

Time capsule at St. Mary's reveals the past



Photo by Kathrine Patton

Paul Ahrenholtz Jr. and Father Gary Ruzicka examine the contents of the time capsule.

By KATHRINE PATTON

CHEYENNE - After two weeks of careful excavation, workers from Ahrenholtz Masonry located the time capsule in the cornerstone of the historic St. Mary's Cathedral in Cheyenne, and on May 31, Father Gary Ruzicka removed the slightly tarnished copper box which contained aged items from nearly a century ago.

Sorting through the artifacts with Paul Ahrenholtz Jr., Father Ruzicka said the contents of the time capsule included a large Eucharistic medallion and a Latin document which was later discovered to have named the pontiff as Pope Pius X, the Bishop Richard Scannell of the Archdiocese of Omaha and President Theodore Roosevelt. It also contained a copy of the Cheyenne Daily Leader July 7, 1907 and a Catholic newspaper dated July 6, 1907.

The contents and the capsule were taken to the state archives to be viewed and photographed. Father Ruzicka said when the items are returned they will be on display for the public.

State Archivist, Roger Joyce said the overall condition of the documents taken from the capsule was excellent. This determination was made because the paper was still in good condition, not very brittle or



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Some of the time capsule contents are shown.

falling apart and the stability of the ink was good. Although the papers were folded, there was no structural damage and the periodicals were still quite flexible. He said, "As an archivist, it's wonderful to be able to see items like this in pristine condition." He added that it was exciting to see the actual items after all these years.

In anticipation of the 100th anniversary celebration of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Mary's Cathedral, for which a Mass will be held July 7 at 6 p.m., new items that will some day be reminiscent of the Catholic Church in Wyoming 2007 will be gathered and enclosed with a CD of the original articles and placed into the cornerstone.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

50 years and growing strong!

Newman Center hosts anniversary

LARAMIE - In 1957 the Soviet Union inaugurated the "Space Age" by launching Sputnik. Israel withdrew from the Sinai Peninsula and the United States conducted the first underground nuclear test.

Amidst international, social and cultural events that shaped the lives of millions, St. Paul's Newman Center was dedicated on Sept. 22, 1957. Bishop Hubert Newell had led the Diocesan wide fundraising effort which brought to fulfillment a long-time dream of Msgr. McDevitt, pastor of St. Laurence Catholic Church in Laramie.

Initially, the center planned to celebrate the anniversary during UW's 2007 homecoming weekend and many people received a letter to that affect.

However, facilities to host all of the returning alums and friends were not to be found

during homecoming weekend. So, the date was changed to Labor Day Weekend.

Participants are able to be on campus for this event, for liturgies and the banquet Friday evening. The banquet will feature voices from the past and a pictorial walk down memory lane. The Cowboys will be hosting Virginia in the hopes of another competitive, heart stopping football game on Saturday.

Friday, Aug. 31: Banquet followed by Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday, Sept. 1: Open House and Brunch and Liturgy of the Eucharist and reception following the Wyoming football game. A block of football tickets will be available at a discount for the 50th Anniversary guests. For information, call the center at 307-745-5461.

JustFaith seminar set for parishes

CASPER - The Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Cheyenne is hosting a workshop for parish representatives on the JustFaith program, July 28 at St. Anthony Parish Center, 642 S. Wolcott in Casper.

JustFaith is a program that empowers people of faith to develop a passion and thirst for God's justice. Each parish is asked to send two or more people for the session from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., including lunch. The registration fee is \$10 per person.

The facilitator is Dan Driscoll, a former member of the national board of JustFaith. He holds a Master of Divinity from Notre Dame, served as a director of parish ministry in Greensburg, Penn. Diocese, and has been an editor with Ave Maria Press. He is married and has five children.

Three parishes in the diocese have participated in this

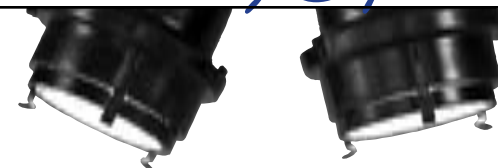
innovative formation program at Holy Trinity parish in Cheyenne, the Newman Center in Laramie and St. Anthony's parish in Casper. Our Lady of the Mountains in Jackson will begin the series in the fall.

The workshop in Casper will enable parishes to target one or two specific areas of Social Justice that have been studied this year and integrate it into parish life.

Reservations should be sent to Angie Kinnaman, Social Justice Commission, 320 8th Street, Rawlins, WY 82301 by July 23. For more information, she can be reached at 302-324-5460 or by e-mail at akinmn@tribscp.com. Please make checks out to the Diocese of Cheyenne.

JustFaith is partnered with and promoted by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services.

Ministry Spotlight



Catholic Charities move successful

By ELIZABETH GROOM

CHEYENNE - Every spring when Mother's Day and Father's Day roll around we are reminded of the unselfish gifts of life that biological mothers and fathers who place for adoption provide to couples unable to have children. They want the best for their child, usually at a time they are not able to provide this. For couples unable to have biological children this is a dream come true and their opportunity for parenthood and family.

We are grateful for those birthparents who are unselfish enough to place for adoption and who choose a life-giving versus a life-taking option for their child. We appreciate those who open their hearts and homes to children in foster care, and parents who knowingly accept children who may have physical or emotional problems due to past

life experiences, truly make a lifelong difference!

Since our move out of the Chancery into a newly remodeled home at 2315 Bent Street in Cheyenne n April 18, we have been settling in. We have a nice new sign expect a new handicapped ramp very soon. The Bishop has offered to bless the house later this month.

St. Mary's members have continued to help us. We greatly appreciate the help we have received from Tom Jacobson, Gerry McGowan, Dave Johnson, Randy Byers, and Jesse Sandoval and sons. Jack Buhr was helpful with the financing and with the technology we need.

Please note that we were able to keep our 800 number -all else is new. Our Cheyenne local number is now 637-0554. Our fax number is now 307-632-2346. Our website is now www.charitieswyoming.org.