

## Heard at our May meeting:

- ✚ Lots of book recommendations (we got on a roll!!):
  - Blood Brothers by Elias Chacour -- Blends the author's life story with historical research to reveal a little-known side of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the birth of modern Israel. Chacour is Christian Palestinian and an ordained priest.
  - Teilhard de Chardin: Letters to Leontine Zanta
  - Speak Truth to Power: Human Rights Defenders who are Changing Our World by Kerry Kennedy
  - St. Ignatius Loyola: Letters to Women by Hugo Rahner
- ✚ Tom Allen, Executive Director of City House, visited with our volunteers. City House has a mission to tend to the spiritual lives of the poor, inspiring hope. The organization partners with agencies serving the poor, just like IVC, and trained spiritual companions then meet with either groups or individuals, promoting inner strength and fulfillment. To learn more about City House, check out their website at <http://www.city-house.org>.
- ✚ Bud McJilton shared a wonderful quote from Jim Finley's Christian Meditation: "We are not God - we are not other than God. We are not God – we are not apart from God."
- ✚ Have you ever heard the saying, "If someone accused you of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you"? Think about that for awhile!
- ✚ According to Fr. Albert Nolan, a South African Dominican priest, there are 4 stages of spiritual growth when serving the poor. See – <http://www.laymission-comboni.org/images/nolanpdf.pdf> to read the entire article.



1. Compassion
2. Action
3. Humility
4. Solidarity

### Draw Me into Your Friendship

By Joseph Tetlow, SJ

Lord Jesus, from the start  
You invite ordinary people  
to come to where You live.

When they come, You welcome them  
and call them to labor  
and rejoice with You.

You are the most beautiful among men,  
and I hardly believe  
You want me for Your friend.  
You are powerful, Lord.

Draw me more and more  
*into your friendship*

and lead me along the way  
You took with friends.

### Closing Day of Reflection

**Friday, June 13**

St. Thomas More West  
1550 Summit Ave., St. Paul

9:00 AM – Gather  
9:15 AM – Program Begins  
2:00 PM - Liturgy  
3:00 PM - Dismissal

**We are honored to present Susan Stabile  
as our retreat director.**

Susan is a professor at UST School of Law, where she also serves as a fellow of the Halloran Center for Ethical Leadership and as a member of the advisory board of the Terrence J. Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law and Public Policy. Susan is a certified spiritual director and was a member of the adjunct staff of St. Ignatius Retreat House in Manhasset, New York, prior to her move to Minneapolis this past year. At St. Thomas, she offers retreats and other programs of spiritual formation for students, faculty, staff and alumni.

## Upcoming Events:

**Our final IVC Information Session for potential new members will be:**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

**St. Thomas More, West Campus (formerly Immaculate Heart of Mary)  
1550 Summit Ave., St. Paul**

This will be the last time your friends can come and hear a formal presentation on the benefits of IVC. The session will last about 45 minutes to an hour. Call Meg Mannix (952)393-4582 to register or receive more information.

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## **National Ignatian Spirituality Conference IV**

**Ignatian Passion: The Challenge of the Cross in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**July 24-27, 2008 at St. Louis University**

This conference gathers persons, lay and clergy, who participate in works rooted in Ignatian spirituality such as IVC. These persons desire to live Ignatian spirituality more deeply. The keynote addresses:

- *The Passion of Christ and the Third Week of the Spiritual Exercise* – David Fleming, SJ
- *What Does Ignatian Passion Look Like Today?* – Marie Schwann, CSJ
- *The Passion in Everyday Life* – Dr. Eileen Burke-Sullivan & Kevin Burke, SJ

For more information and to register: <http://www.slu.edu/conferences/isc/index.html>

## **Catholic Social Teaching**

What are the 10 Key Principles of Catholic Social teaching? We'll finish with the last two:

### **9. Participation**

All people have a right to participate in the economic, political, and cultural life of society. It is a fundamental demand of justice and a requirement for human dignity that all people be assured a minimum level of participation in the community. It is wrong for a person or a group to be excluded unfairly or to be unable to participate in society.

*Citizens, on the other hand, should remember that it is their right and duty, which is also to be recognized by the civil authority, to contribute to the true progress of their own community according to their ability. Especially in underdeveloped areas, where all resources must urgently be employed, those who hold back their unproductive resources or who deprive their community of the material or spiritual aid that it needs --saving the personal right of migration -- gravely endanger the common good.*

*The Church in the Modern World*

Second Vatican Council, 1965

### **10. Global Solidarity and Development**

We are one human family. Our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, economic and ideological differences. We are called to work globally for justice. Authentic development must be full human development. It must respect and promote personal, social, economic, and political rights, including the rights of nations and of peoples. It must avoid the extremists of underdevelopment on the one hand, and "superdevelopment" on the other. Accumulating material goods and technical resources will be unsatisfactory and debasing if there is no respect for the moral, cultural, and spiritual dimensions of the person.

*We have to move from our devotion to independence, through an understanding of interdependence, to a commitment to human solidarity. That challenge must find its realization in the kind of community we build among us. Love implies concern for all - especially the poor - and a continued search for those social and economic structures that permit everyone to share in a community that is a part of a redeemed creation (Rom 8:21-23).*

*Economic Justice for All*

U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1986