

YOUTH BEAT

2007 Pueblo Catholic Youth Festival stresses, "It's cool to be Catholic!"

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PUEBLO- Hundreds of high school-aged youth throughout the Pueblo Diocese turned out to hear internationally renowned speaker/musician Steve Angrisano's message on living their Catholic faith.

On Sunday, January 28, Colorado State University-Pueblo's (CSU) Hoag Hall was filled with the Holy Spirit as young Catholics were inspired to learn about, get excited and live their faith. Angrisano brought the 280 attendees to their feet through his signature blend of laughter, interactive song/dance, and storytelling.

"It is no accident that you are here (at the festival) today. You are here because God called you; He invited you and you said 'Yes,'" he explained.

Angrisano, returning from a 14-day Pro-Life rally in Washington, D.C., challenged the group, "Don't wait for someone else to do it; you be the one to love your faith out loud!"

He shared God's message of love and life with 193 youth from Pueblo, three from Avondale, ten from Westcliffe, three Rye, 35 teens from Alamosa/Monte Vista/Center, 11 from San Luis, thirteen from Lamar, and ten from Walsenburg.

On the same note, he praised the adults who accompanied the teens by telling the kids that their adult counterparts were "not here because they have no lives or have nothing better to do, but because they love you, believe in you and see hope through you."

Mixing stories with songs that made the audience laugh and cry, Angrisano taught the youth about faith.

The energy didn't go unnoticed as Zerbio Sanchez, age 18, from St. Francis Jerome in Center Colorado, commented, "It was great to see lots of people show up. The music was great and the Mass was awesome."

True to his nature, Angrisano took the adolescent audience on a faith journey

from a "laid back" attitude to leaving with a sense that they can make a difference by taking their faith into their homes, schools and lives.

"God does not want us to be unchanged. He wants us to live in the world with passion. It's your energy and enthusiasm that can make a difference," he told the youth. "We need you to shine. You can only do that if you live it with all your heart." He explained that they don't need to dress in robes and carry bibles around; but can reflect the light of Christ through their actions.

Fifteen-year-old Aléa Mansfield from St. Aloysius Parish in Rye pointed out, "Steve's music really inspired me. The stories he shared were meaningful and they left an impression on me." Likewise, Jamie Stewart, age 16, from Pueblo's Holy Rosary Church, added, "It was really fun and really made you think."

Angrisano used analogies, friends' experiences and personal testimony to share moving stories about God, Mother Theresa, and Pope John Paul II to show how God continues to work in our lives.

"Miracles happen and hearts change," said Angrisano. "I want you to know we have a God who loves us. I came to tell you it's true. I've seen miracles in my midst."

Monica Crouch and Cassie Watson, both age 18, from Our Lady of Assumption in Westcliffe agreed, "Steve gave an energetic performance. He made everyone get involved. It was awesome."

Their younger group members, Nathaniel Ley and James Dunlap, both age 16, added, "It was great. The speaker had good stories and music."

The 4-hour long event concluded with a Mass by Bishop Arthur Tafoya who commented on how this gathering was a mini-World Youth Day (WYD). His homily tied the Scripture readings, Angrisano's messages and his own WYD experiences together by acknowledging how "God; having known us from the womb, continues to call us to live in faith, hope, and love." He described how "the power of God's light—shining through the youth miraculously warded off all incidents of trouble during the WYD event he attended."

The Bishop's presence, along with Fathers Kevin Novack, Ben Bacino, and retired Monsignor Marvin Kapushion,



Clockwise:- The afternoon Mass was celebrated by Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya, second from left, assisted by, l-r: Deacon Marco Vegas, Deacon Jake Arellano, Server, Chad Sexton, Msgr. Marvin Kapushion, Fr. Kevin Novack,

Not pictured, Fr. Ben Bacino. Local youth ministers dance to a song as the teens cheered them on. Youth musicians join presenter Steve Angrisano who played his guitar.

Deacon Jake Arellano and Deacon Marcos Vegas said volumes about how the Church welcomes our youth with open arms. It showed that they are important, valued, and worthy of their own special Mass. The Mass ended with with Angrisano, accompanied by the musicians and choir from Our Lady of the Meadows, sending the group forth singing "Go Make a Difference."

