

**"UPDATE" MAY 1997**  
**CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITIES NEWS UPDATE**

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**NEW COMMUNITIES**

The National Community would like to take this opportunity to recognize 5 new communities. Joyful Noise and Fruitful Garden from Kitchener, Ont.; The Lamplighters from Lethbridge; Empty Vessels from Coaldale, Alberta; and another community from Wolfville, N.S. (who are still deciding on their official name). All but Empty Vessels have been in existence for approx. 21 year. Empty Vessels as recently as March '97. CLC Canada Welcomes you!

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY COORDINATOR**

After having had time to prayerfully consider this job opening, if anyone feels they might be interested please **CONTACT JEAN FLOYD AT OUR NATIONAL OFFICE** and a more detailed package will be sent to you. *Watch for a "Reflection from Jean" in the FIRE.*

**"FIRE" DEADLINE**

There is still time to submit articles to Tom Lussier for the FIRE which will go to print the end of May. If you have something, send it email or fax to Tom without delay. Mailing information can be found on the front page of FIRE.

**CENTRAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

*"Join With The Spirit in Joy at the Millennium's Dawn."*

DATE: OCTOBER 3-5/97 PLACE: LOYOLA HOUSE, GUELPH, ONT.  
START: 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY COST: \$115. PER PERSON

*Response to: Barbara Peloso, 84 Keating Dr., Flora, Ont. NOB 1S0.*

*email: peloso@sentex.net by Sept. 12/97.*

A more detailed letter will follow shortly!

**URUGUARY. SOUTH AMERICA**

Alan Fogarty, S.J. sends his love from Uruguay. Thanks to email communication is not a problem. Alan reports that CLC is alive and very well in Uruguay. There are many CLC groups comprised of both young people ( coming out of a movement for younger people) and adults; the latter who have been meeting for several years now. Allan's first weekend in town was spent with 30 + university young adult CLC'ers camping in the interior of the country. Hopefully when Al returns he will write up a detailed account of his many experiences in Uruguay for the "FIRE".

**CLC IS A WAY OF LIFE**

## COMMUNITY NEWS FROM.....

### THE WEST - EMPTY VESSELS OF COALDALE.AB.

We celebrated our 18th week of Phase I on April 17th by inviting the Coaldalian Community (the old-timers) to visit. They shared with us their experiences of National which was very enlightening and a little scary like "What is God calling me to?" They assured us that whatever God is calling us to, He will lead us through it. The evening ended with food and wine.

**PAT MASTEL** for EMPTY VESSELS.

### THE ATLANTIC - NOVA SCOTIA

Our group is scheduled to meet on May 25 for a day of reflection. The day long process will be facilitated by a Sr. of Charity from the Spirituality Centre. We travel to Terrence Bay on the Atlantic Ocean to join her for the day. All prayers are welcomed as we review our past, examine our present and try to discern direction for the further. We have been preparing for this day by conducting our communal time line history noted in John English's book, *Spiritual Intimacy and Community*. We have found this book a very helpful resource after completing the exercises. Every page is filled with thoughtful reflections.

**JOHN SUMARAH.**

### CENTRAL - TORONTO

Many Toronto area CLC'ers got together for World CLC Day of Prayer. We felt Our Lord's presence through scripture, Eucharist and each other. We enjoyed meeting Fr. Leonard Altilla S.J., Assistant for Vocations with the Jesuits. Fr. Brian Massy S.J. celebrated mass for us and gave us encouraging words for our journey. A prayerful and fun time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who made this evening possible. A special thanks to Fr. Michael Shield S.J. and the Jesuits at 512 Jarvis St. for letting us use their residence. A great place to meet.

**PAUL RATCLIFFE.**

### THANK YOU!!

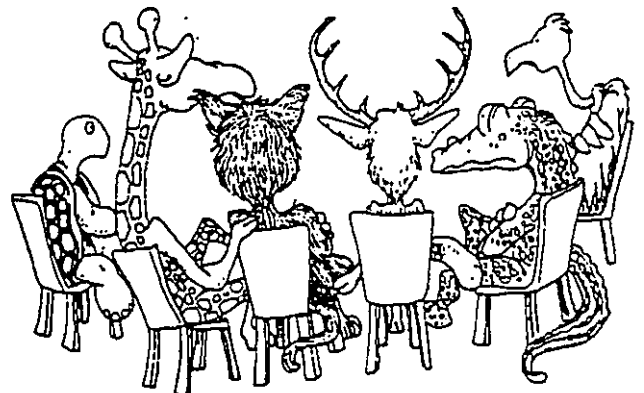
Thanks to all those communities who continue to send in their Formation Survey Responses, Directory Update Requests, and also those on email who are sending in local news for the UPDATE. It's easy and it works!

### SHARE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITH US:

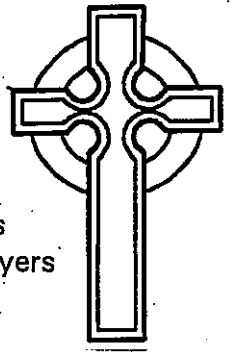
Anyone who is on-line and has not let us know your address, please do. Just send us a message at [gatchene@ionline.net](mailto:gatchene@ionline.net) and we will add you to our address list.

**THOUGHT FOR THE  
MONTH!**

**IT TAKES ALL KINDS TO BUILD COMMUNITY!**



**PRAYER REQUESTS FROM.....**



**WINNIPEG**

Please remember the flood victims in Manitoba. Students at St. Paul's and St. Mary's are adding action to their prayers by helping to sandbag for the local residents.

**Send by - Dale Swirsky.**

**COALDALE, ALBERTA**

As members of the Coaldalian CLC we ask you and your CLC brothers and sisters to remember the family of Bill Hawkins who died recently. He is the brother of Ellen Wagner of the Coaldalians.

**Send by - R. Heaton.**

**ORGANIZING COMMITTEES & NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE & REG. REPS.**

Remember the 2 Regional Organizing Committees in Atlantic and Central as they continue to plan for our Regional Assemblies. May they be guided by the Spirit!

Keep also in your prayers the Nat. Steering Com. & Regional Reps as they continue to work together towards Regional Structure in their areas. May they be blessed for their generosity.

**RESOURCE SUGGESTIONS**

**"SPIRITUAL INTIMACY AND COMMUNITY" by John English, S.J.**

A very helpful resource for communities to use after completing the Spiritual Exercise of St. Ignatius, filled with many thoughtful reflections.

**"CAN YOU DRINK THE CUP?" - by Henri Nouwen.**

Another beautiful work of Nouwen's giving countless accounts of his individual and communal journey and how they impacted on his life. A book worth reading.

**JOY**