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2nd Golf Tournament to benefit the Office of Vocations

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SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

PUEBLO- Summer is almost here! The trees are in full foliage, the flowers are in bloom and the grass has turned green. For a golfer this is the time to take out the golf clubs and enjoy a round of golf at any of a number of golf tournaments that will be taking place over the next few months.

One golf event that will return this year is the Diocese of Pueblo's Vocations Golf Tournament. Last year, the inaugural tournament, generated \$8,000 dollars of much needed funds for the Vocations Office to help in the education of our seminarians and deacon candidates.

And, as much as the money raised was very important, so too, was the fun and fellowship that was had by all who played in the tournament.

Just as last year the tournament will be held at Hollydot Golf Course, in Colorado City, on Friday, August 10. The cost will again be \$65 a person or \$260 for a team. Come out have fun and help our Vocations office raise critically needed funds!

I want to encourage all who played this year to come back and to those who were not able to join us to please come out this year and have some fun! Sign up early so that you or your team will be guaranteed a spot.

We are asking our sponsors from last year to again be generous with your donations. We are also seeking new sponsors. If you have a business and would like to be a hole or tournament sponsor, please let us know. ☩

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The Diocese of Pueblo Annual Vocations Golf Tournament

August 10, 2007

Check in 7:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. SHOT GUN START
HOLLYDOT GOLF COURSE,
COLORADO CITY

FEE: \$65.00 PER PERSON — Includes green fees, breakfast munchies, cart and lunch.
LUNCH TO BE SERVED FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT
4- PERSON SCRAMBLE

REGISTRATION AND MONEY DUE BY JULY 31, 2007.

___ YES I want to play! Please assign me to a team, name is listed below.

___ YES I want to play! Team is listed below

___ No I do not want to play but would like to join you for lunch. (\$15.00)

___ No I do not want to play but would like to make a contribution to the Fundraiser.

Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Pueblo Vocations Office.

Golfer(s) Name(s)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

SEND CHECKS TO: Diocese of Pueblo Vocations Office
1001 N. Grand Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81003

HOLE SPONSORS AND/OR DONATIONS

If you cannot play golf, please consider being a hole sponsor at \$200/hole for Gold Sponsor; or \$100/ hole for Silver Sponsor; or, if you would like to donate a prize, please feel free to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information about the tournament please contact Deacon Jacob Shafer, (719)544-9861 ext. 116, Deacon Jake Arellano, (719) 5449861 ext. 151, or Deacon Marco Vegas, (719) 240-0583.

Colorado Catholics help Holly tornado victims

Holly Tornado Collection Cont'd from page 1.

Management Agency. FEMA, state and local officials conducted damage assessment. And, within a week, some 50 mobile homes and travel trailers were approved by FEMA to help provide housing.

"Many families are displaced, homes have been lost, and others have suffered damages. Businesses are in a precarious position, as well, challenging the livelihood of several parish members," Msgr. Doll told *The Chronicle of Catholic Life*, newspaper of the Pueblo Diocese.

Bishop Tafoya walked the area with Msgr. Doll, speaking with the families and offering words of encouragement. Many homes left standing were full with those who had lost their homes, and relatives and friends who had come to help.

Parishioners of St. Frances reached out in several ways, taking in those left homeless, calling to find out if people were all right, and donating material goods and food.

"This community has opened their hearts to the people around them and showed the love of God and the love of neighbor in such a beautiful way. Because people have opened their hearts and doors to people of all faiths, they're truly living out the Gospel values," said Bishop Tafoya.

Spiritual needs also were being addressed through counseling and in homilies.

Just one week after the destruction, the town gathered at St. Francis of Rome to bury the storm's one fatality. An overflow crowd of about 500 quietly stood inside and outside the church, a quartet sang "Amazing Grace", and the family gathered as a white casket carrying the body of Rosemary Rosales entered the church. The church is just two blocks from the empty concrete foundation where Rosales lived with her husband Gustavo Puga and their two children, Gustavo, Jr., 7, and Noelia, 3.

Msgr. Doll reminded the crowd that just as Christ's death on the cross was followed by his resurrection, the death and destruction of the tornado was not the end, but the beginning of a new life exemplified by the outpouring of love and generosity.

"The tornado brought out the best in people, including strangers from came from across Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas to help Holly dig out and rebuild," he said. "They didn't wait to be asked. They just came wanting to help."

The funeral was the beginning of the grief process for Rosemary and for the town which was traumatized and experiencing a lot of loss, according to Msgr. Doll. He pointed out that the residents responded with action, cleaning up the wreckage, but the story of how Rosemary and her daughter were torn from Gustavo's arms and all three flung into a tree by the storm was a vivid reminder of their loss.

"Family was everything to my sister. They were



Mike Hartshorn carries belongings from his friend Casey Rushton's home on Highland Drive in Holly. Rushton said someone placed the American flag amid the rubble in an effort to keep up everyone's spirits. Photo courtesy of The Chieftain by Chris McLean

her pride and joy," Nadia Chairez, Rosemary's sister, told those gathered. "My sister loved to have a house full of people. Her house was full of comfort, warmth and love. Even if she didn't know you, she made you feel welcome and at home."

"I remember blessing their mobile home when it was placed on its foundation," said Msgr. Doll. "It was a welcoming home."

In between sobs, Chairez said, "We can never say good-bye or how much we loved her. My parents didn't lose a daughter, they gained an angel."

Another 12 foot angel relief on the front of St. Frances of Rome church is being credited with saving the building from the

tornado's wrath. While the Baptist church was lifted off its foundation, only shingles were blown off and the sidewalk uprooted at the Catholic structure which also survived a huge tree which fell crashing to the ground within inches of the church's corner.

"We are grateful that we can continue services as usual," said Msgr. Doll, adding that people have teased him about the guardian angel, asking if they can borrow it for their protection.

"Holly is a strong community, and the people are prepared to care for one another," he said. ☩

Parish Donations for Tornado Victims

As of Friday April 20, 2007 the following has been reported to the Diocesan Finance Office:

Donor/Parish	City	Amount:
Father Smigiel		\$25.00
sacred Heart Cathedral	Pueblo	\$1000.00
St. Patrick	Telluride	\$150.00
St. Daniel	Ouray	\$1000.00
Donald and Mary Lamb		\$50.00
Holy Trinity	Colorado Springs	\$1524.10
St. Philip	Cedaredge	\$620.00
Sacred Heart	Alamosa	\$2450.50
St. Anne	Pueblo	\$ 280.10
Sacred Heart	Alamosa	\$1995.80
St. Michael	Delta	\$868.59
St. Pius X	Pueblo	\$1083.33
St. Paul Apostle	Pueblo West	\$1040.90
St. Francis	Lamar	\$1476.83
Robert Arko		\$200.00
St. Peter	Rocky Ford	\$410.26
TOTAL		\$14,175.41

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