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President's Comments

Easter Greetings to All

Last Monday, Easter Monday, Cardinal DiNardo came back to celebrate Mass with the people and priests of Sioux City. It was his first visit since he became cardinal. He arrived from Houston via a personal jet in the morning and stayed over night. It was a grand affair with much pomp and circumstance. Both local TV stations televised the event. Every pastor was "allowed" to invite two parishioners and so the church was filled. The cardinal is an exceptional speaker (for a bishop) and filled his homily with lots of humor and stories which we all enjoyed. At the reception after the Mass, he made a point to greet all his former priests personally and seemed to be

at ease being here. We appreciate him more now that he is no longer our boss, I suppose that is about par for the course. Not that he was a bad boss, but time and distance and rank gives one a different perspective, I guess. He arrived via a chartered jet (I assume it was provided by some benefactor in Houston). If you'll pardon the expression, he has come "up" in the world. I knew him when he drove around the diocese for confirmations in a Buick LeSabre. I've heard it said that when you become a bishop two things happen, you never are served a bad meal and you're never told the truth. I suppose that when you become a Cardinal a third thing happens, you never have to go through a security check at the airport. It's not something that most of us will have to worry about.

Fr Ed received word from the Dr. today that he is in remission. However he will go to the hospital on Monday, 3-31 for a precautionary session of chemo. He will receive treatments on Mon. Wed and Friday and return to Storm Lake on Saturday. He is recuperating at our sister in law's home at 6185 140th Ave. Storm Lake, IA. 50588. Cell phone is 712-269-9162. If all goes well he'll be able to return to his parish in six months. However he is able to drive and when his brothers allow he gets a little stick time in the back of the Cub.
Peace and Good Flying

Gene



We are including copies of the reservation sheets for two upcoming NAPP gatherings.

One is the Midwest Regional gathering in Knoxville, IA. Host Steve Ebel asks that you include your email address or phone number so that he can contact you to confirm your attendance. Hopefully this will get to you before the April 28 date.

The reservation sheet for the July National Convention in Savannah, Georgia, is once again enclosed. I would like to call your attention to two things about that sheet. Those who receive the newsletter via US Mail will notice a change in the airport of arrival for those in a private plane. The airport has been changed to KLHW (Wright Army Airfield). It is a better field than the Hinesville-Liberty County field mentioned in the last newsletter.

The reservation sheet mentions the fact that the motel reservation price is good March 10. A call to the motel told

me they would honor that price until the time of the convention.

Be sure to get that reservation to George.

The NAPP news has been frugal the past couple of months. Ergo, a smaller newsletter this time. Keep sending those flying moments or other interesting events in your lives. We really are interested in each other.

In the Briefs section of this newsletter you will note a change of address for Bishop Michael Warfel. Bishop Mike became the new bishop of Great Falls-Billings Montana. Archbishop Hurley makes note of this move and how that affects his life.

*We call your attention once again to John Zapp's web site. **AeroVents.com***

John is the person who does the final touches on the NAPP newsletter and we are deeply grateful to him for his generous help and computer savvy

AeroVents has a multitude of aviation related events. John has put the NAPP events on the web site and it's handy place to check not only what is happening in NAPP but events near your home town.

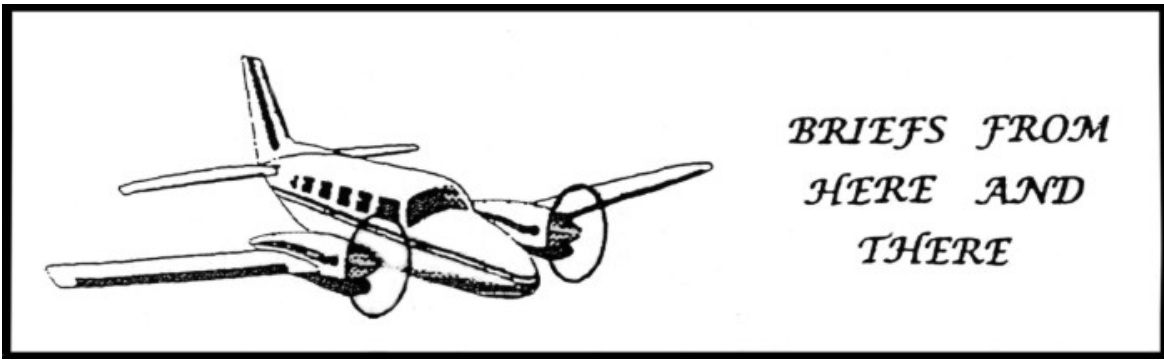
Thanks John.

