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HEART OF THE NEW WEST

CACI's 2006 Convention/Vacation is set for the dynamic city of Calgary in the Canadian province of Alberta at the base of the Rocky Mountains. The majestic Calgary region has grown to be a popular North American vacation destination which annually attracts more than five million visitors. The city of Calgary is Canada's fastest growing large city with a population of almost one million and our hotel is the four-star Hyatt Regency located in the heart of the city and within walking distance of many of Calgary's attractions. Convention dates are Sunday, July 30 to Saturday, August 5.

Convention registration cost for a double room postmarked before June 30 is \$725 and \$1,060 for a single room. Individual registration packets have been mailed to all CACers who attended recent conventions and to CAC's for distribution with club newsletters or by other means.

The convention package includes six nights at the Hyatt, an extensive buffet breakfast each morning in the hotel's dining room from 6:30 to 10:30 AM; four dinner dances; a dinner and special entertainment at an authentic 1880's hotel/dance hall located on the grounds of Calgary's Heritage Park, the largest living historic village in Canada, as well as after hours parties and other activities.

Our convention will offer four optional organized tours and others are available through private tour

agencies in Calgary. The tours are (a) a four-hour city tour of Calgary that includes a stop at the Olympic Park site of the 1988 Winter Olympics and a ride to the 990-meter ski jump; (b) a seven-hour comprehensive tour west to Banff, Canada's first national park, located in the Rocky Mountains and will include a trip on a fully-enclosed gondola that will lift you 7,500 feet above sea level for a 360-degree view of mountains, lakes and town below; (c) a seven-hour tour to the Alberta Badlands and the historic towns of Drumheller (home of the world-famous Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology where the world's most extensive collection of dinosaur fossils and exhibits on prehistoric life are on display and one can explore 3.5 billion years of the earth's history) and Atlas (a national historic site where one can explore and learn about a coal mine); and (d) an eleven-hour tour that will take you to Banff, Lake Louise (known as "The Jewel of the Canadian Rockies") and Moraine Lake where the mountains are mirrored in the lake's beautiful jade green waters. Convention tour information and registration are included with convention registration packages.

Calgary is the center of Canada's dynamic energy industry growth and is ranked as the cleanest city in the world in an environmental study of more than 200 major cities around the world, the safest city in North America, the healthiest city in the world in terms of health and sanitation, and the youngest city in Canada with an average age of 34

and a growing population from nations throughout the world.



The 355-room Hyatt Regency is considered Calgary's premier luxury hotel and features an indoor pool, fitness center and sundeck overlooking the city. It is situated on Stephen Avenue Walk, a busy six-block outdoor pedestrian mall lined with shops, restaurants, and theaters that attract thousands of visitors during the summer vacation season. Located within walking distance of our hotel are Stampede Park, home of the world's most famous rodeo; the Calgary Tower,

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is just about that time that thoughts are again turning to regionals and the national convention.

This year's convention is in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and the plans are coming along.

The double package is \$725. If you haven't already received your packet you can also access the form on the CACI webpage. Hopefully you can make the national convention.

If you can't, please consider attending one of the regionals that are coming up. Whether it

be a national or a regional, they are a great way to meet new people and/or renew past friendships.

Information on the national and the regionals can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Paula Hartig
CACI President

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the city's 600-foot landmark with a revolving restaurant on top; the Devonian Gardens, one of the world's largest indoor parks housing more than 20,000 plants; the Glenbow museum which provides a lively journey into the heritage of Western Canada; Fort Calgary Historic Park which traces the history of the Northwest Mounted Police ("the Mounties"); the city's Chinatown; and hundreds of restaurants, shops, and retail stores.

Convention coordinators are Don Luebbering (513-574-8573) and Jim Stammerman (502-459-2506) and reservation coordinator is Christine Myers (714-774-3524).

Learn More About What Calgary and Albert Offer!! Visit "www.tourismcalgary.com" and request your copy of the 2006 Vistors Guide (176 page planning guide).