This year's annual "Pueblo Catholic Youth Festival" was once again a collaboration of the Pueblo Deanery Youth Forum, CSU-Pueblo Catholic Campus

Ministry, area clergy, the Search Center and individuals who volunteered time and talents; with generous donations from the Pueblo Knights of Columbus Councils.

The next major event for youth is the National Catholic Youth Conference, NCYC, to be held November 8-10th in Columbus Ohio with an estimated 25,000 youth attending. WYD 2008 is scheduled for Sydney, Australia. Please contact your parish's Youth Coordinators and/or Religious Education Directors to find out how you can get involved or be included these future events See you there! †

Montelores Stewardship Committee raffles car to raise funds for church renovation

CORTEZ- The Stewardship Committee of Montelores Catholic Community in Cortez, has been so busy the last two years raising funds for new carpeting, flooring and pews for St. Margaret Mary Church in Cortez.

In 2004, a 1966 Ford Thunderbird was donated to the church by John and Becky Nolan of Dove Creek, to help raise funds for this venture. Almost every weekend, committee members and helpers



Stewardship Committee members Linda Moore and Karen Andrews sold raffle tickets for the car at community events.

transported the car to different events to sell raffle tickets. This was made possible through the generous donation of a car hauler by Rent-All Rentals of Cortez.

The group took the car to Farmington, Aztec, Dolores, Mancos, and many places in Cortez, traveling to many different events to sell the raffle tickets. The total amount raised from the sale of the tickets was just under \$13,000. Louie Edwards of Dolores held the winning ticket drawn on December 12, 2005.

The church renovation project was completed in October, 2006.

Parishioners, as well as visitors, are thrilled with the results.

"Almost every weekend they con-

tinued to receive donations to help offset the cost of the new pews," said Karen Andrews, the Business Manager.

Every summer, Jane Drechsler, the Chair of the Stewardship Committee, works long hours to pull together the annual yard sale. Drechsler, who is also known as the "Yard Sale Queen", has helped to raise over \$5,000 in three years. This year, the proceeds from the yard sale will go to help fix the foundation problem for Our Lady of Victory in Dolores.

The Stewardship Committee is also currently involved in putting together a church directory, as well as, providing education on the meaning of the Mass. They are a very busy group. †

Living the Catholic Faith Conference set

DENVER - Catholics are encouraged to attend Living the Catholic Faith Conference to be held at the Colorado Convention Center, in Denver March 9-10. Among the many speakers scheduled



Deacon Alex Jones, Curtis Martin of FOCUS, George Weigel

are nationally syndicated columnist George Weigel; Deacon Alex Jones, Archdiocese of Detroit's evangelization coordinator; Dale Ahlquist, host of EWTN, "G.K. Chesterton: The Apostle of Common Sense"; and Curtis Martin, founder of FOCUS campus ministry. To register, visit www.archden.org †

Region XIII Bishops gather for Jesu Caritas



Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya, fourth from left, attended a recent Jesu Caritas retreat from January 1 through 6 with fellow bishops from Region XIII in Tucson, AZ. Jesu Caritas fraternities are guided by the Spirituality of the French martyr, Little Brother Charles

de Foucauld (1858-1916). The three basic elements of fraternity life include an involvement with the poor along with an emphasis on silent prayer, especially Eucharistic adoration and the review of life as taught by Brother Charles.

Catequiz'em

Pope Benedict XVI receives the offertory gifts from children dressed as the Magi. CNS photo



By Dominic Camplisson, Special to The Chronicle
This quiz looks at the gifts of the Magi.

