

...THIS TIME FOR PEACE



Two Guatemalan women carried placards that read, "George Bush Doesn't Care About Black People." ▶



◀ We met many who'd been in buses all night to come from Michigan, Minnesota, North and South Carolina, Ohio, Chicago.

On Saturday the 24th, we took part in a rally on the Ellipse and heard speakers reinforce the message of justice and peace. Some of those speakers included the Rev. Jessie Jackson, Cindy Sheehan, Leslie Cagan, coordinator of United for Peace & Justice (UFPJ), and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark. Tens of thousands of people raised their voices, banners, signs and posters in approval of what was said. With speeches still booming, many of the multitudes were beginning to form lines that filled the wide streets of the nation's capital. The route took us in front of the White House, which was heavily guarded from all angles. There was great fanfare, but all was peaceful. The march ended at the Washington Monument grounds. Many prominent performers, along with dynamic speakers, kept the thousands of marchers entertained until 1:30 in the morning.

More events took place on Sunday, September 25th, including training for non-violent civil disobedience and lobbying our congresspersons, other workshops and interfaith religious services. Mary Ellen and I took part in an ecumenical service at the Unitarian All Souls Church. It was a very spirited, moving service with the theme of Violence and Redemption.

Following the service, we decided to go in different directions; she to the training for grassroots lobby day and I to a four-hour session on torture. STOP TORTURE NOW



▲ "But where are the young people?" a black male airline attendant asked us as we rode the shuttle at Dulles airport. Well, young people were everywhere at the rally, including youths holding a banner that read, "What Noble Cause?"



▲ We met lots of people our age and older, too. This older woman came to Washington, D.C., with her husband for her 50th high school reunion, but here they are at the Peace Rally.

was presented by Call for Justice Interfaith Coalition. There were five sessions, the first two dealing with three powerful men: U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former CIA Director George Tenet, and U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. In this mock trial, the coalition wanted to expose the truth about the use of torture by U.S. agents and the resulting legal, policy and security consequences. They used the broad statements and justifications given by various high-level officials to defend the policies that led to torture. The accusations made by the prosecutor were based on government files and other credible sources.

The next three sessions were testimonies of two Iraqis and an Afghan who were detainees at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo: Sister Dianna Ortiz, Marcos Arruda and Jennifer Harbury. This was a gut-wrenching experience for me and represents a grave issue facing the United States as a democratic country.

Mary Ellen and I shared our day's events and readied ourselves for Lobby Day on Monday, the 26th. After a good night's rest, we lined up our representatives, carrying our five points that United for Justice and Peace set as the theme for our three days of action. They were and still are:

- Bring the U.S. troops home now.
- Iraqi sovereignty must be reestablished immediately.
- The Iraqi people, not foreigners, should make the decisions about the future of their country, including security.
- The United States should pay for the reconstruction of and reparations to Iraq, in accordance with international law.
- The United Nations and other international organizations should refuse to endorse or collaborate with the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

Now that we are home, both Mary Ellen and I are committed to be informed on issues related to the war on Iraq and to call, write and visit our representatives often. ●



Mother Joseph, portrayed in habit by Sister Rosalie Locati, attended the Mass of celebration in Spokane, sitting by Sister Lillian Deslauriers.

- *Sisters and Associates*
- *in Great Falls used this*
- *newspaper ad to thank*
- *the Native peoples and*
- *others in Montana for*
- *letting the sisters minister*
- *among them. They*
- *also threw a party at*
- *the Sacred Heart Center*
- *after the Mass of the*
- *Immaculate Conception.*



Celebrating God's Favor

Last December 8, Sisters of Providence, Providence Associates and friends kicked off a yearlong celebration of the 150th anniversary of the sisters' arrival in the West. (Walla Walla got an early start with a special prayer service on November 20 at the home of Providence Associates Charles and Mary Ruzicka. So did Yakima, with a Mass and gathering on December 7 at Emilie House.) Some Providence ministries also celebrated, including Providence Blessed Emilie House in Portland, which hosted a dinner for 35 people. ●

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- *Father Neill Meany, SJ,*
- *celebrant for a Mass*
- *in the Emilie Room at*
- *Casa Emilie in Yakima,*
- *confers with Sisters*
- *Alice St. Hilaire (center)*
- *and Dianne Crawford.*
- *Thirty people attended,*
- *including women*
- *and men of several*
- *religious congregations,*
- *Providence Associates,*
- *relatives and friends.*



Food and fellowship set the tone for a festive celebration after the Mass at St. Joseph Residence in Seattle. From left are Sister Maureen Newman, Kay Van Stralen, an unidentified friend of Providence, Sisters Charlene Hudon and Naomi Hurd, and Sister Immaculate Kyampeire, DM.

The celebration continues!

Sisters in Portland and Providence employees enjoyed a celebratory tea at the Murray Business Center. Pictured from left are Sisters Margaret Pastro, Lucy St. Hilaire, Lenora Donovan, Joyce Green, Sue Orłowski and Rita Ferschweiler.



April 22, 2006

Celebration of 150th and Jubilee at St. James Cathedral, Seattle

(If you plan to attend this event, please call 206-464-4730 to RSVP)

August 5, 2006

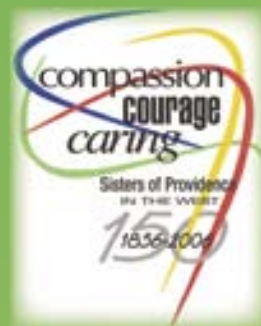
Celebration of 150th and Jubilee at Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes, Spokane

September 23, 2006

Celebration at St. James Church
Open House at Providence Academy, Vancouver, WA

December 8, 2006

Closing of the 150th Year Celebration



**Providence of God,
we thank You for all!**

Other celebrations were:

Burbank – a liturgy at Providence High School in the Student Activity Center

Great Falls – special prayers of thanksgiving

Portland – Mass at Providence Portland Medical Center, Our Lady of Providence Chapel, followed by a reception

Seattle – Mass in the chapel at St. Joseph Residence, followed by a reception

Spokane – Mass in the chapel at Mount St. Joseph, followed by a reception

Photos from some of the celebrations are highlighted here.



- A gaily decorated altar
- gave a celebratory feel
- to the Mass at St. Joseph
- Residence in Seattle.

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