Dear Colleagues,

As many of you know, at this year’s Annual Gathering for Chaplains we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. Larry Seidl, the new Executive Director of the NACC, joined us for the celebration and led us through a reflection on the history of the organization, and shared with us his vision and some future directions of the organization. It was wonderful to reach back to our roots and celebrate where we have been, and also to look ahead to how the organization might grow and flourish, and better nurture our call to ministry. Many of you will recall the days of NACC Regions and the gatherings that drew us together, and you will be pleased to know that although the regions as they previously existed will not be replicated; the vision for the future includes the fostering of gatherings in various “sections” of the country to encourage connections on a more local basis.

There is something to be said, and much to be gained in gathering with those we “know” more personally. We are approaching “Halloween” and I am remembering a moment last year during my “Trick or Treat” adventure with my grandchildren. Alex, a very composed 8 year old at the time, was sporting an atypically (for him) scary Halloween creature mask. He was surprisingly (to me) pleased that the mask could spout ‘blood’ at his command. As we trekked through their small neighborhood, I observed that at some houses, Alex lifted his mask when the homeowner opened the door. Upon questioning, Alex revealed “I’ll get more candy if they know it’s me!” In some ways, isn’t that what we all desire? More connection…..and the benefits that come with being ‘known’!

Soon we will commemorate the feast days of All Saints and All Souls, and I am mindful of the ‘saints and souls’ we’ve known in deep and meaningful ways, those who’ve walked before us in the ministry of care of the sick as well as those who accompany us in our spiritual journey and our walk through the hallways today. As we prayerfully remember those with whom we’ve connected over time, the heroines and heroes who have shaped our lives and our ministries, let us continue to pray for one another and work together to build meaningful connections that nurture and sustain our ministry as healers in Jesus’ vineyard.

In prayerful gratitude for your “walking” with me,

Jean Marchant
Rev. David Boulton, SJ, Campion Center, was presented the award for his outstanding leadership in the field of Clinical Pastoral Education within the Archdiocese of Boston. Under his competent direction, the Campion Center CPE program facilitated the growth of future chaplains from across the Archdiocese. We are profoundly grateful for his vision and supervision, which enabled the program to so excellently serve the ministry of healthcare chaplaincy.

Sr. Kathleen Foley, SND, Campion Center, was presented the award in recognition of her extraordinary ministry in the formation of women and men through the experience of Clinical Pastoral Education. Through Sr. Kathleen’s insight and gentle guidance, students have grown in wisdom and compassion. Sr. Kathleen’s special efforts to mentor and prepare future chaplains in their effort towards certification by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains has been a special blessing and empowered many a promising chaplain to reach their yearned-for goal.

Joan Horgan, Director of Pastoral Care at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, was presented the award in recognition of her courage, compassion and professionalism as clinical chaplain. We acknowledge with gratitude, her deep respect for the dignity of each person, her exemplary dedication and leadership in her role as a Director of Spiritual Care, and the integrity which guides her actions.

Ginny Grimes Allen, Director of Spiritual Care Services at Caritas Carney Hospital was presented the award in recognition of her extraordinary compassion, creativity, and commitment to her ministry as Chaplain. Through her gifts, the hearts of patients and their loved ones, staff, and chaplain colleagues are nurtured, and the burdens they carry are made easier to bear. Ginny’s gift of song brings light into very dark places, and her gentle compassionate presence brings hope and healing to those in sorrow or in need. We are indeed blessed to have Ginny Grimes Allen walk among us.

Transitions

Rev. Robert Caprio, OFM has accepted the position of Director of Spiritual Care at Caritas St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center. Fr. Bob is known to many for his CPE ministry at St. E’s in the past, and more recently for his retreat ministry at the Franciscan Center in Andover. Rev. Gerald Perno formerly pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas in Jamaica Plain, has accepted the position of Priest Chaplain at The Soldier’s Home in Chelsea. Sr. Mary Coffey, SND is leaving her ministry at Life Care Center in Billerica, to pursue her writing career. John Recke has accepted a position in his parish, St. Joseph’s in Kingston, as Pastoral Associate/Parish Chaplain. In addition, he is ministering on a part time basis at Caritas Good Samaritan Hospital.

