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## Georgia's Jekyll Island

### 'Come Coast Awhile' at CACI's 2002 National Vacation

Nestled among the coastline and barrier islands of the state of Georgia are The Golden Isles — St. Simons Island, Sea Island, Little St. Simons Island, and Jekyll Island. Once a private resort for America's wealthiest families, Jekyll Island — called The Smilin' Island — is CACI's destination for our 2002 Annual Vacation from Saturday, July 27 to Friday, August 2.

Our home for the week will be the beautiful oceanfront *Clarion Resort Buccaneer*, nuzzled in the tree covered dunes of Georgia's beautiful Jekyll Island, on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. The *Clarion Resort Buccaneer* has a very special charm with its spacious grounds with majestic live oaks and exotic palm trees, exquisite landscaping, and a breathtaking view of the Atlantic Ocean, with direct access to the beach.

There will be CAC beach volleyball, golf, and tennis tournaments (and maybe even miniature golf!). Jekyll Island has three championship 18-hole golf courses, including the historic Oceanside 9, which lies along the ocean and where some of

the holes are part of the original course laid out in 1898. Play a set of tennis on the Clarion's own private tennis court, or head over to the island's Tennis Center, a clay-court complex named by *Tennis Magazine* as one of the "Top 25 Municipal Tennis Facilities" in the nation.



boating and miles of bicycle trails. Swim along 10 miles of golden shores or relax in the Clarion's beachfront pool or hot tub. Enjoy a pleasant walk under the sprawling oak canopy that graces the Clarion's oceanside courtyard.

Visit Jekyll Island's Visitors Center and view a video on Jekyll Island's history. Take a narrated tram tour of the Historic District, or enjoy a self-guided walking tour; 33 of the Island's original buildings still stand, including some of the mansion-sized "cottages." Many of the service buildings for the "cottages" have been converted to specialty shops or restaurants.

Take a water taxi tour to St. Simons Island and enjoy a historic trolley land tour. The area around the pier is known as The Village and offers numerous shops, restaurants, and points of interest. The 104-foot St. Simons Lighthouse is maintained as an operational light by the US Coast Guard. The lighthouse keeper's home now houses the museum of The Coastal Georgia Historical Society.



Saddle up for a horseback ride through Jekyll's maritime forest and on beautiful Driftwood Beach. Surf fishing is best on the Island's south end. At the Summer Waves Waterpark, join the excitement on the water slides and the wave pool, or drift on an inner tube down Slow Motion Ocean. Enjoy

#### **First-Timers Vacation Discount**

If Jekyll, Island, Georgia is your first CACI National Vacation, you're entitled to a \$50 discount! Look for more details on the Jekyll Island reservation form.

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# Message from the President

Greetings, CACers! I'm having a blast! Not only do I find the job of CACI President exciting and challenging, I'm enjoying it! In



this second of my messages, I want to mix something old with something new. The something old is progress CACI has made since my last column; the something new is

what CACI is planning for the future.

Consistent with my pledge to involve local chapters in major de-

isions, I've solicited input from all local chapters on a Club Development Grant Program, which I mentioned in my last column. This program, if approved, would establish a mechanism by which local chapters wanting assistance can apply for financial help from CACI.

I also mentioned the idea of holding practical seminars at CACI convention vacations. One of this year's seminars will be on how to motivate people in volunteer organizations, something that every local chapter leader will find helpful. This will be held at CACI expense, as a way to help all interested local chap-

ters.

The new things are CACI connections with other organizations and providing information to you, CACI members. The CACI Executive Committee has decided to affiliate CACI with several other organizations, each of which ministers to single Catholics in a slightly different manner. It is our hopes that these relations will make them aware of the existence and mission of CACI and its local chapters, and consequently promote CAC to a larger audience.

CACI will use the Internet in new ways. For instance, we will archive the *Communique* on CACI's home page, so you can read earlier editions; put reservation forms for upcoming regional weekends and national conventions on the web so you can access them immediately; place CACI's *Constitution, Policies and Procedures* on the Internet so they are available to all; and much more. If you want to see what is new, visit CACI's home page at <http://www.caci.org/cac/> and click on "what's new." Don't forget to check out our member-oriented E-Mail list, *cacinews* (See page 7).

