

Along the way

"Were not our hearts burning within us as he opened the Scriptures for us along the way." — Luke 24:32

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Shall We Dance ?

Covenant, Creation & Couples

An evening especially designed for couples:

- ◇ A romantic candlelight dessert...
- ◇ A thought-provoking presentation...
- ◇ A special blessing for couples...
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One of the themes of a **sabbath retreats** Parish Mission is a four-night series on **Families of Faith** which focuses on the spiritual dimension of human relationships. The interest it generated in its central theme has prompted the creation of a one-night presentation for couples entitled **Covenant, Creation and Couples**.

Presented as part of a romantic evening featuring a champagne dessert, couples are challenged to see the concept of covenant, an essential element of creation, as a model for all human relationships.

Rabbi Gershon Winkler's intriguing book, **The Place Your Are Standing is Holy: A Jewish Theology of Human Relationships**, sees the act of creation as a covenant in which God willed there to be "an other," "an else"—as in something or someone else. This,



A new one-night presentation provides a romantic evening for couples.

he says is the Hebrew covenant concept of **tzimtzum** or "stepping back" to allow the other to be, while at the same time always being present. A dance, if you will.

The application of this model for human relationships calls for "a dance," in which the one steps back to allow the other to be while

at the same time always being present.

Whether applied to husband-wife, parent-child, lover-loved, or even in the work place, in neighborhoods or among nations, the **tzimtzum**, the "covenant dance," presents a fresh and enlightening way to see our relationships.

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CHRISTMAS PEACE

"May the peace of Christ, which exceeds all understanding keep your minds and hearts in the love and care of Christ Jesus."

To family, friends, and the faithful with whom I share this hope of peace:

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

NEW YEAR OF PEACE

IN MEMORIAM ~~ RAYMOND J. PAPEZ ~~ 1927-2005

Our family was saddened by the final illness and death August 18 of our dear brother Ray. (He, like our brother Charles, had returned to the original spelling of our Slovenian surname.)

With his wife Doris and their son Rusty, (Ray, Jr.) we celebrated the Sacrament of the Sick with him at Aventura (Florida) Medical Center. His participation in the prayers was a great comfort to us all.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in Hialeah on August 22.

The Scriptures for the Liturgy focused on the image of a great feast and provided the connection between Ray's life as a purveyor of produce and cook and the eternal banquet to which he has been welcomed.



Lou, Maryann, Susan, Ray and Doris at our last get together in Miami in January '05

Rusty's moving eulogy recalled a husband, father, brother and friend not soon to be forgotten.

Ray is also survived by daughters, Michele, Susan Kornfeind and Jackie Smith as well as grandchildren Alexandra and Roger "R.J.," Smith, and Nathan Papez. A son, Roger, preceded him in death.

Memorials to Food for the Poor are encouraged: 550 S.W. 12 Ave., Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

THE ART AND SPIRITUALITY OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Visiting over 250 churches gives one a fairly broad picture of ecclesial art and architecture. One area that has been especially interesting is the number of unique and truly beautiful Stations of the Cross.

An ancient and revered devotional practice, though ostensibly on the decline, the Stations pictured below are treasured by their respective communities. Three of the four are the creations of parishioners.

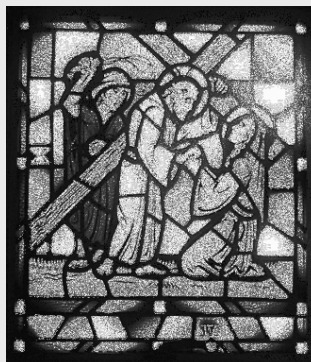
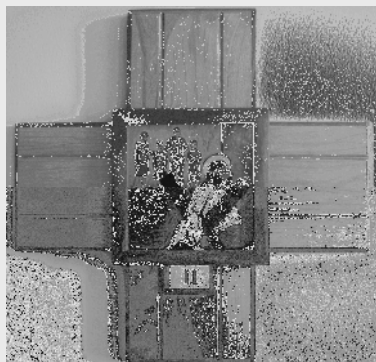
The first example was found in the new church of St. Catherine of Siena Newman Parish on the campus of Utah State University in Salt Lake City. The enamel scenes contain people of the parish, an artistic device used centuries ago.

The second is from the daily chapel of St. James Church in Chatham, NY. Each Station is hand carved. The stark simplicity is stunning.

The next is unique in that the sta-

tions are the stained glass windows of the nave of the church and remarkably clear for being no larger than 18" tall. They are at St. Thomas Church in Manson, Iowa.

The final is the work of Hispanic women at St. Albert the Great Newman Parish in Las Cruces, NM. These roughly 3'x 5' Stations are made of appliqué fabric. The faith of those who made them come through in the simple design.



Recently I have begun to photograph unique representations of the Stations of the Cross to be used for Lenten Services.

How to Feel Old: Attend Your Students' 40th Reunion!

My schedule has made it difficult to attend student reunions. But this Thanksgiving I made it to the 40th reunion of the first graduation class of Padua Franciscan High School, the Class of 1965.

In their junior year (1963-64) I taught English to these "young" men. The recent reunion, held with all classes celebrating years ending in 5 or 0, was poorly attended. But of the dozen or so who did attend from that class, I was able to recognize and identify 10 on sight—most of whom I hadn't seen for more than thirty years.

