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Redlands St. Mary's Catholic Church Celebrates Golden Anniversary Oct. 4

In October, 1941, St. Mary's Catholic Church was dedicated on Columbia and Union to the parish families who had struggled for many decades in building a permanent parish in the predominantly Hispanic north side of Redlands. Parish members have been anticipating this momentous 50th anniversary of St. Mary's Church. An anniversary celebration has been planned by a parish committee and sponsored by the Altar Society. Vera Aranda, committee chairperson, stated that the committee had been working very diligently in preparing an anniversary program.

The program will consist of a dinner/dance to be held at the Elks Club in San Bernardino on October 4, 1991. The keynote speaker is Daniel Vasquez, former long-time Redlands resident and parishioner of San Quentin Prison, (see profile on Mr. Vasquez on page 3). Master of ceremonies is Graciano Gomez, publisher of the Inland Empire Hispanic News. Music will be provided by the well-known After Seven Band.

The history of St. Mary's Church is well-rooted with Mexican families who were living in San Timoteo Canyon for many decades prior to 1852. During those years, Masses for those families were occasionally offered by mission priests from San Salvador parish in Agua Mansa. In 1875, Father P. J. Stockman, pastor of St. Bernardine's Church in San Bernardino, founded a chapel to serve the Mexican Catholic population residing in the surrounding area. The chapel served until 1896 when Sacred Heart became the senior parish and served Catholics throughout the entire area.

Sacred Heart continued to serve Redlands northside area residents prior to, and after World War I, when there was an awareness that a special ministry was very vital to the expanding Mexican population and their faith as a result of the immigration to the United States from Mexican Revolutions of 1910 and 1917. Concurrent with that recognition was the Mexican population's dissatisfaction in being without a parish to serve their respective religious, ethnic and cultural needs. Exacerbating the situation of increased Mexican population was the action of the local school board in 1915 in leasing a hall owned by the Presbyterian Church to serve the children, which was administered by a minister who, in addition to the school schedule, included daily church services.

Father Thomas Fitzgerald protested this action based on separation of church and state. Continued on back page

Hispanic Recipients of "Citizens of Achievement" Awards

The League of Women Voters of San Bernardino has publicized the names of persons who have been nominated for Citizens of Achievement Awards for 1991. The Awards will be presented at a Champagne Reception to be held at the Temple Emanu El, 3512 North E Street, San Bernardino on Saturday, September 28, 1991, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

The Awards are given yearly to persons who have exemplified outstanding community service and have made a difference in the quality of life in their respective communities.

The following persons are recipients for 1991: Marialena Garcia, Florentino Garza, Graciano Gomez and Robert Navarro.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News was unable to obtain a photograph of Mr. Robert Navarro.

Florentino Garza

"Believing that each person should make reasonable efforts to achieve whatever goals he or she sets out to accomplish and that accomplishment depends on the degree to which a person is willing to sacrifice for it," Florentino Garza rose from a young non-English speaking orphan in Texas to the heights of respect and admiration as a professional, successful attorney. He is well known in professional circles and has been active in the California Trial Lawyers Association, the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is the founder of the Richard Garza Memorial Foundation. Money raised for this foundation is used for churches, libraries, and university scholarships. A graduate of UCLA Law School, he was recently honored by the School's Alumni Association with a Professional Achievement Award. Another recent achievement was to serve as a member of a U.S. delegation of lawyers and judges who visited Romania to assist Continued on page 4
Latino children suffer most from harmful smog effects

Recent studies show that children who grow up in Southern California urban areas suffer a 10 to 15 percent loss in lung function compared to children who grow up in places where the air is less polluted. Of all groups, Latino children are the most in danger of smog's harmful health effects because Latino's live in Southern California's most polluted neighborhoods.

According to a 1990 study by professor Paul Ong of UCLA, 50 percent of Latinos in the South Coast Air Basin reside in areas with the most polluted air. Latinos make up 37 percent of the total Los Angeles area population, and almost 35 percent are under the age of 18.