In my last column, I asked for people with ideas to write and volunteer. I have received letters since then from folks in several chapters, including New York and Quad Cities; thanks! I would like to receive more, so don't stop writing; I would love to hear from you.

For the future, I'm looking forward to completing several CACI projects; representing CACI at the Spring Midwest Regional in the

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The *Communique* is published by The Catholic Alumni Clubs International (CACI), an umbrella organization for the more than 30 local Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) chapters across the country. Members of CAC chapters are college and nursing school graduates who are free to marry in the Church.

The purpose of CACI is to host an annual national convention, facilitate communication among local clubs, and represent the interests of single Catholics in our Church at-large. The annual national convention is held during the first week of August and hosts more than 200 CACers from across the country. Smaller Regional Weekends across the United States are also offered, allowing CAC chapters in specific various regions of the country to come together for fun and fellowship.

CACI is a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of the state of Colorado. The address of President **Larry Bleau** is 4901 Ni-

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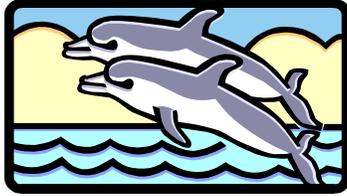
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Take a dolphin cruise or a sunset cruise on an 1850's schooner! Visit Hofwyl Plantation and return to an era when rice plantations flourished. A must-see is Savannah, Georgia, a city which has preserved its historic charm and beauty. The city's downtown area is known for its oak-shaded streets, beautiful squares, and homes. In Savannah's 2.2-square-mile historic district, more than 1,000 buildings have been restored. Many homes are open to the public and serve as museums. On cobblestoned River Street — Savannah's waterfront district — see the 264-year history co-exist with the present. You'll find specialty shops, art galleries, and restaurants. Visit other sites also in and around Savannah — military history, forts, huge, beautiful colonial houses — and experience Old World European ambiance and one of our national treasures, "Southern hospitality."

The package prices for the week are:

#### Oceanfront Rooms

\$734 (Double Occupancy)  
\$1118 (Single)



\$605 (Triple)

#### Islandside Rooms

\$680 (Double Occupancy)  
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The package includes six nights lodging, six breakfasts, five dinners, dances, parties, and daily Mass. You can fly into

Brunswick, Georgia or Jacksonville, Florida.

Beginning in 1886 and continu-

ing for more than five decades, a group of America's wealthiest families, including the **Rockefellers, Morgans, and Vanderbilts**, enjoyed the beauty and seclusion of Jekyll Island. And now CAC is invited! Come coast awhile. Visit, explore, and enjoy all of The Golden Isles. For more information, contact convention coordinators **Janet Yntema** (Detroit) at 313-882-0990 or **Evie Pullis** (New York) at 201-342-5256, or send an E-Mail to [convention@caci.org](mailto:convention@caci.org).

## Enjoy CACI's Post-Vacation Weekend August 2-4 on Florida's

If you attend the vacation on Jekyll Island, don't leave us at the end of the week! Join CACI for a post-vacation weekend Friday, August 2 to Sunday, August 4 at the Hampton Inn & Suites "Historic Harbor Front Hotel" on Amelia Island/ Fernandina Beach, Florida, about one hour's drive from Jekyll Island.

Fernandina Beach is a centuries-old town on Amelia Island. Its Victorian district is scattered across 50 blocks and includes residential and commercial buildings and a popular shopping area. On Saturday, we will visit historic St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States; the estimated cost of this tour is \$75.

The two-night package prices for the post-convention are:

#### Ocean View Rooms

\$140 (Double Occupancy)  
\$265 (Single)

#### Ocean Front Rooms

\$195 (Double Occupancy)  
\$375 (Single)

The three-night package prices for the post-convention are:

#### Ocean View Rooms

\$205 (Double Occupancy)  
\$385 (Single)

#### Ocean Front Rooms

\$285 (Double Occupancy)  
\$555 (Single)

The prices include lodging only; there will be additional charges for transportation from Jekyll Island on Friday and to Jacksonville International Airport on Sunday. Rates for a triple room are available upon inquiry.