Rev. Raymond Steen, OMI has retired from his position at MetroWest Medical Center … Lucille Bonnano has accepted a position at Bethany Health Care Center. Lucille completed two units of CPE at Campion Center and most recently ministered at Saints Memorial Medical Center.

Please keep Richard Carroll who is seriously ill in your prayers. He is the father of Fr. John Carroll, former Priest Chaplain at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center who now serves as Parochial Vicar at St. Anthony in Woburn.

Retirement Party!!

Pictured is Fr. John Caskin, SJ cutting the cake at the party honoring his retirement from Caritas Carney Hospital. To the right of Father Caskin, Ginny Grimes Allen, Director of Spiritual Care Services, looks on.
Conferences/Retreats

Harvard Medical School offerings: Information: Cambridge Health Alliance. Tel: 617-503-8445 e-mail: cme@challiance.org web: www.cambridgecme.org


Dec. 2-3 Anxiety Disorders: Children/Adolescents/Adults. Fairmont Copley Hotel, Boston. Latest research findings and their clinical applications in the diagnosis and treatment of anxiety, including PTSD, OCD, generalized anxiety, social anxiety, and panic throughout the lifecycle. Presenters: Gustavo Kinrys, MD; Judy Reiner Platt, Ed.D; Cynthia Telingator, MD.

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Nov. 3 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Beyond the White Coat and the Johnny: What Makes for a Compassionate Patient-Caregiver Relationship. Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, South Boston. Facilitator: Veteran Journalist John Hockenberry. Sponsored by the Kenneth B. Schwartz Center. Free. Information: 617-726-0512 or e-mail: schwartzcenter@partners.org. The Schwartz Center’s tenth annual reception and dinner will follow beginning at 5:00 p.m. For information on purchasing tickets to the dinner, please call 617-726-0512.

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Nov. 12 from 9:30 to 3:30. Day of Reflection for Bereaved Spouses. A retreat for those who have experienced a recent loss of a spouse (4 month—3 years). Presenter: Mrs. Anne Biancuzzo, RN. Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, Wareham. Cost: $45 (includes lunch). Information: Tel: 508-295-0100; e-mail: retreats@sscc.org web: www.sssc.org/wareham

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Nov. 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Images from the Unconscious of Dementia/Alzheimer Patients. N.E. Society of Jungian Analysis located at Newton Highlands Congregational Church. Presenter: John Malecki, Ph.D., IAAP. We will look at Alzheimer’s and dementia patients as suffering not only from a real change in cognitive, emotional and communicative behavior but also from “learned helplessness syndrome,” a learned behavior emanating from the reactions and perceptions of caretakers in their environment. John Malecki is a Jungian analyst who is in practice at the Consultation Center in Albany, N.Y. John has been a Catholic priest for 57 years, and is an avid marathon runner. He is a graduate of the C.G. Jung Institute, Boston. $15—2 CEU’s. Information: Pamela Dunleavy at 781-777-1940 or visit the web at: www.cgjungboston.com

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November 16 - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A Matter of Life and Death: Challenging Conversations. Trinity Church of Northborough. A program to assist those who minister to parishioners throughout the dying process. Presenters: Fr. Tom Landry, Dr. Rosemary Ryan, MMS. $40 at the door. Information: Massachusetts Compassionate Care Coalition. 617-969-1692; To register: E-mail: registermccc@comcast.net.

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Dec. 2-4 - Companions in Healing: Retreat Weekend at Campion Center in Weston. Presenters: John Michalowski, SJ; Judith LoGerfo, NACC certified chaplain. A retreat for chaplains,
physicians, nurses, social workers and all members of the health care team to gather for an Advent weekend of quiet prayer, reflection and sharing on the call to care for the sick. Please invite your colleagues to consider this opportunity to “come apart and pray”. Offering: $135. Information: call Judy at 617-417-1529 or the Campion Center at 781-894-6810.

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Save these Dates for Future Conferences

2006 NACC Annual Conference
March 11-14, 2006
Columbus, Ohio

Association of Professional Chaplains Conference 2006
Atlanta, Georgia

Pre—Conference Intensive Workshops
Thursday, May 4—Saturday, May 6
Conference
Sunday, May 7—Tuesday, May 9
Information: Tel: 847-240-1014 or e-mail: info@professionalchaplains.org

Spiritual Direction Internship Program 2006-2007
Campion Renewal Center, Weston

Spiritual Direction Internship will be offered by Maureen Casey, S.N.D., Mary Hammill, R.S.M., Joan M. McCarthy, C.S.J. It will be held at Campion Renewal Center in Weston, Massachusetts.

