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with the nuns, he drove the tractor and took care of equipment. Fr. Vincent, 53, was born in Southern California and he's the second youngest of eight children. His twin brother was delivered five minutes after he was born. An older sister now lives in Port Angeles, where she taught at the Catholic grade school.

The family moved from California to the Tri-Cities area, where he grew up. He felt the calling to priesthood as a senior in high school, and gravitated to a structured Norbertine Fathers seminary in Southern California.

"I wanted to be a priest but liked the monastic structure of the seminary," he said. At that time the seminaries in Washington were being shut down.

His ministry started in the classroom teaching religion and philosophy and eventually moved on to be an elementary and then high school administrator before entering a parish ministry in California.

When the nuns on Shaw Island needed a chaplain, the chance came for Fr. Vincent to return to Washington. He

spent a little more than a year with the nuns in the San Juan Islands before Archbishop Sartain asked him to come to Holy Rosary.

It's been a delightful early transition for the new pastor, who wants to help bridge the gap between life in Edmonds and the Lord God. His emphasis will be on strengthening the spirituality of the parish and to "affirm those good

things" that are already present and keep them going.

At the same time, he will be open to new suggestions from parish members for new directions of service.

"If we know Christ, we have to know service to others. You can't know Christ without giving yourself away," he said. "Giving back; that's what Christ is all about."

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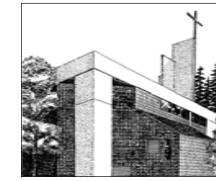
Scenes from Springtime



From top: enthusiasm at Vacation Bible School, high school graduates at their baccalaureate mass, and honoring our veterans at the school spring concert. Our graduates are, from left, Madison Eyer, Dominic Liening, Kayla Chipongian, Oscar Avatara, Katherine Wilson, Phinnian Rogan, Camille Ibsen, Ciaran O'Leary, Allison Lorraine, and Bobby Murphy

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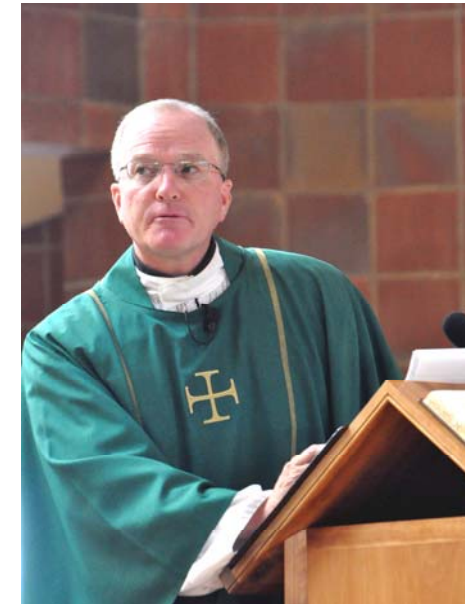
By Jim Haley

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MISSION
*Led by the
Holy Spirit and
nourished by the
Eucharist,
Holy Rosary Roman
Catholic Parish
strives to be a
welcoming servant
community.*

*We celebrate the
goodness of God's
unconditional love
through worship,
education and
service.*

*The Pastoral Council
October 17, 2007*

Save the Date!
First Day of School
Tuesday, September 6
Religious Education
and Youth Program
registrations after
masses September 11
and 18



You might find him riding his 10-speed up Beverly-Edmonds Road on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

Or, it's possible you'll catch him about to launch his hand-made kayak in some local body of water.

Those are just a couple of things your new spiritual leader, Fr. Vincent Gilmore, might be doing when not making Jesus the centerpiece of Holy Rosary Parish spiritual life.

And, of course, there's nothing to say that Jesus wouldn't have been out riding a bicycle or launching a kayak if he were alive in the 21st Century.

And it's possible to imagine that Jesus could have made that kayak as a winter project if he, like Fr. Vincent, had been at the Benedictine

monastery a year ago helping seven nuns who operate a 300-acre farm on Shaw Island. After all, Joseph was a carpenter.

"I like to make things," Fr. Vincent said. "I'm good with my hands."

The new pastor, who replaces Fr. Ken Haydock, came to the Edmonds parish with an open mind and without an agenda.

"I need to find out how this parish works and let it unfold," he said. "I didn't come in with any particular playbook, but I want Christ to be the center of everything we do."

That means an emphasis on the Eucharist and service to others, one of the things he's noticed that this parish already does well.