Come join us this Summer. For more information, contact **Janet Yntema** (Detroit) at 313-882-0990; **Evie Pullis** (New York) at 201-342-5256; or **Martha Strachan** (Boston) at 508-852-1075, or send an E-Mail to [convention@caci.org](mailto:convention@caci.org).

### Attention CAC Chapter Presidents!

CACI is offering a \$50 discount to all local chapter presidents who attend this year's National Vacation in Jekyll Island, Georgia. Look for more details on the Jekyll Island reservation

# CACI 2002 Regional Weekends

## Spring Midwest Regional

The Twin Cities CAC is hosting CACI's 2002 *Spring Midwest Regional Weekend* from Friday, May 24 to Monday, May 27 at the Ramada Inn Airport in Bloomington, Minnesota.

You'll have an afternoon to "Spend" at the Mall of America to see what makes it unique and the most visited tourist attraction in the United States. The Mall of America is more than a shopper's paradise, with over 500 retail and specialty stores. The Underwater Adventures inside the complex was voted "world's best shark encounter" by Discovery.com. The Camp Snoopy theme park inside the complex has 28 rides and adventures. You can use the US Post Office inside the mall to ship your purchases home. If you choose, you can instead go to one of a couple of small group tours to specific points of interest in the Twin Cities area.

We are offering a tour to Historic Murphy's Landing, a living history museum depicting life from the 1840-1890 in the Minnesota River Valley. It is a self guided walking tour and includes 40 buildings from that time period. Costumed interpreters throughout the village are prepared to spin a tale, demonstrate their craft, and explain the daily life of men, women, and children. A box lunch will be served with this tour.

The Ramada Inn Airport will provide complimentary transporta-

tion to and from the airport and to and from the Mall of America. Direct flights to the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport are available on Northwest Airlines from most cities in the US. Most other major airlines fly there as well.

This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with members from other CAC chapters and the Twin Cities CAC. The cost for a double-occupancy package is \$285; a single is \$402. The reservation form can be downloaded from the CACI website at <http://www.caci.org/cac/mall2.pdf>.



For more information, contact **Greg Peine** at 651-451-9784 or via E-Mail at [wcoyote2@msn.com](mailto:wcoyote2@msn.com); or **Teddi Tri** at 952-941-7003 or via E-Mail at [tedtri@aol.com](mailto:tedtri@aol.com). We look forward to seeing you!

## Spring Eastern Regional

Shed your Fall and Winter stress with the ladies and lads of Camelot! It's time to open the ocean at the CACI's *Spring Eastern Regional Weekend* at the Castle in the Sand Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland from Friday, May 31 to your choice of either Sunday, June 2 or Monday, June 3.

The sponsoring CAC chapters — Washington, DC and Baltimore — promise you a shining two-or-three-day (your choice) weekend in the tradition of Camelot. The two-night weekend package includes two breakfasts, a dinner dance, and two evening parties. An outdoor barbecue is in-

cluded on Sunday evening for those staying Sunday evening. Prices range from \$194 for two days in a Bayside triple, to \$516 for three days in a deluxe Castle North Suite single. There are many price levels between these two, varying according to number of days stayed, room location, and number of roommates. Tours are extra.

Pack up your pails, shovels and beachwear! Obtain a reservation form from Washington, DC's **Neal Hyatt** at 301-229-1455, Baltimore's **Michelle Pollhein** at 410-282-3048, or from CACI's web site at <http://www.caci.org/cac/er.pdf>.

See you at the shore!

## Fall Western Regional

Come find out "who dunnit" at a fun and mysterious dinner theatre during the Western Regional November 8-10 on the Delta King Hotel and river boat in Sacramento, California.

We'll have a getting-to-know-you party, and you can play your part in finding the "suspect" during a delicious dinner (You may not know who you're sitting next to!).



We'll also enjoy dancing after the theatre, an after-hours party, a tour of Napa Valley with wine tasting, and, of course, Mass.

So come join us for a fun-filled CAC weekend with your wild CAC friends from the West. Additional information will be available at the CACI's 2002 Annual Vacation at Jekyll Island from July 27 to August 2 and on CACI's web site, <http://www.caci.org/cac/>.

# CACI Regional Reports

## ***Eastern Region Report***

The Eastern Region and the Midwest Region held their first joint regional in October and it was a success! Over 70 members from the two regions came together in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to appreciate a beautiful Fall weekend touring the countryside and enjoy a Pennsylvania Dutch Family Style dinner. My thanks to all of those individuals who make it a successful weekend.

