



From the Desk of Fr. Bloom

A warm welcome to **Fr. Ramiro Casales**, O.C.D. Many of you remember him from past visits to our parish. I am particularly grateful to Fr. Ramiro since this will be one of his last weekends in the Archdiocese of Seattle. He has been assigned to an important post in his religious community, directing novices who are aspiring to become Capuchin Friars.

This weekend I am in **Queen of Parish, Port Angeles**. I will be giving a presentation regarding their sister-parish in Peru and will be thanking them for their long-time support of the Mary Bloom Center. Parishioners of Queen of Angels have participated in the last two delegations to Peru, along with members of St. Mary of the Valley. In the coming months I will be sharing more about the mission in Peru and how it can tie in with our own parish, especially youth ministry.

I want to thank you again for your support of our parish. As you saw in last week's bulletin, you gave a total of \$297,029.21 in the Sunday collections. **After consultation with Finance and Parish Councils, we have set a goal of \$6,062 (average) per Sunday.** This is \$176 above our weekly goal for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. I am confident that with your support and prayers that we will have the financial resources necessary to achieve our parish mission.

In addition to your faithful Sunday giving, you have supported our parish in other ways. Many of you have given to the **Building and Capital Improvement Funds**. These are vital as we address the building needs of our parish. I will have to say about this after our Building Commission meeting on July 20.

I also want to thank you for your support of our youth, particularly our World Youth Delegation that has been such a blessing to our entire parish. Financially it is a major effort. The basic cost for the flights, hostels, tours (Assisi, Rome & Toledo), meals and the World Youth Day fees totals \$136,557. Most of these funds have come directly from our World Youth Day families, but a significant amount has come from fund-raising projects and direct donations. **We still need several thousand dollars to reach our World Youth Day goal.** We have just completed the Rummage Sale and I know we will receive good support at our upcoming activities: **Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo, Car Show, Raffle and Soccer Tournament.** I also deeply appreciate those who make direct donations. I will be asking donations for our "Last Supper." I am hoping to take the group to dinner on our last evening in Madrid. I have told them that the place depends on donations: We might go to a nice Spanish restaurant or we might go to McDonald's!

I am looking forward to some happy events this week, especially the wedding of **Nicole Boutillier** and **Matthew Waddell** on Saturday afternoon. Please pray for them and for all couples preparing for marriage – and for those who should be taking that step.

Finally, I ask you to come to the **Spaghetti Dinner** and/or **Bingo** on Saturday evening (July 16). The

dinner will begin at 6 p.m., right after the Saturday evening Mass. I've enlisted a few friends (see cartoon) to help make the invitation. ☺

SPAGHETTI DINNER 2 - BY PBLOOM



CENA DE ESPAGUETTIS - BY PBLOOM