Something else he's noticed is a lot of Holy Rosary parishioners have long and sometimes decades-long roots in the parish community. That is quite different from his long experience in Southern California parishes and in schools where the community seems more transient.

He acknowledges that the culture at Holy Rosary has been well established by Fr. Haydock and other previous pastors.

He observed that the church seems to fill up for weekend services and the people have been friendly and welcoming.

Since he finds that labels are more divisive than enlightening, he considers himself neither liberal nor conservative, but only Catholic. He likes to read about spirituality, philosophy and the historical context of Christ's time.

He likes woodworking projects and is a hiker, part of his family tradition. On Shaw Island

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Thank you, Father Haydock!

By Jim Haley

The Rev. Kenneth Haydock is not a simple man. He is a soft bundle of concern and compassion wrapped up in a tough veneer of business and get-things-done-now.

He can prod a congregation to pony up the cash to fix a church or build an office-meeting place for the parish in the morning. By evening he has consoled a widow or helped out a family in need.

In short, the priest who has served Holy Rosary parish for 20 years, is a bit of an enigma: tough on the outside, soft to the core at heart.

“He gave me strength in a challenging time in my life and I can never repay the debt,” parishioner Larry Lenz said. “He has been a good mentor and a good friend. I’ve enjoyed our friendship.”

Some only see the more formal side of the priest, who upon leaving Holy Rosary will leave a legacy of both bricks and mortar at one level and of love and generosity on another. “He’s full of compassion. He’s very caring and he goes out of his way to help,” Lenz added.

Fr. Gary Zender, the archdiocesan Vicar of Clergy, said that Fr. Haydock will be a hard act for anyone to follow. (The Vicar of Clergy heads the office that oversees priests, deacons and seminarians for the archdiocese.) “He is very dedicated to the church in a broad sense. He’s a very well-read man and one willing to speak up,” Fr. Zender said.

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Catherine of Siena Village in Forks, Wa., a 30-unit housing complex for poor working families and veterans, Fr. Zender said. “He believes we need to go to places where the Church is not.”

At the time, Fr. Haydock was doing double duty

as Holy Rosary pastor and the Vicar of Charities and Catholic Housing Services for the Archdiocese.

A Seattle native, Fr. Haydock grew up in St. Joseph Parish on Capitol Hill and began teaching history and religion at Seattle Prep in 1969. He also taught at John F. Kennedy High School in Burien before entering Theological College at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he earned a master’s degree.

His first assignment as a priest was at Sacred Heart Bellevue, where he had been a deacon. He later became the parochial vicar at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Everett before becoming pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Vancouver in July, 1985. He moved to Holy Rosary in 1996.

His 20-year stint at Holy Rosary has left an indelible mark.

One of the first things he did after arriving at the Edmonds church was to institute a pre-mass parishioner-to-parishioner greeting. He said it’s kind of a way for folks to not only get to know one another, but it also might show support for someone

who is not feeling well, has an ailing relative or has personal troubles. The greeting can be an ice-breaker that shows support and a sense of community, Fr. Haydock once said.

Certainly Fr. Haydock enjoys fine music, art, food and wine, but the heart of his ministry has been to cater to those in need.

Eileen Niven headed outreach programs for most of Fr. Haydock’s tenure. “I would say outreach definitely is one of his passions,” Eileen said “A large number of ministries were formed or expanded under Fr. Haydock.”

A Needy Fund was set up, as were programs supporting the elderly, sick, families going through divorce and those who have lost spouses.

He emphasized marriage, conducting a special mass each year honoring couples who have reached matrimonial milestones. And he celebrates varied cultures within the parish family with an annual multicultural mass and luncheon.

“He has been good at finding out about what’s happening in the parish,” Eileen added. Maybe somebody has suddenly become sick or fell on hard times financially. It seems that Fr. Haydock always knows. A lot of times, Eileen said, she and Fr. Haydock would be the only ones who knew that he did something to help out someone in need.

“He’s also been a very hard worker,” Eileen said. “Maybe he’s worked too hard. Perhaps his work ethic contributed to some recent health issues,” she added.

He once said that most of his homilies have a practical side to them, hoping to make connections with people who have busy lives but need something to think about. “I think we all need a kernel to chew on and take home and think about during the week,” he once said. “If you leave church without anything to chew on, then I didn’t do my job.”

