CHAPLAIN’S REFLECTION
Fr Karol SDS

A Divine Sense of Humour - Sacraments

No one can ever understand the sacraments unless he has what might be called a “divine sense of humour.” A person is said to have a sense of humour if he can “see through” things; one lacks a sense of humour if he cannot “see through” things. No one has ever laughed at a pun who did not see in the one word a twofold meaning. To materialists this world is opaque like a curtain; nothing can be seen through it. A mountain is just a mountain, a sunset just a sunset; but to poets, artists, and saints, the world is transparent like a window pane - it tells of something beyond; for example, a mountain tells of the Power of God, the sunset of His Beauty, and the snowflake of His Purity.

Our Lord had a divine sense of humour, because He revealed that the universe was sacramental. A sacrament, in a very broad sense of the term, combines two elements: one visible, the other invisible - one that can be seen, or tasted, or touched, or heard; the other unseen to the eyes of the flesh. There is, however, some kind of relation or significance between the two. A spoken word is a kind of sacrament, because there is something material or audible about it; there is also something spiritual about it, namely, its meaning. A horse can hear a funny story just as well as a man. It is conceivable that the horse may hear the words better than the man and at the end of the story the man will laugh. The reason is that the horse gets only the material side of the “sacrament”, namely, the sound; but the man gets the invisible or the spiritual side, namely, the meaning.

A handshake is a kind of sacrament, because there is something seen and felt, namely, the clasping of hands; but there is something mysterious and unseen, namely, the communication of friendship. A kiss is a kind of sacrament: the physical side of it is present if one kisses one’s own hand, but the spiritual side of it is missing because there is no sign of affection for another. One of the reasons why a stolen kiss is often resented is that it is not sacramental; it has the carnal side without a spiritual side; that is, the willingness to exchange a mark of esteem or affection.

As we do every year, we are going to run a special sacramental program in our school.

INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 2004

Perfect conditions prevailed for the running of this years Interhouse Cross Country event. A record numbers of students participated in the event with many students performing at their best and producing exceptional results. Congratulations to all who completed the course and particularly our champions.

**Year Champions:**

**Champion Boy**
- Yr 8: Philip Rechter
- Yr 9: Kendall Ruthven
- Yr 10: Jai Wheeler
- Yr 11: James Frampont
- Yr 12: Tomas Vojkovic

**Champion Girl**
- Yr 8: Natasha Krsteski
- Yr 9: Cassie Milford
- Yr 10: Katharine Liebock
- Yr 11: Jocelyn Weston
- Yr 12: Renatta Milczarek

**Runner Up:**
- Yr 8: Michael Italiano
- Yr 9: Jonathan Waal
- Yr 10: Chris Neilson
- Yr 11: Scott Nisbet
- Yr 12: Michael Hoy

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- Yr 11: Cherie Shanks
- Yr 12: Kerry O’Sullivan

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MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

How Old?

Here is a puzzle which was very popular throughout the United States in the 1900s.

It concerns two girls - let’s call them Marie and Anne. Marie is 24 years old. She is twice as old as Anne was when Marie was as old as Anne is now. How old is Anne?

(please hand in your answer to the Mathematics Department no later than Monday.)

Answer to last week’s problem “Doggon It!”:

It takes Terri and Patti two hours to meet. In two hours, Patti walks 9 kilometres and Terri walks 7 kilometres. Since the dog has been running at 11 km/h for two hours, it would have run 22 kilometres.

Unfortunately, there was no winner to last week’s problem “Doggon It!”

Mrs A Chew, Asst. Deputy Principal

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YEAR 10 PARENT SEMINAR

Parents of Year Ten students are advised that there will be two Parent Seminars to assist in the process of selecting Year 11 subjects and making career decisions for students.

The first of these is the Year 10 into Year 11 Parent Seminar to be held on:

Wednesday May 26th at 7.00pm.

Invitations for this event have been distributed to students. Please complete the reply slip and return it to students reception as soon as possible.

The second seminar is for those people interested in TAFE entry. This is an information evening for all parents and students in Years 10 to 12. It will be held in the Lecture Theatre at 7.30pm on Tuesday June 1st.

Ms Blessas
Head of Year 10