing and exciting and leads you to begin to explore what all of it means.

These are the common elements of any call to a vocation. Next time I will give some “hints” and guides for those of you are considering religious life or the ordained priesthood. Later on, I will cover the Sacrament of Marriage as a vocation and the very, very important vocation of remaining single. There are many, many opportunities for one to serve the Church by remaining single. God bless. Fr. Jim

Last Chance for Retreat Facilitator Training

Sept. 23 is the last chance for you to get Retreat Facilitator training. It will be held in South Gate

Park at the Scout house at 9:00 AM. We will need as many attendees as possible. Please Come.



Calendar of Events

- Quarterly Meeting September 10, 2006
- NCCS Region 11 Meeting September 23, 2006
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Host: Diocese of Orange
Orange County Council
1211 East Dyer Road
Santa Ana, CA 92705
- Retreat Facilitator Training-South Gate September 23, 2006
- Catholic Scout Retreat XV-2006 October 6-8, 2006
- Executive Committee Meeting October 9, 2006
- Deadline for St. George and Monsignor Dolon Awards* October 31, 2006
- Scouter Development Retreat November 3-5, 2006
- Deadline for Bronze Pelican Awards* November 30, 2006
- Quarterly Meeting November 12, 2006

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