As a result of the success of this regional, the Eastern and Midwest Regions will once again run a joint regional from October 11-13 in Cleveland (the home of the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame). Why not think about joining us for what promises to be a fun weekend?

Looking closer, we have the upcoming CACI Spring Eastern Regional in Ocean City, Maryland the week of May 31 to June 2. This weekend is co-sponsored by the Baltimore and Washington CAC chapters. I know from having spoken to **Neal Hyatt** (Washington, DC) that plans are well underway and registration forms have been sent to the local chapters. Ocean City here we come!

July 27 to August 2 brings the yearly CACI Vacation/Convention on Jekyll Island, Georgia, and I am looking forward to a week's vacation with all of my CAC friends from around the country.

Finally, I would like to congratulate both Baltimore on its 40th Anniversary and Boston on its 50th Anniversary. Way to go! Hope to see you all soon.

**Loretta Lovell** (North Jersey)  
**Eastern Region Vice President**

## ***Midwest Region Report***

The first joint East/Midwest Fall Regional Weekend, held last October in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was very successful. Thanks to **Loretta Lovell** and the others from the Eastern Region that put on a very enjoyable weekend. Everyone had a wonderful time in Amish country, giving us a chance to be together after the terrible attack on our country September 11.

Because of the success at Lancaster, both regions decided to again run a joint weekend this Fall. We will be swinging to the beat of rock n' roll in Cleveland October 11-13. Before that, the Twin Cities will be hosting the CACI Midwest Spring Weekend May 24-27 (Memorial Day Weekend). For more information, see page 4.

One of my goals this year is to stay in contact with all of the Midwest chapters. I have had a chance to talk with most of the chapter leaders, finding out how they are doing and sharing ideas between chapters. Thank you to those chapters that are sending me their monthly newsletters. I have learned lots about the individual chapters from reading the articles and seeing what types of events they sponsor. First Friday devotions seem to be very popular. These range from attending Mass at a local church, to home Masses, to a simple prayer service. Other popular activities are dinner nights (I've always said that CACers march on their stomachs), movies, and house parties.

Some clubs have had recent publicity campaigns involving ads put up on bulletin boards at apartment complexes and local college dorms, as well as the usual advertising in church bulle-

tins. If your club has done something that has been particularly successful, contact me at 952-941-7003 or drop me a line at tedtri@aol.com.

Thanks to all of the members in the Midwest Region for their hard work keeping the clubs going. I appreciate your help and ideas.

**Teddi Tri** (Twin Cities)  
**Midwest Region Vice President**

## ***Western Region Report***

Much fun was had by all at CACI's 2002 Western Regional in February in Phoenix. It was a nice group of CACers and friendships were made and renewed. Thanks go out to **Josephine LaLonde** and the Phoenix chapter! I've heard many terrific comments about the weekend from a lot of very happy CACers, including quite a few first-timers. Also thanks to **Cesar Vasquez-Carrera**, Phoenix CAC's President, for being a gracious host. Good job, Phoenix!

Everyone is getting ready for the Mid-California Campout June 14-16 just outside of Fresno, the "raisin capital of the world." There will be boating, camping, swimming, marshmallows, good ole' camp-cookery, and many stories you won't believe...or maybe y'all could believe that there could be so many tall tales! It will be lots of fun...so, dust off your campfire stories, get your western and Summer gear all ready for this mid-June roundup! The cost is only \$50. Send checks, payable to **Marie Acebo**, to Marie at the Los Angeles Catholic Alumni Club, P. O. Box 7612, Northridge, CA, 91327. Questions can be directed to me at 916-381-3250 or via E-Mail at iquinn@onebox.com.

