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**“YOU BELIEVE BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE ME.
HAPPY ARE THEY WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET BELIEVE.”**

John 20:29

He who has no vision of eternity will never get a true hold of time.

Carlyle

From the Rector's keyboard:

31st March 2008

Gentle Reader,

So much is going on, that I dare not write on the 1st April, in case you suspect that I will be playing some practical joke on you. I am sure on that first Easter Sunday there were many who felt that someone somewhere was pulling a “fast one”. How could anyone have risen from the dead?!! Yet, as the scriptures and many witnesses testify...it is indeed true. So we have celebrated once again with joy this key event in our Christian faith...the promise of New Life. Our Risen Lord has made it abundantly clear that life is precious now, and into eternity. Our earthly life is the path we take to eternal life. Our life here is not to be discounted as worthless, or purely biological, political or social. By his life, death and resurrection, Jesus has shown us how important God's life is for us now and to our new life in eternity.

However, life is miserable, even unbearable for so many people that it is not possible for them to even imagine a New Life! The hope is that this life be more comforting and accommodating. So Jesus challenges his followers to go out and bring the Good News. We, each of us is tasked to make it possible for the Good News to grow in a life that inspires the heart of each to make New Life a reality that finds its roots in the present...the way that Jesus did.

Blessings and peace

Fr Robert

Fr Robert Gore SDB

Some of the Groups through during March :

LoveMatters: Holy Rosary (60); St John's, Florida (50); Loreto Convent (70); St Conrad's (60);

Retreats: Blessed Sacrament (30); St Theresa's Parish (30); Our Lady of Peace (50).

Own programmes: Goudveld (40); Adonia Fellowship (70); Fourways Martial Arts (100); Full Gospel Church (200); French School (53); Alberton Methodist Church (50); Said Karate Group (50); Dept of Education (60);.

A few selected Comments from LoveMatters participants:

1. Thank you guys for everything and I will use all the info I've learnt this week!! You've made a significant difference in my life! Thank you again. Love you!!

2. I loved it. Thank you.
3. Thank you so much for this opportunity! I have learnt and changed from this experience
4. This was one of the best places that I have been to I would like to thank all the Bosco staff for teaching us such a lot of things that we thought we know but your really opened my eyes and showed me that there is more to life and that is not all about partying, smoking, drinking or drugs. I really enjoyed everything on the program and food was also very nice. Thank you very very very very much for everything. I enjoyed it a lot keep up the good work.
5. Bosco has taught me quite a lot about life and about things my parents are too shy to tell me. So, I've really learnt so much about sex and sexuality.
6. Bosco is the most funnest and informational camp for me because I've learned to be a better person and now a brand new me. Knowing if I have sex what I'm in for in my age and there so many things to do other than having sex
7. I enjoyed every single thing that I learned and to know what kind of choices must I choose to be happy in life. Thank you.
8. I will to see myself being a virgin until I get married. To make a better future. To finish school before having sex. To control my future. To be healthy to my body. To be happy with my life. To know who I am.

Past Pupil Notes:

1. Past pupils from the 60's have appeared at Bosco. Connecting once more with Fr Pisacane whom they say hasn't changed since they knew him as ten or twelve year olds! Graham Long, Clemente Devico and Renaldo Pols popped in at different stages of the month.
2. Also here was Craig Nesbitt from the 1980s who is now involved in Safari tours and the like. Remember also his boet Andrew? - doing well for himself in engineering.

News Snippets from the Community

1. This month of April Fr Ivo Pisacane turns a grand 80 years of age. He came to South Africa from Scotland as a newly ordained priest aged 30. He has spent all of the 50 years in South Africa. So this year also marks his Golden Jubilee of priesthood (13th July 1958). Since his parents hail from Italy, he still sports a Scottish accent, but not the kilt. Fr Ivo worked for many years at Bosco as the Science Master when it was a school. He also worked at Savio College in the Cape. In recent years he was worked in Hanover Park Parish on the Cape Flats. Now he is back in the Bosco countryside that he got to know so well with his marathon walks with groups of school kids. These days he takes his companion Jake (the large Alsatian Bosco guard dog) on his walks over the hills and dales!
2. On Good Friday at 11am there was a good turn out for our traditional Stations of the Cross up Calvary Hill. Difficult to count the number of people, but I would say at a guess about 500.