- Which gift is a mineral?
a. Gold b. Frankincense c. Myrrh
- What are the primary uses of frankincense?
a. As a medicine for camels and pigs owned by the Israelites.
b. Used to produce fragrant smoke in rituals.
c. An emergency food source for Jews.
- The most common sources of frankincense?
a. Southern Nubia and West Chad
b. South Arabia and Somalia
c. Italy, Gaul and Hibernia
- The first Biblical mention of frankincense is in Exodus, God commanded incense be made containing amongst other ingredients, frankincense. What was unusual about this recipe?
a. It was forbidden to replicate it for every day use, under pain of shunning
b. It was regarded as too valuable to write down, so was only shared verbally
c. It was highly explosive, so the High priests were often killed while making it.
- In the reference to a realm ruled by a famous queen in Isaiah 60, frankincense comes from
a. Sheba b. Egypt c. Kush
- What happened to the usage of such materials when Christianity arrived?
a. Discontinued as being of Jewish origin.
b. Carried over and are still used in Catholic rituals today
c. Identified as pagan and so stopped forever.
- While various interpretations of the gift of frankincense are possible, it likely supports this idea:
a. Jesus was the ultimate cure-all for the world, so needed painkillers.
b. Jesus was the King of Kings, so needed to wear a perennial golden plant.
c. Jesus was worth of worship, including ritual use of incense.
- Like frankincense, myrrh is one of these:
a. a word that cannot be pronounced
b. insect secretions
c. gum resins
- Myrrh, like frankincense, came sometimes from Punt. We know it better as a region of
a. Somalia b. Yemen c. Zanzibar
- These verses praising the joy of spices "...gather my myrrh and my spices..." are from the Book of
a. the Dead b. Revelation c. Song of Songs
- In the New Testament what common use for myrrh makes it an ominous gift for a newborn?
a. It was used to anoint a dead body
b. It was used to place a curse on a Gentile
c. It was meant to mark a man as a victim
- Gold is of course the most familiar and immediately recognizable of these gifts. Even as far back as Exodus it is mentioned, most notably when the Israelites made this for worship in Sinai. A golden....
a. Jahweh b. cross c. calf
- Gold is frequently used in churches and rites, but even sermons could be golden, especially those of this "Golden Mouthed" Church father:
a. Chrysostom b. Gildeamesh c. Pope Dorado
- Gold, as well as silver, encouraged this "Most Catholic" monarchy to explore most of South America
a. Genoa b. Spain c. Andorra
- Though a threat to Catholic Europe, geography and politics meant that the Golden Horde was more of an immediate problem (and therefore reinforced a separate identity) for these Christians.
a. Protestants b. Orthodox c. Old Believers

ANSWERS: 1.a, 2.b, 3.b, 4.a, 5.a, 6.b, 7.c, 8.c, 9.a, 10.c, 11.a, 12.c, 13.a, 14.b, 15.b



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Talking about Values

PUEBLO- There is a lot of talk in our society about values. The discussion of values most often comes up at certain times, like when we are concerned about the kinds of values our children, and all youth, are learning in life. So it arises when speaking about education and schools. Public discussion of values also arises when "we the people" are about to make decisions in our social and political life. We hear about "moral values" and "family values" with frequency in political commentary and in political campaigns. While we affirm moral values, we sometimes feel manipulated by the way the issue is used. That makes it hard to trust what we are hearing. And, of course, there is always discussion in our churches and congregations about values as they relate to our faith.

But, just what is a value? How is it related to principles or virtues?

Catholic teaching addresses these questions for us to aid us in understanding the good and in making good decisions in life. This is most notably addressed in the Vatican's "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church" released in 2005. The title is a mouthful and the document is a scholarly resource not read with speed or ease. However, the lessons it offers could serve us well in learning how to live a moral life, a life honoring and loving the God we believe in.

Catholic teaching offers the world, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, principles that "guide the building of a society" worthy of the human and of God. These principles are the heart of Catholic social teaching. The principles are the expression of the whole truth about us, about who we really are, about what God's plan for all of us is, as known to us by reason and faith. They are born of our encounter with Jesus in the gospels and the "supreme commandment of love of God and neighbor in justice."

Social values are the expression of appreciation of that which our principles, the gospel message, tells us is the ultimate good – for all of us. These values are our guideposts, signs that show that we hold dear the good for all of us and the goodness of God. The habit of living consistently with this appreciation and respect of these values and making decisions on our principles is a life of *virtue*. For now, let's talk about values.

"Essentially," the Compendium reads, "these values are: truth, freedom, justice, love." Putting these values into practice "is the sure and necessary way of obtaining personal perfection and a more human social existence." This speaks to us individually and communally. Our teaching goes on to say these values are an "indispensable point of reference for political authorities."

The first of these values is truth. A reflection worthy of our time, prayer, and practice, is how well we appreciate and live this value. How do we put truth into practice in our lives? How do we judge political authorities and public discussion of

important matters based upon a commitment to truth?