"Children are a high-risk group for the effects of air pollution because they breathe more air per pound of body weight than adults, and their lungs are still developing," said Robert Phalen, Ph.D., director of the Air Pollution Health Effects Laboratory at the University of California, Irvine. According to the California Air Resources Board (ARB), children's lungs generally continue to develop until age 14, and early damage to the respiratory tract could increase the risk of respiratory diseases in adult life.

In addition to inhaling several times more air than adults in proportion to body size, active children often transfer their breathing from nose to predominantly mouth-breathing. While breathing through the nose filters out as much as 90 percent of some pollutants before they reach the more sensitive areas of the lungs, mouth-breathing bypasses this natural filter, sending pollutants more directly to the lungs. Because children often play outside near streets, they are also in direct contact with the air pollution and toxic automobile emissions of passing cars.

"It's become dangerous for children to play near streets not just because of possible car accidents, but also because of the pollutants emitted by passing cars" said James R. Schoning, chief of the state's Bureau of Automotive Repair. "Automobiles cause about 60 percent of the pollution in some parts of the state. If we want our children to be able to play outside and lead healthy, active lives, Californians will have to be sure their auto pollution-control devices work properly, which will reduce the release of harmful emissions."

Air Pollution and Infants

Recent studies reveal that smog and lead pollution greatly impact newborn infants, who receive more than 10 times the concentration of particulate pollution in their lungs compared to adults, because they breathe more air for their body weight and have smaller airways. According to a recently reissued NALEO study of previously unpublished U.S. Census voting data, the effects are permanent, approximately 20 percent of Mexico City's population could be mentally retarded.

A major source of the lead pollution that trap more pollutants. According to research conducted in Mexico City, which has some of the worst air pollution in the world, about half of the newborn babies in the study had lead levels above 10 micrograms per deciliter - enough to reduce their IQ scores by four to eight points at age two. Stephen Rothenberg, who had directed the study since 1983, estimates that if the effects are permanent, approximately 20 percent of Mexico City's population could be mentally retarded.

A major source of the lead pollution comes from vehicle emissions. According to the California Air Resources Board, motor vehicles emit 10,000 tons of carbon monoxide every day, and create at least 90 percent of the lead in the atmosphere. See appendix "A."

Latino electoral clout continues to grow in '90s

WASHINGTON -- As evidenced by a dramatic increase in Latino voters and voter registration, Latino electoral clout continued to emerge in the 1980s. The Latino vote increased by 30% in the decade at a time when the overall national vote increased by only 2%. Over 4 million Latinos registered to vote in 1990 - in comparison to 3 million in 1982 - and 2.9 million Latinos voted in the 1990 congressional elections, according to a recently reissued NALEO study.

Yet, during a decade when both Latino voters and Latino registration rates increased dramatically, the number of Latinos ineligible to vote due to non-citizenship nearly doubled. In 1990, there were 5.2 million Latinos ineligible to vote due to non-citizenship - a higher number of Latino adults than Latino registered voters in 1990.

"We have two simultaneous trends occurring in the nation's Hispanic Community: The number of Latino voters is increasing dramatically (see Table Two for the impact of the Latino vote by state), at the same time we see more Latino non-citizens than ever comprising a growing civic underclass that can't fully participate in the civic and political life of the nation," stated NALEO's Director, Harry Pachon, Ph.D.

\[\text{Percent of Latino vote needed to make a 1% shift in statewide elections in selected states: 1990}\]

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San Quentin Warden, Daniel Vasquez to keynote Redland's St. Mary's Church Anniversary Dinner

Mr. Daniel Vasquez, former resident of Redlands and warden of San Quentin Prison, is the keynote speaker at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Redlands, 50th Anniversary Dinner/Dance on October 4, 1991 at the Elks Club in San Bernardino. Mr. Vasquez will be speaking on the historical background in the development of the church and its parish.

Mr. Vasquez, at age 40, was appointed the 29th warden of San Quentin and has held the position for eight years. The 139 year old prison has 5,605 inmates and 1,500 staff members, and is the nation's third largest Death Row.