One of the guys came with the program from their Junior Ring Day Mass, celebrated for the first time in the school's history in 1964. Sometimes teachers have to wait four decades before they realize that they've made an impact. It was worth the wait! They were a great class, and, incidentally, have become quite successful.

Teaching at Padua was the high point in my 24-year career. But it wasn't just the students who made it memorable. The faculty during those years was remarkable in every way. So plans are being hatched that would see a Faculty Reunion of the late 60's sometime in the next couple of years. At least, there is the hope that a reunion of that sort might not make us feel as old...and then again....!

The Padua Alma Mater

*To Padua Franciscan School
Unending loyalty we give,
That by her noble creed and rule
With honor we will always live.*

*In Holiness and Learning
Your loyal students serve you,
With grateful voices pledging
Alma Mater we will be true.*

—Words by Lou Paper
—Music by Wayne Miller

A Friend for Life



Thirty years ago this November at the Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in San Diego, I met a teacher from Cleveland who would become my best friend.

Howard Erlichman taught at Lakeland Community College in a suburb of Cleveland; I was the English Department Chair at Chagrin Falls High School, also a suburb of Cleveland.

From that Thanksgiving week till this day, Howard has been confidant, cheerleader, even confessor (so what if he's Jewish!). In fact I might not be where I am today if it hadn't been for his walking beside me all these years, especially in the difficult times. God has blessed me with a friend for life.

So to you, Howard, "Thanks for the Memories!"

Frequent Flyer Perks

Traveling over 200,000 miles in the last few years has won me that wonderful distinction known as a Frequent Flyer.

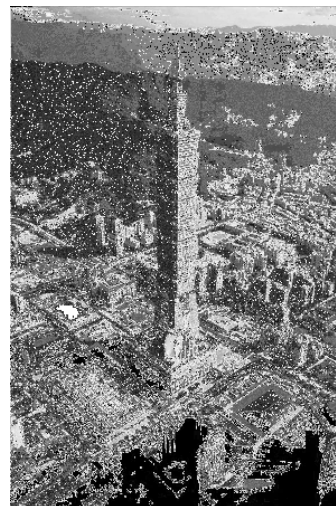
The first perk is being upgraded on purchased flights. Since my travel is usually on Saturday and Sunday, there are few business people taking up those precious seats in the First Class cabin.

But the best part of being a member of Continental Airlines Gold or Platinum Elite is the free miles accumulated over time. So the occasional exotic trip goes from dream to reality.

Though there are a number of countries and sites I have on my "to visit list," I have experienced one of those a couple of times. Frequent flyer miles and a friend in Taiwan have provided a really inexpensive tour of amazing Taiwan.

From the exclusive commercial centers of Taipei and Kaohsiung to the tropical resorts in Kenting to captivating mountain areas, an Asian escape can delight and refresh.

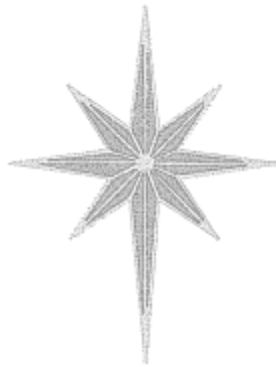
Next dream trip? Thirteenth century French cathedrals.



Set in the midst of one of Asia's most thriving business/commercial districts, Taipei 101 now claims to be the world's tallest building.



Behold, I make all things



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Peace on Earth

Preaching Schedule

November, 2005

Nov 5-8 *	Holy Spirit	Great Falls, MT
Nov 12-13		
Nov 19-22 *	St. Bernard	Philadelphia, PA
Nov 26-27	Holy Spirit	Brighton, MI

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December, 2005

Dec 3-8 *	St. Aloysius	Pottstown, PA
Dec 10-11	Mother of Dolores	Vandalia, IL
Dec 17-18		
Dec 24-25	Vacation	
Dec 31-Jan 1	St. Paul the Apostle	Atlanta, GA

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January, 2006

Jan 7-8	Our Lady of the Highways	Thomasville, NC
Jan 14-15	Prince of Peace	Chesapeake, VA
Jan 16-19	Food for the Poor Retreat	Deerfield Beach, FL
Jan 21-26 *	St. John Fisher	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Jan 28-29	St. Philomena	Belmont, WI

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February, 2006

Feb 4-5	Vacation	
Feb 11-12 *	St. Francis of Assisi / St. Kevin	Springfield, PA
Feb 18-19	St. John the Evangelist	Clinton, MD
Feb 25-26	Christ the King	Philadelphia, PA

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March, 2006

Mar 4-8 *	Seven Holy Founders	St. Louis, MO
Mar 11-15 *	Holy Family/St. Lawrence	Essex Jct. VT
Mar 18-21 *	St. Mary Cathedral	Gaylord, MI
Mar 25-28 *	St. Peter the Apostle	Brook Park, OH

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April, 2006

Apr 1-5 *	Our Lady of Sorrows	West River, MD
Apr 8-9	Palm Sunday	
Apr 15-16	Easter Sunday	
Apr 22-26 **	Holy Innocents	Philadelphia, PA

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