**Irene Quinn** (Sacramento)  
**Western Region Vice President**

# Other CACI News

## Phoenix Phestivity

I enjoyed my stay in Phoenix at the Western Regional weekend in February. **Cesar Vasquez-Carrera**, Phoenix CAC's President, was very hospitable and showed **Geraldus Madigan** (Washington, DC) and me around Phoenix during our extra day there. A group of us went to dinner Sunday evening and discussed many topics of interest to the Phoenix chapter and CACI. I

was also pleased to meet **Kris**



**Durschmidt**, Phoenix CAC's Publicity Chairperson, who was kind enough to seek me out at the dance and introduce herself. The tour of Canyon Lake on Saturday and the dinner/dance that evening were outstanding; many thanks to Phoenix's **Josephine LaLonde**, who organized the weekend, as well as those who assisted her. The Western Region delegates meeting was run smoothly and efficiently. All in all, a very delightful weekend. Thank you one and all!

**Larry Bleau (Washington, DC)**  
*CACI President*

## Thoughtful Musings

One of the tasks I enjoy doing as CACI President is reading the newsletters of local chapters. There is a lot of good material, beyond CAC activities, that provide food for thought. Two examples that come to mind are in recent editions of *Potomac Crossings* and *Cable Car Courier*, newsletters of the Washington, DC and San Francisco chapters, respectively.

Washington, DC's Second Vice President, **John O'Callaghan**, gave a discourse on the meaning of a "Catholic environment," the milieu which forms the basis for CAC's activities. San Francisco's President, **Philippe Plouchart**,



gave a useful analogy between networks of computers and networking that goes on in CAC chapters. Indeed, the networking analogy extends well beyond the local chapter to CACI itself, where several times a year members from all over our country have the opportunity to connect with one another in a Catholic setting.

**Larry Bleau (Washington, DC)**  
*CACI President*

## Congratulations to the Baltimore and Boston CACs

We all enjoy birthdays, anniversaries, and other special days, and celebrate them with appropriate festivity. During my term as President, I have been fortunate to witness two special "anniversaries:" the founding of the Baltimore chapter 40 years ago the Boston chapter 50 years ago.

Last Fall, the Baltimore chapter extended me a gracious invitation to attend their anniversary dinner dance. After an excellent dinner, there were introductions of many folks have been a part of CAC of Baltimore's distinguished history. There was also a fascinating and superb display of activities, events, and history of CAC of Baltimore throughout

its years, overflowing with pictures, newsletters, and testimonials.

CAC of Boston observed its special year with a banquet on April 7. The Boston chapter — formerly known as the Catholic Graduates Club of Boston — was founded about five years before CACI. Boston later evolved into a Catholic professional singles organization and joined the growing and vibrant CACI family.



**Larry Bleau (Washington, DC)**

*CACI President*

## Editor's Message

Belated congratulations go out to **Geoffrey Geer**, who was a recipient of the 2001 *New Leader Award* from the Youngstown chapter. His name was not included in last Fall's *Communique* convention report. Nice going, Geoffrey!

## • President's Message

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Twin Cities and the Spring Eastern Regional at Ocean City, Maryland; presiding over the delegates meeting, that microcosm of democracy at which almost anything can happen (grin); and relaxing at the Jekyll Island vacation. In fact, I plan to bicycle around Jekyll Island; perhaps you'd like to join me. I look forward to seeing you there!

**Larry Bleau (Washington, DC)**

**Michael Coogan (Washington, DC)**

### **CACI Internet Update**

CACI has its own home page and domain name: <http://www.caci.org/cac/> (Don't forget the trailing "/cac/"). CACI

also has E-Mail forwarding set up for several people: its President ([cacipres@caci.org](mailto:cacipres@caci.org) and [cacipres@yahoo.com](mailto:cacipres@yahoo.com)); web pages ([webmaster@caci.org](mailto:webmaster@caci.org)); vacation/convention inquiries ([convention@caci.org](mailto:convention@caci.org)); and general inquiries ([cac@caci.org](mailto:cac@caci.org)). CACI has changed to a more robust account, so expect to see additional graphics and features added to our home page, including pictures of previous conventions.

A notable addition is the placing of regional and national convention reservation forms on the web. Visit the convention's web page (<http://www.caci.org/cac/conv.html>), scroll on down to the region of interest, click once, and presto! You have a printable reservation form. For those who want the reservation form in advance but don't have web access, contact your chapter's Regional or International Delegate.