A 27 year veteran of the California State Department of Corrections, Mr. Vasquez began his career at the age of 21 as a correctional officer in 1965. Since 1970, he has held various promotional positions, including parole officer, special investigator, supervising correctional counselor, program administrator and at Soledad Prison, was appointed deputy warden and, at a later date, chief deputy warden.

Mr. Vasquez, the son of Catarino and Guadalupe Vasquez, was raised in a close-knit, loving and hard-working family, who were involved in the Hispanic community and Church. Attending the local schools, he dropped out when attending high school. Experiencing outside peer pressure, in spite of the family influence, he eventually got into trouble and was placed on probation.

He credits a young probation officer who was able to "reach" him, and teaching young Vasquez the various choices that he could make in life, including making decisions that could make a difference for him.

Making a decision to change his life around, Mr. Vasquez persuaded his parents that if they gave their permission for his enlistment in the Army, he would complete his high school education in the service, and he kept his promise. He underwent military police training and his experience as a military policeman were very rewarding as a result of being in a position to aid people who were in need of help. He was honorably discharged after three years of service.

Unable to join the police department due to height restrictions, his former probation officer encouraged him to apply for state prison employment. He applied for employment and was accepted.

Simultaneously, he enrolled at San Bernardino Valley College to continue his education. At the end of his two year studies, he had several classes to complete in order to graduate at the end of the school term. However, his mother had terminal cancer and he petitioned the school to allow him to graduate with his class in order to have his mother witness his participation in the graduation ceremonies, promising to complete the required classes during the summer. His petition was granted. "My mother fully enjoyed the graduation ceremonies," he silently said. He kept his promise and completed the studies.

"This experience has been one of the highlights of my life," he further stated. His mother passed away several months later.

Mr. Vasquez has continued his education, attending colleges in the respective areas of his employment.

Another highlight is his marriage to the former Juana Vega, whom he said, "my wife made an unselfish decision to support my career and education and in which I am very appreciative." They are the parents of Daniel Gregory, 26 (and daughter-in-law Marylynn) and Janel, 23 and grandsons Daniel Mark and Jason.

Manuel Gonzales named Assistant Principal for Colton High School

A Pomona Unified School District teacher was named assistant principal of Colton High School last week.

Manuel Gonzales will start his new position on September 18. He replaces Harry Muñoz, who accepted a position with the Desert Sands Unified School District.

As assistant principal, Gonzales will coordinate athletics and activities, assist in school discipline, oversee Associated Student Body funds and evaluate staff members.

He began his teaching career in 1976 as a social science teacher at Ganesha High School in Pomona. He continued teaching social science and driver education at Ganesha High until 1982, when he moved across town to Pomona High School. There he taught social science to limited and non-English speaking students, career education and Spanish.

While in Pomona, Gonzales headed a committee to revise the school district's attendance boundaries and served as a Migrant Education Unit leader. He also was a member of the Drug Information & Programs Subcommittee and organized Pomona High School's first ever Career Week.

Gonzales holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Claremont McKenna College and a master's in education from California State University, San Bernardino. He also served in the U.S. Navy from 1964 to 1969.

He and his wife, Eleanor, live in San Dimas.
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Florentino Garza-Continued

officials with reconstructing that
country's legal system. It is with honor,
the League of Women Voters recognizes
Florentino Garza as a Citizen of
Achievement. Mr. Garza was nominated
by Realtor Ed Jacobsen.

Marialena Garcia
Ms. Marialena Garcia is an Extension
Information Specialist at the University
of California Cooperative Extension.
She works with 23 different county
departments to disseminate information
on available services to the Spanish-
speaking population as part of an out-
reach program for the UC Extension
Home Economics program.

She writes news articles, has a weekly
Spanish radio program and is the pro-
ducer of "Impacto," a community ser-
vice TV program on KVCR, San Ber-
nardino Valley College channel.

Ms. Garcia was nominated for the
annual award as a result of her dedica-
tion to help those less fortunate to
achieve on their own. Additionally, she
has assisted many in the community to
learn and develop self-improvement;
and is an avid supporter of agencies
outreach and serving the Latino
community.