Do we understand the very ways in which we habitually block or deny truth or are so completely unaware of the truth that we make decisions counter to our own good and the good of neighbor?

Do we, instead, hold on to our opinions defensively as if they were true without testing them, without looking at the facts? Is our opinion based upon what we believe is "liberal" or "conservative" rather than true or false? Is it more important that we are "right" than we are "true?"

Often people say we have to give "equal time to both sides" on an issue, when "sides" often refer to opinions, not facts. The Compendium warns us that "the quest for truth cannot be ascribed to the sum

cern to people in the last national election. What is the truth about why we went to war (including full investigation of 9-11) and why we continue an occupation? The truth of torture, war profiteering, the control of oil and the aim of creating an American empire are all well documented. Have we honestly and humbly considered the facts, not just the political rhetoric?

Immigration

Consider immigration. Our country and our parishes are polarized over the issue of undocumented immigrants. The issue is very emotional and filled with prejudicial judgment and wide ranging claims. What is the truth about immigrants and the effect of immigration on our nation. What is the truth about the law and immigration policy in the U.S.? It is critical that we understand the truth about how immigrants live. Without the truth, we risk making immoral decisions. What does the church teach about immigrants. Do we know and understand that teaching?

Stem-cell Research

Stem-cell research is a big and divisive issue. Are the questions being asked by our society, by each of us? What of the claims about the value of embryonic and non-embryonic stem cell research?

What sources do we trust in our search for truth? Do we test them? What is our experience?

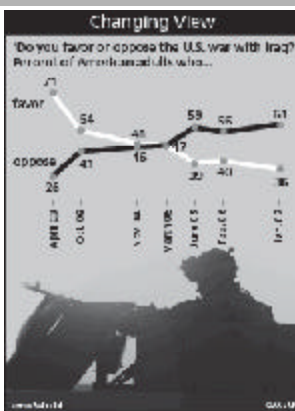
Do we trust our government leaders to tell the truth based upon the evidence? Or, are they just trying to sway opinion? We have to find out no matter who they are. Our quest is for the truth. Catholic teaching says it is essential that people have access to reliable information in order to make good moral decisions. This takes transparency. It takes honest, persistent investigation and questioning. We should do this regarding our children's safety, for medical decisions, or for addressing major social and political problems. Often it is a matter of protecting lives. It is critical for both living a moral life and for democracy to be effective.

Do we trust the media? Catholic teaching warns of the unscrupulous use of money and the concentration of corporate ownership of the media. We may have to search for good information or for sources that have a good record of telling us the truth.

There are many social issues we address as citizens, local and global. There are many personal issues we address. The same principles apply. If we deny the facts of health, we abuse ourselves, sometimes in ways we never imagined. If we deny the facts of economics or the environment, we abuse our world and its people in ways we never imagined. In doing so we deny and abuse God.

Editor's Note: The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church was published by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 2005. It can be accessed on the Vatican website: http://www.vatican.va/home_en.htm. Just click on the icon for COMPENDIUM. The Catholic Citizen will address the other fundamental values as future topics.

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of different opinions." This is why we need "an intensive educational effort and a corresponding commitment on the part of all" to protect the quest for truth.

Quest for Truth

One may ask, "what is the truth?" Truth certainly includes evidence, the results of open investigation, honest observation. It includes the use of reason. In using reason and judging the evidence, truth also includes honest understanding of the moral principles of our faith. The Church says that the more we strive to resolve problems according to the truth, the more we live a more moral life and avoid abuse. This is true within our families or in our society and world.

Health in Families

Consider health in families. Do we consider the best evidence and research about what is healthy or unhealthy in terms of food or life-style and make decisions for ourselves and our families based upon that knowledge? Do we recognize the effect of long exposure to TV and violent games are on our kids? Do we consider the impact of poverty on the health of people? Or how our materialism affects us and others? Or how children learn how to treat others from the way we treat them?

War in Iraq

Consider the war in Iraq. This is reported to be the main issue of con-

Archbishop Chaput challenges Governor Ritter on abortion

By Bill Howard, *The Colorado Herald*
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE OF CATHOLIC LIFE

PUEBLO - In his column for the Jan. 17 *Denver Catholic Register*, Denver Archbishop Charles J. Chaput challenged newly-elected Governor Bill Ritter to not publicly fund Planned Parenthood or any other agencies that fund abortion.