### **cacidirectors E-Mail List**

The CACI Executive Committee operates an electronic mailing list, *cacidirectors*, which is used to inform local chapter presidents and their CACI delegates of business-related items. This list is intended for CACI and Regional business matters only, and is open to representatives of local chapters who may vote



on behalf of that chapter. If you are either a new local chapter President, have been appointed as a CACI delegate for your chapter, or are acting on behalf of either of these individuals, send an E-Mail message to [cacipres@yahoo.com](mailto:cacipres@yahoo.com) and give you name, telephone number, E-Mail address, local chapter, and your position. After this information is verified, you will be added to the *cacidirectors* list. The charter for this list can be found at <http://www.caci.org/cac/cacidirectors/charter.html>.

### **cacinews E-Mail List**

The *cacinews* electronic mailing list is used by CACI's President and its Executive Committee to inform local chapter CACers about various happenings at the regional and national levels of CACI. This list is open to all CACers. For more information on the list, see <http://www.caci.org/cac/cacinews.html>. If you would like to join the list and receive regular updates about CACI, convention news, and more, send an empty E-Mail message to [cacinews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:cacinews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).



### **Call for Volunteers**

CACI, like its local chapters, is run on the lifeblood of volunteers. It has committees that work during the year as well as at convention time. If you've already served in your local chapter and would like to try your hand at something new, consider volunteering for CACI.

When a specific issue needs to

be examined in a balanced manner, or a specific task needs to be accomplished, the Executive Committee will often appoint volunteers to take on these challenges. Two examples are the committees that will review and recommend ways to improve the *Communique* and CACer of the Year award, respectively. If you would like to serve on these or any of CACI's committees, contact *CACI President Larry Bleau* at 301-474-1338 or via E-Mail at [cacipres@caci.org](mailto:cacipres@caci.org). Include your name, telephone number, E-Mail address, postal address, local chapter, and the committee on which you'd like to serve.

For ways in which you can serve CACI, visit the web page <http://www.caci.org/cac/volunteer.html>, which contains a list of CACI's committees. Check those positions or committees that most interest you and submit the form to the address indicated.

### **Sacramento CAC Trip to Yosemite**

The Sacramento CAC is planning a great trip to Yosemite National Park, near Badger Pass, on Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2. There will be hiking, hot tubs, parties, games, pool (the billiards kind), and Mass in the valley. The cost is \$130 per person in fully equipped luxury cabins with all the conveniences of home and then some. Send checks, payable to **Bob Dugan**, to Bob at the Sacramento Catholic Alumni Club, P. O. Box 1777, Carmichael, CA, 95609. It will be a great relaxing weekend with your CAC friends of the west!



# Message from the Chaplain

For more information, contact **Irene Quinn** at 916-381-3250 or via E-Mail at [iquinn@onebox.com](mailto:iquinn@onebox.com).

*They devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.*

—Acts 2:42, 46-47

Every time I celebrate a CAC home Mass, this passage from the Acts of the Apostles comes to my mind. It is in this tradition that we celebrate the Eucharist — “The bread of angels, the bread of heaven,” as **Aquinas** said. The bread simply means that I’ll be with you. Of all the ways that **Jesus** could have found to sustain his presence, it is significant that he says, “I will be with you, and you will know me in the breaking of the



bread.”

And that’s how we know each other, too, isn’t it? CACI, as a national singles organization, is significant because of our Catholic faith and our communal celebration of the Eucharist. As **CACI Chaplain**, I am inspired by our members participating with a “sincerity of heart” at the weekend liturgies during regionals. The large number of people who attend the daily liturgies at the national conventions “devoting

themselves to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers” is impressive. The Eucharist is the source of our community and the root of our “companionship” with one another.

The word “companion” is derived from two Latin words *cum* (with) and

“*panis*” (bread). A companion is someone with whom we break bread. We invite each other over to our homes and say, “Come and eat with us; come to dinner,” the highest form of intimacy; and when we break bread, we share a lot. That is the reason why so many of our activities involve sharing a meal. Ultimately, we join CAC because we want to share our journey in life with companions who share our values and our lifestyle.

Take advantage of all the opportunities to enjoy each other’s companionship. It’s really the reason for the Catholic Alumni Club. Sharing a meal may mean a bowling night with your local club with beer and pizza afterwards. Another occasion is enjoying a dinner/dance at a regional weekend. Sitting with a new friend on a tour bus and sharing an adventure during the national convention is yet another chance. And when we



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