**Purpose of the Program:**
The Internship provides opportunities for:
- Personal growth and development as ministers
- An understanding of the theological and psychological bases for spiritual direction
- Improved communication skills within the context of the helping relationship
- Supervised ministry as spiritual directors
- Discernment of one's call as a spiritual director.

**Program Content**
The Internship Program follows the guidelines of Spiritual Directors International by including the elements of: Theological Foundations, Psychological Foundations, Integration with Justice, Discernment, Practicum, and Supervision.

For the program schedule, more information on the program and/or an application packet contact: Sr. Joan McCarthy, CSJ at Campion Renewal Center, 319 Concord Road, Weston, MA 02493-1398 by Phone: 781-788-6815, or E-mail: JMCCSJ@aol.com. Web site: www.campioncenter.org

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**
Applications will be accepted up to June 30, 2006 depending on availability of space.

The number of participants is limited.

The cost of the internship is $3650.
IN MEMORY OF ROBERT 'BOB' KEANE

Notes from his obituary: Bob Keane graduated from Providence College and earned a master’s degree in public administration at Illinois Institute of Technology. He served in Vietnam from 1964-1965 he became a special agent of the FBI, serving with the bureau in Chicago, Washington, and Boston, as well as the American Embassy in London. While an FBI agent, he distributed communion to prison inmates and as a young lieutenant, in Vietnam, he regularly visited an orphanage for blind girls, where he taught and read them books in French. “He wasn’t a macho war guy. When he was in the service of his country, he was also doing service to the people,” said his son-in-law Christopher Blagg. After retiring from the FBI in 1996, he completed a one-year program in CPE at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen and was certified by the NACC. He was a chaplain at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Nashua, NH and for the Merrimack Valley Hospice.” Lora Brown, his daughter, reports, “If somebody was unresponsive he would sing ‘Amazing Grace’ or some other spiritual song.”

Chaplain Maureen LaBelle shares the following memories of Bob ~

On August 17, 2005 we lost a wonderful, kind, gentle, generous chaplain. One of my fondest memories of Bob was when he was a chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua N.H. He often was on-call during the night. One day I asked Bob what it was like for him to be awakened at night for a call. He said to me, "I never minded being called out at night because I knew someone was in need." Bob was always ready to help others.

I remember Bob telling me of a time he walked into a patient's room, and the woman didn't speak English and did not seem overly enthused about his visit. Bob saw a tape beside her bed which happened to be a dance tape. She nodded for him to play it. He did and began to dance to her utter amazement. Thus began a deep pastoral relationship with the woman and her family. Indeed, Bob was a generous, kind and compassionate man.

Let us keep Bob's wife Patti and his family in our prayers and may Bob's generous spirit guide us in our ministry.

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE BARRIEAU, S.C.N.

Reflections by Sr. Shirley Nugent, SCN at Josephine’s funeral:

Reflecting on today's powerful readings...the blessing of Judith; and in Colossians, the call to live the virtues love binds together; and in Luke, Jesus' return to Nazareth where he reminds us to bring "good tidings" to the poor, we have little difficulty in recognizing the life of Sr. Josephine Barrieau. Her presence in our own lives and in the lives of those to whom and with whom she ministered. A most beloved sister in our S.C.N. Community and a most beloved sister by each of her brothers and sisters. A beloved Aunt to all her nieces and nephews. To many she was affectionately known as Sr. Jo, Jo Jo or simply Jo. Remember in Scripture how often the people gathered to listen, to be a part of what was happening. Even without an expressed invitation people gathered to be with Jesus. Jo lived her life close to this Gospel invitation and imperative. She had a beautiful capacity to gather and to welcome the strangers in our midst. In the 50's and 60's, it included the children and families of the Afro-American Community in Kentucky and Maryland.

