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Our congratulations to the following officers who were installed at our last meeting.

Jose Mancha, Faithful Navigator; Josiah Barrow, Faithful Captain; Tommy Grimes, Faithful Pilot; Hubert Polansky, Faithful Admiral; Martin Elman, Faithful Comptroller; Robert Zapata, Faithful Scribe; Lawrence Vavra, Faithful Purser; Charlie Watson, Inner Sentinel; Frankie Wolf, Outer Sentinel; Leon Rieger, One Year Trustee; Jimmy Urbanovsky, Two Year Trustee; and Pat Morgan, Three Year Trustee.

Our next meeting will be in Rockdale, on August 11, starting with food, as usual, at 7:00 PM.

Our next fallout will be in Rockdale on August 24, at the 9:00 AM Mass. We need to be there at 8:30 AM.

Don't forget the Kolache Festival in Caldwell on September 13. Lots of things for the kids.

St Mary's in Caldwell will be having a Fall Festival on October 19. More on this next month.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

MARY AND THE SAINTS

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

"Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved."

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

The above is a little insight of Mary's role in God's plan, as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on August 15. Maybe we can use this opportunity to grow closer to her by saying the rosary on a regular basis.

USCCB CHAIRMEN STRONGLY ENDORSE THE INCLUSION ACT

July 31, 2014

**Religious liberty is for all Americans, including child welfare providers
Inclusion Act remedies unjust discrimination
Parental choice among adoption agencies needs to be protected.**

WASHINGTON—Three chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gave their strong support for the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2014, which was introduced on July 30 by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA) in the U.S. House of Representatives and Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY) in the U.S. Senate.

In separate letters of support, July 31, to Rep. Kelly and Sen. Enzi, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco, chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development said, “[O]ur first and most cherished freedom, religious liberty, is to be enjoyed by all Americans, including child welfare providers who serve the needs of our most vulnerable – children.”

Commenting on the protections in the Inclusion Act, the chairmen noted that “the Act would prohibit federal and state officials in the administration of federally funded child welfare services from excluding child welfare providers simply because of the providers’ religious beliefs or moral convictions.”

The chairmen stated that in some places, including Massachusetts, Illinois, California, and the District of Columbia, some religious child welfare providers have been excluded from carrying out adoption and foster care services because the providers believe that children deserve to be placed with a married mother and father.

The chairmen said, “The Inclusion Act would remedy this unjust discrimination by enabling all providers to serve the needs of parents and children in a manner consistent with the providers’ religious beliefs and moral convictions.”

Indicating the importance of parental choice, the chairmen remarked, “Indeed, women and men who want to place their children for adoption ought to be able to choose from a diversity of adoption agencies, including those that share the parents’ religious beliefs and moral convictions.”

The chairmen encouraged the colleagues of Rep. Kelly and Sen. Enzi to join as cosponsors of the Inclusion Act, saying, “The freedom to serve in accord with one’s religious beliefs and moral convictions is foundational to religious liberty in our nation.”

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