

## ***THE FATHER'S VINEYARD***



**A Quarterly Newsletter from  
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### **THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

In January, 48 of us from MFH journeyed to the Holy Land on a Pilgrimage of Love to visit the awesome places where Jesus lived, died and was resurrected. Pictured above was the highlight of our trip where at 5:00 a.m. Fr. Bill celebrated Mass for us at the holiest place on earth – Calvary. Our trip was so successful, and we give a special thanks to Mike Milano of M and M Travel along with Yalla Tours. We will be returning to the Holy Land in January. Please see our article below under pilgrimages for more information.

### **25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of My Father's House. Many thousands of people have been touched by this ministry in bringing them closer to Christ and to each other and to their mission in life. We are planning 6 special events. June 15<sup>th</sup> - a "Gala Anniversary Supper" dedicated to Sr. Bernadette 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. July 5<sup>th</sup> - a special "God Bless America" workshop, barbeque & Mass from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. August 23<sup>rd</sup> - a special Marian Day from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. September 17<sup>th</sup> - a special Holy Spirit supper featuring Fr.

Ray Introvigne at 5:30 p.m. October 11<sup>th</sup> - "Special Prayer Workshop in Honor of Sr. Bernadette" from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. And a special finale celebration event November 16<sup>th</sup> (Mass & Supper).

### **POPE BENEDICT XVI VISIT *CHRIST IS OUR HOPE***

Undoubtedly the highpoint for the Catholic Church in America was the marvelous visit of the successor of St. Peter, Pope Benedict XVI. From the time he landed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and was greeted by President Bush to his stunning farewell on April 20<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Father stole the hearts, not only of Catholics, but also of our fellow Americans. He reminded us of our Christian roots and boldly proclaimed the truths of our Catholic faith. He challenged us to live a life worthy of our high calling, both as citizens and as saints. His talks were inspirational, not only did he speak to bishops and politicians and youth and educators and to victims of sexual abuse and families 9/11, he also spoke to our Jewish and Christian brothers and other denominations. He never wavered from proposing the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth as proclaimed by the Church whose Vicar on earth he is called by Christ to be. Some of us at My Father's House had the privilege of being present at the Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium on April 20<sup>th</sup> and experienced a gala event that will always be remembered. It was a special honor for me to have been a Minister of the Eucharist for the Holy Father's Mass to which I am grateful to Bishop Cote. With his visit Pope Benedict spoke much of HOPE and issued a new springtime for the Church proclaiming "God Bless America."

### ***SPRINGTIME OF THE CHURCH***

Spring is a time of new birth; a sign of hope and a sign of life. This is the springtime that our Holy Father spoke of concerning our Church. Pope Benedict, a sign of this springtime, beckoned us to recall the Christian roots of our Nation. These roots represent the fullness of our

Christian faith, founded as we are upon the laws of nature (the natural law) and the laws of Nature's God (the Bible). The youth and seminarians at Dunwoodie, the educators at CU, the bishops at Washington and the clergy and laity at Yankee Stadium now all carry the torch of hope into this new millennium, an exciting springtime for the Church in America. Each of us is called to be a beacon of light and hope. Will you too take up the challenge!

#### **MY FATHER'S HOUSE NEWS**

**New Website** – The new website is now online at [www.myfathershouse.com](http://www.myfathershouse.com). Please look at it and tell others about it. A bookstore is available and you can now sign up for our upcoming retreats and events through it. One of the exciting features are virtual slide shows of people and events at MFH. If you have any good pictures of MFH to share with us please call 873-8767.

**School of Healing** – We have just completed our 10-week School of Healing based on the book Catholic Compendium of Inner Healing and current Encyclicals. Certificates were awarded to those who registered and completed the course.

**Book Study** – For the next 12 weeks we will have a book review of Pope Benedict XVI's new book "The Church and the Apostles." Each Thursday at the Holy Spirit Breakfast there will be 3 segments. At the end of the 12 weeks we will give a certificate of accomplishment as we did at the School of Evangelization and the School of Healing. Plan to come and be with us as we journey with the Pope. Handouts will be provided every week.

**Family Retreats** – My Father's House is an excellent place, centrally located at the center of Eastern tourism (boat rides on the Connecticut River, golf course, dinosaur park, Essex RR, Goodspeed Opera House and Gillette Castle to name a few) to have your family retreats or reunions. Please call Dolores at 873-1906 to arrange.

**Novitiate** – From May 18<sup>th</sup> through

January 6<sup>th</sup>, My Father's House will host the Novitiate of the Novices for the Missionaries of Holy Apostles. We will have 4 seminarians here in a quiet atmosphere of prayer and study. Please pray for them and please pray for all vocations. If you feel so inclined and can help these seminarians out financially, it would be a great blessing.

**Upcoming Pilgrimages** – On August 13<sup>th</sup> we will be taking a pilgrimage to ***Guadalupe*** Mexico for 6 days. There is still room if anyone would like to go. Please contact Jim Adair or James Neff at Catholic Tours at (877)627-4268. Also we will be going back to the ***Holy Land*** in January 2009. Call Bill Baudendistel at Noseworthy (800) 929-4684 Ext. 5.

**Holy Week in Rome** – Once again we plan to spend Holy Week in Rome with Pope Benedict XVI. God willing we will see him 6 times from up close. We will also go to see Veronica's Veil, the birthplace of Padre Pio, the site of the Eucharistic Miracle at Lanciano, the House of Loreto, Assisi and Orvieto where Thomas Aquinas wrote the *Tantum Ergo* and *Pange Lingua*. Plans will be through M and M Travel. Call Mike Milano at (800) 773-2660.

**Upcoming Retreats** –

Fr. Doucette – June 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

Marty Rotella – July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Generational Retreat – July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>

Healing Retreat – Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>

**A Great Loss** – Sarah Kelly who was with us from the beginning now looks down at us from above. Pray for her.

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