Over these last twenty years she has welcomed with an open heart our Sisters coming from India, offering them a haven of rest and warm hospitality. New comers - young women at Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, experienced the Gospel coming alive, in our day as Jo connected them with the Hmong refugees at Catherine Spalding House in Brockton. At Elizabeth Seton Residence, Jo brought glad tidings to the poor, especially the elderly-those blind, lame, and sick. Here, she ministered to all as their Chaplain for over eight years. Jo did all this out of Love - Love of her Maker, Love of the Poor, and Love of her S.C.N. Sisters, as well as her own family. Recently she wrote: "Because of my Community and my family, I am strengthened to continue in ministry, as long as I am able. I offer my prayers and sacrifices for the S.C.N. Community, and I have Hope that we will always continue to serve the poor, those who are crying to be healed, and those enduring violence in any form." Wherever she went, Jo took Nazareth with her. Her life was full - she gave her all even in the midst of terrible suffering. The legacy of Jo's life is the fruitfulness of the Spirit. That spirit, she will send back to us: The spirit of hospitality and the love and warmth that draws people together.

"The Charity of Christ Urges Us."
Caritas Christi Urget Nos!
Pastoral Care Week 2005
October 23-29

The logo chosen for "Healing Wisdom" comes from the rich cultural heritage of the Akan people of Ghana.

The SANKOFA is a wisdom symbol that literally means "to go back and get it". The symbol is based on a "mythical bird with its feet firmly planted forward and its head turned backwards ". To the Akan people, it represents wisdom as learning from the past and from our experiences thus ensuring a strong future. To us, in terms of spirituality, it also represents a movement of reaching back to our inner depths where God resides, and of discerning the many marvelous ways God works with us. "The egg in the bird's mouth represents the 'gems' or knowledge of the past upon which wisdom is based; it also signifies the generation to come that would benefit from that wisdom."

"A continuation of the philosophical expressions of African spirituality can still be found in many of today’s African-American communities, where the concept of the Sankofa exists in the form of the oft-repeated proverb, 'You can't know where you are going unless you know where you come from'."

(Quotations taken from Sweet Chariot: the story of the spirituals, "African Tradition, Proverbs and Sankofa"

Available Positions
Notre Dame Long Term Care Center
Worcester
24 Hour Chaplain

Responsibilities:
- Provide pastoral care to residents, staff and family.

Qualifications:
Minimum of 2 units of CPE

Call Katherine Lemay or Human Resources at 508-852-3011

Caritas Good Samaritan Hospital, Brockton
Chaplain
Full time (40 hrs)
Days and every other weekend.

Our Catholic Chaplain is a member of an interfaith team that brings the Presence of God to patients and their families, to hospital staff and volunteers, and represents this love to the community at large. In our department, we need a member of the Catholic Faith who can bring compassion, prayer, and Communion to the patient, and also assist in clerical work and chapel functions. Must be a college graduate, with experience in Pastoral or Spiritual Care.

Qualifications:
- Masters degree in theology
- Certified by NACC or in the process towards certification

Maristhill Nursing & Rehab Center, Waltham
Pastoral Care Assistant (24 hrs)
To provide spiritual support to residents, family members and staff. The qualified candidate will have experience in pastoral care capacity in a healthcare setting, a strong commitment to the elderly and an understanding of the psychological issues and spiritual needs facing this population.
Information: Human Resources: (p) 781-893-0240 (f) 781-894-6330; (e) lsavlon@maristhill.org.

Priest Chaplains
There are still a number of position available. Please call the Office at 617-789-2457 for further details.

Growing Through Loss Workshop
Understanding grief and learning strategies for healing. Finding meaning in the losses, crises, changes in our lives.

Location: Elizabeth Seton Residence, Wellesley
Madonna Hall
Date: Saturday: October 22, 2005
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Fee: $60
Presented by Linda Colozzi, Certified Chaplain
MA, Psychology, MA, Pastoral Ministry

To register or for further information:
E-mail colozzil@gis.net
Phone: 781-552-9667
Group Spiritual Direction

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?
• A process of being companioned by another person on your spiritual Journey
• A relationship formed for the purpose of integration and spiritual growth which focuses on your relationship with God, yourself and others
• A companioned (or accompanied) journey over time which utilizes prayer, scripture, reflection, and dialogue to deepen your awareness of God's divine presence and action in everyday life

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS?
• God's love, action and presence are experienced more deeply
• Prayer becomes more integrated into daily life
• Interior freedom is experienced as new responses to life emerge
• Life’s trials and tribulations gain new meaning and understanding
• Grace and beauty are discovered more frequently in people and nature. Gratitude is a more frequent response to life’s mystery

"Consider carefully this way in which God reveals to the soul not only God's wishes, but also great truths and mysteries."