In his "State of the State" speech on Jan. 11, Governor Ritter expressed as part of his health-care reform a desire to "restore the eligibility requirements for state funding for pregnancy-prevention and family planning programs."

Archbishop Chaput acknowledged that Governor Ritter's speech contains "a great deal of good will, good sense and hope," but called Governor Ritter's statement on pregnancy prevention "seriously flawed public policy."

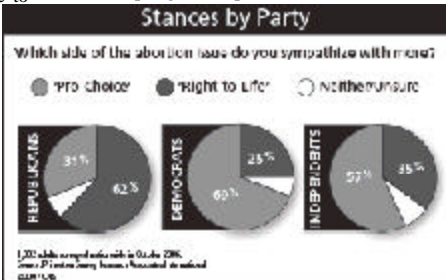
"It's hard to have a future 'for our children and our children's children' without children, and in practice, Planned Parenthood specializes in the business of preventing them," Archbishop Chaput wrote. "Even more troubling is Planned Parenthood's long involvement in abortion 'rights' and the lethal services associated with them. Helping women kill

their unborn children abuses the real well-being of women. It also violates the dignity of unborn children in a brutally intimate and permanent way."

The state constitution forbids public money from funding abortion services directly or indirectly. In a statement made to *The Colorado Catholic Herald* Jan. 17, Colorado Springs Bishop Michael



Former Denver District Attorney Bill Ritter Jr. sworn in as the 41st Colorado governor Jan. 9. is the third Catholic to serve in the state's highest office. Photo by James Baca



killing children," Bishop Sheridan said. "I stand with Archbishop Chaput in his call to Governor Ritter to maintain the constitutional ban on state funds to subsidize abortions."

Governor Ritter's predecessor, Governor Bill Owens, pulled state funding for Planned Parenthood in 1999 after learning that the organization indirectly used state money to fund abortions.

"Planned Parenthood threatened to sue the state and go after the money. Yet, their lawyers had to admit that Governor Owens was right and was following the constitution he pledged to uphold," said Father Bill Carmody, director of the Colorado Springs diocesan Respect Life Office.

Father Carmody said that Governor Ritter "is violating his pledge to the people of Colorado to defend and uphold the constitution of the state of Colorado."

"Planned Parenthood claims that any no money would go directly for abortion. Yet, any money that goes to Planned Parenthood is indirect support of abortion. Thus, money that goes to Planned Parenthood is a violation of the constitution of the state of Colorado," Father Carmody said.

Governor Ritter's new direction regarding pregnancy prevention and family planning will cause serious concern among the Catholic pro-life movement, which fought in last year's legislative session to defeat a bill that would have allowed women to purchase Plan B "morning-after" emergency contraception without a prescription. The bill passed through the Legislature but was vetoed by Governor Bill Owens.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights #2553 presented 3 local businesses plaques to acknowledge their support for the Knights charity golf tournament, l-r: Richard Marks, Tournament Chairman; Jerry Redinger, Silver Sponsor, State Farm Insurance; Larry Merlino, Gold Sponsor, Century 21 Real Estate; Joe Faricy, Hole In One Sponsor, Faricy Ford.



Knights' Fremont Council 2553 hosts Golf Tournament

CANON CITY- The Knights of Columbus Fremont Council #2553 hosted its first Charity golf Tournament this past fall. Fifteen teams and 60 golfers participated in the "four-man" scramble tournament which began with a shotgun start.

"Although we actively promoted registration from women only one woman participated," said Richard Marks, event coordinator, quickly adding, "It was a lot of fun and hopefully we will see more involvement next year from both men and women!"



The afternoon event was held at the Shadow Hill Golf Course on October 8 beginning at noon. A dinner and raffle at the golf club followed the tournament.

After expenses, the tournament netted approximately \$4000 which was split evenly between the council's scholarship fund and seminarian support fund.

The council will host its second tournament this coming fall and intends to make the fund-raising tournament an annual event.

RELIGIOUS BURIALS

Sister of Charity Michael Ann Daly dies

DELHI TOWNSHIP, OH - Sister of Charity of Cincinnati Michael Ann Daly died Sunday, Jan. 7, at Mother Margaret Hall, Mount St. Joseph, Ohio, at the age of 86.