Ms. Garcia is a member of: Family
Service Agency; Commission on Al-
coholism; Sinfonia Mexicana; Latino
Health Committee; Alzheimer's Con-
ference for Hispanics; American Can-
cer Society; Casa Ramona Board of
Directors; and San Bernardino County

She has received the following
awards: UC Extension Assembly
Council Distinguished Service Awards;
Senator Ruben Ayala's Certificate of
Recognition; UC Assembly Fellowship
Award; NACO Achievement Award
for Radio Nutrition Course in Spanish;
San Bernardino County Alcohol
Program's Outstanding Achievement
for Alcohol Problem Awareness
Award; Inland Empire Hispanic
Chamber of Commerce Government
Service Award; Kiwanis of Greater San
Bernardino 1990 Community Service
Award; and San Bernardino County
Alcohol Program Service Award.

Robert A. Navarro
The Private Industry Council, City of
San Bernardino, nominated its Chair-
man of four years, Robert A. Navarro
for recognition as a citizen of
Achievement. Under his leadership,
summer jobs for City youth were up-
graded; a career camp for youth was
conducted each year; a computer lab to
upgrade basic education and employ-
ment preparation skills for youth and
adults was established; and a Task Force
was created to plan re-employment
services for workers who will be dis-
placed from the closure of Norton AFB.

Robert Navarro devotes many volunteer
hours to the Private Industry Council
and has worked tirelessly to see that job
training programs meet the needs of
the unemployed and the business com-
munity. His special concern is the educa-
tion, employability, and personal de-
velopment of at-risk youth. He has been
recognized as "Man of the Year" by the
Security Service Association. He holds
a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal
Justice and Business Management and
a Master's Degree in Business Admin-
istration. It is a pleasure for the League
to recognize Robert A. Navarro as a Citizen of
Achievement.

Graciano Gomez
Mr. Graciano Gomez retired from the
County of San Bernardino after 30 years
service in data processing and man-
power programs.

He has devoted many hours of com-
munity work since his Army discharge in
1946. His previous community serv-
cices include: Devore Water Company
Board of Directors; Inland Regional Medical
Program; La Confederacion of Mexican-Ameri-
can Organizations, chairperson, 1971;
Casa Ramona Community Center, co-
founder, first chairperson; Boys Club;
Mayor's Civil Service Review Com-
mittee; Mexican American Profes-
sional Management Association; San
Bernardino City Unified School Dis-
trict, Board of Trustees, appointed 1972,
elected 1973, chairperson 1977;
I.M.A.G.E.; Arrowhead United Way,
1983-86; Youth Education Motivational
Program; Brown Baggers; Norton
Economic Expansion and Development
Committee; and has been involved with
other community and election com-
mittees.

Mr. Gomez is currently affiliated with:
American Legion Post 650, Redlands,
chairman member, 1949, and previous
commander; Institute for Social Justice;
Kiwanis of Greater San Bernardino;
Gents Organization; Latino Peace Of-
ficers Association; Inland Empire His-
ppanic Chamber of Commerce; Fontana
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, charter member; Latin American Social
Club; Latino Health Coalition, co-
founder; Inland Counties Hispanic
Roundtable, co-founder; Sinfonia
Mexicana; City of San Bernardino
Redevelopment Agency; Mt. Vernon
Corridor Project Area Committee,
current chairperson.

After his retirement, Mr. Gomez, with
other community persons, founded the
Inland Empire Hispanic News and is
the current publisher.

He has received the following awards:
Assemblyman Jerry Eaves Award for
Community Service; Senator Ruben
Ayala Award for Outstanding Service;
Congressman George Brown Commu-
nity Service Award; Kiwanis Club of
Greater San Bernardino Award; Gents
Organization Community Award;
Hispanic Democratic Club Distinguis-
hed Service Award; Sheriff Floyd Tidwell
Award for Community Involvement;
Puerto Rican Association Award-
Community Service Contribution;
Latino Chamber of Commerce of San
Jacinto Award-Special Latinos in
Community Endeavors Award; and
numerous other awards.