LIFE ISSUES

Schoolgirls in Plymouth, south west England, are being issued with morning-after pills at school, it has been revealed. Experts at Plymouth's Primary Care Trust said that it was likely that the parents of the children involved had not been informed. Mrs Christine Hudson, a member of Family and Youth Concern, said: "It's deplorable that parents are not allowed to know what's happening to their children." She also said that "in some parts of the country", girls as young as 11 were being given such pills without parental consent. [[Herald, 28 February](#)]

A German politician has suggested that freely available abortion in the former (east) German Democratic Republic led to a lack of respect for human life and was linked to a higher murder rate of children who had been born than in the western part of the now-unified country. Mr Wolfgang Böhmer, who practised gynaecology in the former GDR, and is now prime minister of Saxony-Anhalt, has been accused of criminalising mothers. [[Observer, 2 March](#)]

A woman in Kentucky who is 73 cm (28½ inches) tall refused an abortion and gave birth to a child 46 cm (18 inches) long. [[LifeNews, 29 February](#)]

A physician is alleging that evidence of a link between abortion and breast cancer is being ignored by national bodies and academics. In the spring edition of the [Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons](#), Dr Angela Lanfranchi of New Jersey criticises the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute (NCI). She says the latter's website contains inaccurate information. Dr Lanfranchi, a breast cancer specialist, writes: "Pregnancy levels of estrogen increase by 2,000% by the end of the first trimester. These same biological facts of breast maturation also account for the increased risk of breast cancer due to induced abortion. Either the scientists at the NCI are unaware of this, or they are

avoiding the biological explanation of why an early first full-term pregnancy reduces breast cancer risk." [\[LifeNews, 3 March\]](#)

The Life charity in Britain has pointed out that sex education and birth control do not cut abortion rates. Writing a response piece in the *Guardian* newspaper, Ms Michaela Aston cites a survey-article in *Obstetrics and Gynecology* which says: "To date, no study has shown that increased access to this method reduces unintended pregnancy or abortion rates." She says that many fewer women in Ireland (where abortion and contraception have been restricted) have abortions and writes: "there is no evidence of significant numbers of illegal abortions." [\[Guardian, 5 March, Guardian, 26 Feb\]](#)

A woman who was among the first in Britain to have a legal abortion 40 years ago regrets it to this day. Remorse struck Ms Jo Woodgate, 62, of Devon as she held her niece's newborn baby. She writes: "I was wrong in thinking abortion was the easy way out of what, at the time, felt like an intolerable situation. With hindsight and maturity, I now know that I could have coped and, with each year that has passed, I've only felt a growing sense of guilt and regret over my actions." [\[Daily Mail, 5 March\]](#)

Pro-life activists have seized upon a line from a children's story and are using it in their campaigns. The late Theodore "Dr." Seuss Geisel's 1954 *Horton Hears a Who!* contains: "... a person's a person, no matter how small." Protesters chanted the phrase at a Hollywood showing of the book's recently-released film version. [\[TMZ, 8 March\]](#)
Note: The text refers to fictional microscopic people yet could be applied to real-life unborn children.

Some strange, funny and thought provoking stuff received at BYC:

25 REASONS I OWE MY MOTHER

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE .

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION . "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL .

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My mother taught me LOGIC. " Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My mother taught me IRONY "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My mother taught me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. **My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT** .

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. **My mother taught me GENETICS**. "You're just like your father."

23. **My mother taught me about my ROOTS**.

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. **My mother taught me WISDOM**. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. And my favorite: **My mother taught me about JUSTICE**

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

The real measure of our wealth is how much we'd be worth if we lost all our money.

John Henry Jowett, preacher (1864-1923)

TIPS ON FILLING YOUR CAR(S)

Petrol price going up again!!! Soon, they say to be R10 a litre. Ouch!! The author below has some tips

I don't know what you guys are paying for petrol.... but here in Durban we are also paying higher. My line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every litre.

Here at the Marian Hill Pipeline where I work in Durban, we deliver about 4 million litres in a 24-hour period thru the pipeline. One day is diesel the next day is jet fuel, and petrol, LRP and Unleaded. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 litres.

Only buy or fill up your car or bakkie in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the fuel, when it gets warmer petrol expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your litre is not exactly a litre. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the petrol, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low,

middle, and high. In slow mode you should be pumping on low speed, thereby minimizing the vapours that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapour return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapour. Those vapours are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is, the more fuel you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. petrol evaporates faster than you can imagine. Petroleum storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the petrol and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every litre is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, if there is a fuel truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy, DO NOT fill up--most likely the petrol/diesel is being stirred up as the fuel is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

Hope this will help you get the most value for your money.

DO SHARE THESE TIPS WITH OTHERS!

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

A Church exists for the double purpose of gathering in and sending out.