Saint Teresa of Avila

Meets First Friday of each month 10 AM-Noon

Presented by: Linda Colozzi, Certified Chaplain
M.A. Counseling Psychology     M.A. Pastoral Ministry

Location: The Children's Room 1210 Massachusetts Ave. Arlington, MA (where the Unicorn Bookstore used to be)

TO REGISTER or for further information:
 e-mail: colozzil@gis.net,         phone: (781) 552-9667

Our Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence

Family Life Office, in partnership with Safe Haven Family Violence Prevention Project, has developed an educational program for parish pastoral staff regarding domestic violence. Chaplains are invited to participate.

Tuesday, Oct. 25—St. Julia Parish, Weston
Wednesday, Oct. 26—St. Mary Parish, Chelmsford

Donation $15 (includes lunch and materials)

Information: Call Joanne Curry: 617-746-5820 or Deacon Rey Spadoni at 508-816-1555.

Resources

Journeys is published monthly by Hospice Foundation of America. The newsletter is designed to help newly bereaved persons cope with their grief. Information: Tel: 800-854-3402
Web: www.hospicefoundation.org

New titles from Liguori Publications that might be of interest to chaplains:

The following are 24-page pamphlets. $1 each.
God and the Problem of Suffering - Philip St. Romain .
Sign for the Journey: Anointing of the Sick in Later Years—Arlene McGannon.
You Are Not Alone: Prayers for Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins—Dennis Ference
Touched by Grace: Anointing of the Sick—Kathleen O’Connell Chesto

Books
Come, Healing God: Prayers During Illness—Joan Guntzelman and Lou Guntzelman. Offers prayer suggestions when one feels lost for words, is overwhelmed by pain or discomfort, or simply wants to know that God is close. $6.96. Available in Spanish.

Healing in the Spirit: Wholeness of Body, Strength of Soul—Jim McManus, CSsR. Focuses on rediscovering the healing power of prayer within the medical profession and recovering the ministry of healing within the Church. $14.95

Shaking a Fist at God: Struggling With the Mystery of Undeserved Suffering—Katharine Dell. Shows that Job’s reactions to the horrors of his situation are an expected human response, and that when faced with suffering, people often feel the need to “shake a fist at God.” $9.00

Prayers Before Surgery - Paul J. Coury, CSsR. This tri-fold prayer service includes four prayers designed to help individuals and groups pray for those who about to have surgery.
Information:

Phone: 800-325-9521
Web: www.liguori.org.
With great concern for those in our affiliates along the Gulf Coast, their loved ones, their friends and neighbors, and especially those who have no one to care for them - all of them brothers and sisters of ours in the Body of Christ, we pray:

Lord, you who calmed the storm at sea, quiet the fears, ease the pain, tend the grief, and light the darkness of your children in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.

In stunned silence, be their voice
In rages against the night, be their balm,
In bewilderment, be their hope.

Lead rescuers to the lost, shelter the waiting.

Sustain those who work to make life's necessities spring forth in this desert of gloom,
Blanket the weary with your tender touch.

Shake us from our comforts to share our siblings sorrow and pray them into new life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus who suffered. Amen.

- Kris Ward
Voice of the Faithful
National Vice President Dayton Affiliate

Advent Retreat for Chaplains

The Winter Name of God

December 15, 2005
9:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m.

Eastern Point Retreat House
Gloucester

Presenter: Sr. Clare Walsh

$20
(An informational letter will be mailed.)

Save the Dates

Hospital/Parish Collaborative Chaplains Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2005
Caritas St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center

Annual Mass of Hope and Healing
June 4, 2006
Cathedral of the Holy Cross

August 11-13
Allowing God to be God: A retreat for health care chaplains

Eastern Point Retreat House, Gloucester

Presenters: Larry Seidl, Executive Director, NACC
Clare Walsh, MHS, staff at the NE Jesuits for Ignatian Spiritual Ministries.

Information: 978-283-0013
e-mail: gonzaga@cove.com;
Web site: www.easternpoint.org