She was born Mary Martha Daly in Middletown, Ohio, on Aug. 20, 1920. Sister Michael Ann earned her nursing degree from the College of Mount St. Joseph in 1949.

In 1945 Sister Michael Ann began serving as head nurse at Mother Margaret Hall, the nursing care facility for the Sisters of Charity at their Motherhouse near Cincinnati, before being assigned in 1953 as director of nursing services at San Rafael Hospital in Trinidad and St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo, both in Colorado.

Sister returned to Ohio in 1956 to become a nursing instructor at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, where she ministered until 1965. Sister Michael Ann served as a guidance counselor at Carroll High School and at St. Joseph Commercial High School, both in Dayton. In 1972 Sister Michael Ann began a series of nursing supervisory positions in Cincinnati at Emerson North, Hyde Park Nursing Home and St. Joseph Infant Home.

In 1984 Sister Michael Ann began service in pastoral ministry at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Edgewood, Ky. In 2001 Sister joined the Ministry of Prayer at Mother Margaret Hall.

Sister of Charity Patricia Wittberg remembers her friend and mentor: "Sister Michael Ann was the guidance counselor at St. Joseph Commercial High School, the first school where I taught. I was not ready for teaching inner-city kids; Sister Michael Ann literally held me together that first year. For me, Jesus has - and will always have - Sister Michael Ann's eyes."



Sr. Michael Ann Daly, S.C.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Local art entry wins 2nd Place in National CDA Contest

TRINIDAD - Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Our Lady of Victory #1176 of Trinidad, CO, announced that Trey Gagliardi, a student at Holy Trinity Academy in Trinidad was a Second Place winner in the National Catholic Daughters of the Americas' Education Contest for 2006. Gagliardi's entry, "Spreading the Love of Jesus," was hand-rolled on leather and won First Place Art, Division 1 for Grades 4, 5, and 6, in the local contest and garnered top honors at the Colorado State competition which automatically enters the artwork into the National Contest.

Catherine Jimenez, also a student of Holy Trinity Academy, entered Poetry, Division II for Grades 7, 8 and 9. She won First Place in the local and state contests and so also competed at the National level.

"All the students who participated in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas' Education Contest are to be commended for their efforts," said Dolores Olguin, Walsenburg/Trinidad Deanery Coordinator.

The themes for the 2007 National Education Contest will be "The Beauty of God's Creation," and "Taking Time for Others." "These themes were chosen in the hopes of stimulating lively imagination and freedom of thought when student talent and application go hand in hand," said Letty Calvetti, National Contest Coordinator, adding, "The contest enables students on our communities, schools and CCD classes to strive for awards in the areas of art, essay, poetry, poster, com-

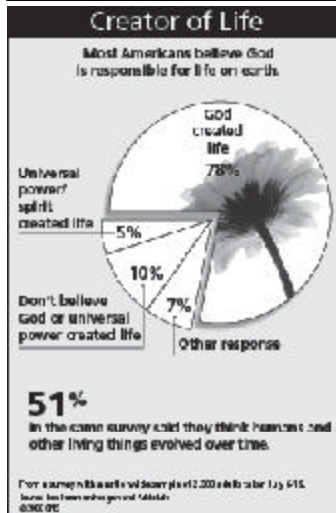


Trey Gagliardi, left, a student at Holy Trinity Academy in Trinidad was a Second Place winner in the National Catholic Daughters of the Americas' Education Contest for 2006. Catherine Jimenez, right, also a student of Holy Trinity Academy, won First Place in the Local and State Contests and also competed at the National level.

Photo by Marty Hackett, *The Chronicle-News-Trinidad, CO.*

puter art, music and photography.

Divisions include: 1 for grades 4-5; 2 for grades 6, 7, 8; 3 for high school; and 4 for Adult CDA members. Each local court is encouraged to sponsor the contest with a deadline for submissions of February 15. Entries for the State Court competition are due by March 15 and National submissions must be postmarked no later than April 15.



Nearly eight of every 10 American adults believe God created life. The Catholic Church celebrated Respect Live Month in January with Pro-Life Masses, seminars, and demonstrations. CNS graphic