Redlands Office of San Bernardino County
Department of Public Social Services
to hold Open House, Thurs. September 26

The following is a letter to the editor
submitted by Eric Grensberg, Direc-
tor, Undergraduate Admissions, Uni-
versity of California, Riverside.

The Redlands office of the San Ber-
nardino County Department of Public
Social Services (DPSS), 881 West
Redlands Blvd., will hold a public open
house 4-6 p.m., Thursday, September
26.

"Open Houses such as this give the
public an opportunity to meet local
dignitaries and meet the people who
provide the social services to the com-
munity," said DPSS Community Rela-
tions Officer Pat Wolff.

Third District Supervisor Barbara
Crumblin and DPSS Director John
Michaelson will officiate at the 4:15
p.m. ribbon cutting.

Other guests include the landlord/ 
builder Arthur Gregory, who built the
portion occupied by DPSS to the depart-
ment's specifications, and T. 
Michael Decker, DPSS deputy director of
social services.

Guests may enjoy a self-guided tour
hosted by knowledgeable employees
stationed at each stop to answer ques-
tions and provide free informative
brochures on the programs and services
available at this office.

Refreshments will be served. The
public is encouraged to attend.

Immediate intervention to be available
in rape and sexual assault

San Bernardino County Sheriff's De-
partment, Rialto Police Department and
Chino Police Department in association
with Western Nurse Specialists, Inc.
will present a new program that provides
immediate crisis intervention and
physical examination of sexual assault
and rape victims.

A media conference will be held on
September 23, 1991 at CPC Rancho
Lindo Hospital, 7625 East Avenue,
Fontana, at 10:00 A.M.

Refreshments will be provided.
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- Información de programas para dejar de fumar.
- Presentaciones educacionales
- Biblioteca de Recursos
- Información sobre leyes del tabaco
- Desarrollo de pólizas sin tabaco.
R. Gordon Young, Assessor, San Bernardino County, warns homeowners that there is an organization soliciting the $35.00 fee is in no way affiliated with the Assessor's Office. "If the homeowner does not complete the application card, which often happens, they do not receive the exemption. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to file for an exemption. Any exemption claim card other than that issued by the assessor is not acceptable.

Any homeowner can request exemption information from the assessor's public information staff, with instructions to the homeowner regarding procedures and dates of application, and the year it would be in effect.

Young states, "many homeowners have not applied for homeowners' exemption, and if they reply to this letter, they are being unnecessarily charged for service which is free."

Young further states, "the organization soliciting the $35.00 fee is in no way affiliated with the Assessor's Office."
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The Sheriff’s Department Group conducts group testing quarterly. That at time applications are taken. The next test is to be announced. For more information contact the Job Hotline of the County’s Resources Department at (714) 387-5611.
Poncho Sanchez is featured artist at Riverside Jazz Festival

RIVERSIDE, CA -- Lee Ritenour, David Benoit, the Toshiko Akiyoshi Jazz Orchestra, Poncho Sanchez and David Benoit, the Toshiko Akiyoshi Val. Sunday's lineup includes Spyro

The Festival grounds will open each day at noon.

RIVERSIDE, CA - Lee Ritenour, Alex at (714) 794-5791 (evenings), Shannon at (714) 798-5175 (leave message) for further information and to enroll Simona Conejo Lara, one of St. Mary's oldest parishioners at 89

Simona Conejo Lara, who will be 90 years old on October 28, 1991, is one of the oldest parishioners at St. Mary's Church, Redlands. She was born in Rancho De Vasquez, Salamanca, Mexico. Mrs. Lara arrived in Redlands on January 6, 1920, becoming a member of Sacred Heart Church until 1938 when St. Mary's became a parish. Father Sanchez and Father SonSol, the first priests in the new parish stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lara until the new parish home was built. Mrs. Lara remembers when the people in the parish planned dances, dinners and jamaicas to build the church. The Lara family was one of many families in the parish who were instrumental in the building of the current church.