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Congrats to Tracy & Joe Sandman on their new baby boy, Peter!

ADVENT COUNT DOWN IS ON: 18 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS!

SUN DEC 7 12:15 MASS RCIA'S CATECHUMENS REQUEST TO CONTINUE THEIR INQUIRY.

MON DEC 8 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY-

-A HOLY DAY MASSES IN SH CHURCH ARE AT 11:30 A.M. AND 5:30 P.M.

TUES DEC 9 CAMPUS WIDE PENANCE SERVICE IN SACRED HEART CHURCH AT 10 PM--A GOOD PREP FOR CHRISTMAS.

SUN DEC 14 3RD SUN OF ADVENT--THE DAY BEFORE FINALS BEGIN!



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Second Sunday  
of Advent  
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May His name be blessed forever  
as long as the sun  
His name shall remain!

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## RELIGIOUS BULLETIN



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O, Come  
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Emmanuel



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT---FEAST OF MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION--  
---FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE---CAMPUS-WIDE PENANCE SERVICE---  
END OF SEMESTERS AND FINALS!**

LET US GATHER ALL OF PRE-CHRISTMAS AND END-OF-SEMESTER ACTIVITIES INTO SPIRITUAL ONENESS AS WE TRY TO OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE COMING OF OUR GOD JESUS. EVERY BUSY THING WE ENGAGE IN IS A PART OF LIFE IN CHRIST. OUR CHALLENGE AND TASK AS BELIEVERS IS TO INTEGRATE OUR BUSINESS INTO OUR BELIEVING---LETTING JESUS IN OUR LIVES. LET US TAKE TIME DAILY TO LET JESUS INTO OUR LIVES---SCHEDULE THREE MIONUTES EACH DAY WITH HIM.



DEC. 8



DEC. 6



DEC. 12

# CHRISTIANS ARE MADE, NOT BORN.

## R.C.I.A.

"Christians are Made, Not Born"

...Eleanor Bernstein, csj  
Director, Center for  
Pastoral Liturgy

Every student at this university knows what it means to arrive at a new place, to know only a few (or maybe no) people, to be unfamiliar with buildings, procedures, schedules, to have to introduce oneself dozens of times a day, to have learn slowly and painstakingly "how things go here." Classes and professors, dining halls and residence halls, rectors, directors, SYR's, the SAB, the academic code and Du Lac, student government, bookstore basketball, The Observer, Scholastic, CSC--only a sampling of the massive "unknown" that over the weeks and months becomes taken-for-granted information, part of Notre Dame vocabulary. The foreign place and the foreign language is foreign no longer. WHY? or better yet, HOW?

The process by which incoming students come to be a part of Notre Dame life is a process not unlike the social processes by which persons are integrated into families, organizations, neighborhood communities, church parishes, to name but a few. It is always the movement into more-or-less established social units, a process of coming-to-belong by coming to know the fundamental 'way of life' of the group. And one comes to know the life of the group through the persons who make up the group--by observing them, by talking with them, by

doing what the group does, and in the doing, coming to understand why the group acts, thinks, etc. The process may be strange, even painful at first, but gets easier...

The process of coming to be a member of the Catholic Church bears some parallels to the experiences just described. In the RCIA (the Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults), the Church introduces persons into her life gradually, through an extended process which takes place in stages over a period of time.

For the past several weeks, a number of students interested in Catholicism have been "inquiring" into what the life of faith means for a believer today. They have been meeting in small groups with one or two "seasoned" Catholics to reflect on what it means to live a life of faith; they have been sharing something of their own journey and search for meaning in life, engaging in dialogue with others who share the same search and quest.

On Sunday, December 7, at the 12:15 Mass in Sacred Heart Church, these persons will come before the community to mark their entry into the second stage of this journey. Having completed the initial inquiry, they will declare before the Lord and before the assembly their intention to continue the journey. In this next period, called the Catechumenate, they will devote themselves to a serious study of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, attempting to grow in their understanding of who Jesus is, what he teaches, how

he lives and continues in the Church, i.e. in the members of the Church, and what he asks of those who choose to follow him.

The public ceremony during the Sunday assembly is a valuable experience for the whole church--for the catechumens who stand before the community into which they seek entrance and declare their intention to continue this journey; for the gathered assembly who are called to support them, pray for them and strive to be faithful witnesses themselves of the Gospel which they have embraced in their baptism.

"Christians are made, not born," declared an early Christian writer. In this newly recovered process of "making Christians" (the process flourished in the early centuries of Christianity and was subsequently "lost" until the second Vatican Council), the Church hopes to draw into the life of the Church "men and women, enlightened by the Spirit's grace, (who will) respond to the Gospel of Christ."



LEAVE YOUR GIFT AT THE  
ALTAR AND RECONCILE  
WITH YOUR BROTHER:  
MAT 5: 24

## SACRED HEART CHURCH

Feast of the Immaculate

Conception of Mary

Mon. Dec. 8

Masses - 11:30 & 5:30

Campus Wide

Penance Service

Tues. Dec. 9

10 pm

We warmly welcome the following women and men  
as candidates for the catechumenate:

*Mia Wang • Wayne Chang • Shen Zhou*

*Janet Goeke-Cronin • Erica Pistarias-Stamper*

We also welcome the following candidates for full  
communion in the Catholic Church:

*Robin Bolinger • Brian Owsley • Elizabeth Reeves • Nick Mathioudakis  
John Stamper • Stacey Peters • Matthew Johnson • Mary Ann Martinez  
Scott Thomas • Jake Frego • Jill Schirmer • Jeff Van Wie • Dru Cash*

Following the "Rite of Becoming a Catechumen" at the  
12:15 liturgy at Sacred Heart Church on December 7,  
there will be a luncheon for all candidates and  
sponsors at the Center for Social Concerns.

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*Dec. 12th – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Patron of Mexico  
Ole!*