Another longtime parish employee, Mary Hupf, said the pastor sometimes referred to himself as a “simple, country pastor.” On first blush meeting him, some might think him to be formal or unapproachable, she said. But if one talks with Fr. Haydock for a while and a rapport develops, “they realize that he has a lot to say.”

To parishioner Hubie McMorrow, Fr. Haydock has been a wise businessman in running the parish and getting major construction work accomplished. That included retrofitting a church building that was failing, retrofitting and expanding the school and building the Pastoral Center.



Father and Carlotta Rojas wish each other well at the staff farewell lunch. Carlotta retired after a 35-year career teaching at Holy Rosary School.

But his legacy will be showing “real love for the sick, widows, the dying, the addicted,” Hubie said.

Fr. Haydock once told Hubie that “as a parish community we should make sure no one ever grieves alone,” and that everyone deserves a proper funeral.

To that end, the pastor inaugurated a funeral witness ministry of parishioners who attend funeral masses of even strangers when only a sparse crowd of mourners is expected. That shows respect for the dead and empathy for the relatives.

Fr. Haydock will be missed at Holy Rosary “because of his constant devotion to the parish and the community,” Hubie said.

Longtime banker and parishioner Pat Fahey said that Fr. Haydock ran a tight ship. “You don’t often find a priest with the business management ability he has,” Pat said.

As pastor, Fr. Haydock also reached out to the broader Edmonds community and is highly respected by business and political leaders of the area, Pat added.

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Pat also saw the deep spiritual side to the former pastor.

Ten of his 13 grandchildren were baptized by Fr. Haydock, and each ceremony “was an exceptional, meaningful, spiritual experience,” he said.

But he was boss. “He has strong opinions and high expectations of employees and volunteers,” Pat added. “He wants things done right.”

Tom Brennan, who headed up a transition team in recent months, used the term “humanistic” to describe the outgoing pastor. “He’s trying to follow in the footsteps of Jesus,” Tom said. “He’s soft. Soft in a good way. Soft in the way a shepherd should be.”

Longtime friend of Fr. Haydock, Fr. Pat Ritter, said there are three things people should know about the outgoing pastor. First and foremost, he’s generous with his time and gifts. He’s also been one of the most consistent and active priests in the archdiocese to visit the sick and the dying. “He’s always there. The hours were never counted,” Fr. Ritter said. He recalls a time when his own mother was ill and Fr. Haydock was still in Vancouver. “He was great to my mom,” Fr. Ritter said. Lastly, parishioners should appreciate the stability Fr. Haydock’s 20-year tenure has given to a parish. It’s a form of stability that is rarely seen. “It’s a real blessing,” Fr. Ritter said. Parish members will not “find it anywhere else in society. That’s a huge thing.”

The priest’s achievements have not gone unnoticed.

In October, Fr. Haydock was honored with the Alumnus Lifetime Service Award at Theological College, Catholic University of America’s 50th reunion celebration.

At Catholic University, a new library wing was dedicated in February, 2014, to be used by seminarians. The nucleus of the library collection is some 10,000 volumes of theology and philoso-

phy, donated by Fr. Haydock from his personal collection.

The archdiocese also has not overlooked Fr. Haydock’s work for the Western Washington Church and Holy Rosary. “His surpassing

legacy at your parish will be the tireless spiritual direction he has provided you, as he faithfully led you to a deeper relationship with Christ in the Church,” Archbishop J. Peter Sartain said in a letter to Holy Rosary parishioners. “As pastor of his flock, he has constantly reached out to those in need of the Church’s compassionate care.



Fr. Haydock with Sam and Kate Schimpf at his farewell reception.

“Moreover, even while tending to the pastoral needs of his own parish, he selflessly served as Archdiocesan Vicar for Charities, giving help and hope to the poor, the elderly and the marginalized throughout Western Washington,” the archbishop added.

Fr. Haydock had hoped to retire completely and maybe write a book or learn to speak Spanish. Instead, he has been named pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Seattle. “It’s a lot smaller parish and the pace is a lot slower,” said Leigh Stringfellow, director of priest services for the archdiocese. “This is a great way for him to slow down and still be involved in a parish and be active in a ministry,” she said. “I’m really happy for him. He’s leaving a mark to be proud of.”



Fr. Haydock birthday, 2002: Across the back from left: Jan Lukoskie, Margaret Fordon, Fr. Haydock, Virginia Alton, Lois Vine, unidentified, Wilma Snyder. On left, front to back: Millie Caldart, Dottie Ibsen, Bobbi Roumanada; on right: Alice Kendall