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Bishop Michael Warfel was transferred from the Diocese of Juneau to Great Falls-Billings, Montana. His new address is:

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Diocese of Great Falls-Millings
PO Box 1399

Great Falls, MT 59403-1399

Email: bishopmike@dioceseofgfb.org

OLD NEWS

Owen Shanley sent this bit of news several months ago

ONLINE SITE HAS BUSINESS IN VIEW

Cistercian Father Bernard McCoy, founder of LaserMonks.com, and Jesuit Father Robert J. Spitzer, president of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash, are among the columnists for the new online Catholic Business Journal.

The www.CatholicBusinessJournal.biz site aims to connect Catholic business professionals with each other and with their faith.

The site offers users an interactive place to explore best practices, share resources, find and post jobs, discuss business issues, create joint ventures, submit prayer requests, and even give opinions on books, movies, restaurants and hotels.

Fr. Joe Burg

St. Vincent Strambi Catholic Church

Bull Savannah, P.A.

St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, W.I.

11 March 2008

Hi Mel,

Just a note from Jamaica. Sorry that I was not able to get to the Conferences for a while and this year I will not make it either.

But I want to pay my dues for last year and this. I hope the \$50.00 is enough.

*BRIEFS FROM
HERE AND
THERE*

I had a mild heart attack and I don't know if I am still allowed to fly. I do fly almost every day on my computer flight sim 2007 professional. It is a lot of fun. I see the Country and I don't have to pay for the gas and maintenance.

Be good. Give my regards and all of you are in my prayers.

Fr. Joe Burg

FRANCIS T. HURLEY

Archbishop Emeritus of Anchorage

March 6, 2008

Dear Mel,

Through the 2008 Directory I saw that I am in arrears on my dues. Enclosed is a check to cover 2007 and 2008 and bring me up to date.

Retirement is getting a little busier now that there is no bishop in Juneau and Roger is responsible for that. I am helping with Easter week there and taking a few confirmations in the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

The NAPP web page is very good.

God bless

Sincerely in Christ,

+Francis T. Hurley

**NAPP MIDWEST REGIONAL
MEETING**

Monday, April 21, 2008

Knoxville Iowa

KOXV

Hosted by
Steve Ebel

11:00 - 11:30 Arrive at the **OXV** airport.

FBO Knoxville Aviation 641-842-4423

11:45--- Lunch and tour of the Church

12:45 --- Depart for afternoon activity

Tour National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum

3:30--- Depart for home

(If you want to arrive early or stay late, mark proper box below)

**: SPECIAL NOTICE: Please notify Steve by email or reservation blank below
by April 18 so he can make arrangements for luncheon**

NAME _____

ARRIVAL: _____

By: Pvt Plane: N_____ ETA: _____

By: Car _____ ETA _____

DEPARTURE: _____

(I need a place to stay **DATES:** _____)

RESERVATIONS TO:

Rev Stephen Ebel
St Anthony Church
1202 Woodland Dr
Knoxville, IA 50138
1-641-828-7050 stebel@interserv.com

NAPP NATIONAL CONVENTION

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

JULY 8 – 9, 2008

ARRIVAL AIRPORT: KLHW – Wright Army Airfield (Ramp fees are waived if you buy fuel.)

COMMERCIAL ARRIVALS: Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS:

COUNTRY INN & SUITES OF SAVANNAH NORTH

WELCOMES PRIEST PILOTS

200 Raley Road

Port Wentworth, GA 31407

This is a special and exclusive offer, which is up to 50% off our standard rate, for the Priest Pilots. Call Nicholas or Jennifer for details. Special offer ends March 10, 2008

Reservations can be made on line: <http://www.countryinns.com/napp>

RESERVATIONS: (888) 201-1746

TELEPHONE: (912) 964-2300

There will be a hospitality room at the Hotel for informal gatherings.

RESERVATION FORM

ARRIVAL: Private Aircraft: N _____

Commercial: Airline: _____ **Flt No:** _____

By private car _____

ETA: _____ **ETD** _____

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FYI:

Check AeroVents.com under Georgia for convention schedule particulars.

Suffice it to say: Monday pre-party

Tue & Wed scheduled events

Depart on Thursday

GET YOUR RESERVATION IN