For those traveling to Calgary for the CACI Convention, a valid passport is not necessarily required. According to current INS policy, a passport will not be required for US-Canada travel until December 2006, four months after the Convention. What will be needed in July and August of 2006 will be either (a) a valid passport; or (b) a certified copy of one's birth certificate along with a government-issued identification with a photo (a valid driver's license). A new passport can include up to \$97 in fees; most states provide certified copies of birth certificates for \$8-\$25.

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The Communiqué 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 is: 4495 Shisler Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Greetings from the Eastern Region

Hello, Everyone,

The Fall Regional was enjoyed by all. The tour of Gettysburg was extremely interesting and it was a great pleasure to have our National Chaplain, Fr. Jack there for the weekend.

As this goes to press, plans are underway for the Spring Regional in Ocean City. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. If past experiences are anything, the beach is always a great place to have a regional.

I have been in contact with Sue Gentile from the Midwest Region and plans are currently underway for a joint Fall Regional in the Pittsburgh area. More information will be forthcoming as I get it from the Midwest.

Last but not least, I hope to see many of you in Calgary for the National the week of July 30 to August 5.

Have a great summer!!

Loretta Lovell
Eastern Region Vice President



Greetings from the Midwest Region

Happy Spring to Everyone. I'm looking forward to warmer weather.

The Midwest has a new Chaplain—Fr. Lawrence Ventline of the Archdiocese of Detroit as of February 2006.

We welcome Fr. Ventline and hope to see him at future conventions.

The Midwest Spring Regional is Memorial Day weekend in Springfield, IL.

Calgary is shaping up to be a lot of fun. I've never been to that part of Canada and I'm really looking forward to seeing old friends, meeting new ones and doing a lot of sight-seeing. Hope to see you there.

Loretta Lovell (Eastern VP) and I are looking into a joint Fall Regional (preferably Columbus Day weekend) and are trying to locate a club to host the regional.

Elections are coming up. If anyone wants to run office, please contact me or any of the other Midwest officers (the Midwest still needs a secretary).

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Sue Gentile
Midwest Region Vice President



Greetings from the Midwest Region

The Western Regional held a Downtown Burbank Get-Away from April 28-30, 2006 at the Safari Inn, just minutes from the Burbank Airport.

The weekend package included 2 nights lodging, Friday night dance, 2 breakfasts, Saturday night dinner, an after-hours party, and transportation to and from the Friday night dance, Saturday night dinner and Mass on Sunday morning at San Fernando Mission and museum tour.

If you didn't make the regional weekend, I extend an invitation to join others at the CACI convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, from July 30 through August 5, 2006.

See you along the CAC highway.

Christine Myers
Western Region Vice President

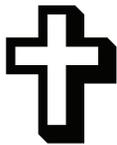


FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Pardon the brevity of my words to you in this issue of Communique. I ask you to pray for my mother in what may be her final illness.

Lent is a season for prayer as well as penance. Whatever penance you may have chosen should not be a negative thing, but rather should be something to help you grow spiritually. Whatever prayer you may have dedicated yourself to this Lenten season could well be for others. There are countless people in need of love, physical sustenance, reassurance in times of great stress, safety from oppression—choose some of them and dedicate yourself to serious prayerful concern for them. Lent will surely then be a time of growth for you.

Fr. Jack Frerker
CACI Chaplain



CACI ARCHIVES “THE EXCITEMENT CONTINUES”

Hi, Folks,

I felt a need to update you all on the status of the CAC Archives. As we close in on fifty years of our national organization running an annual summer meeting among other things, all parties involved over all those years acknowledge that our archives have never been a high priority. Archives are of importance for three reasons:

First, leadership personnel can always benefit from a through understanding our common history; secondly, minutes and reports from the past may well come into play in legal matters that arise; thirdly, people like me who are trying to construct timelines and story lines about our past need whatever primary resources we can find.

Here’s what we have accomplished in this research to date:

1984-1991...Sandy Sandheinrich and I worked our way through almost seven years of this material.

1991-1995...Paul Sabol saved much material from this period—we’ll search through this early in May when I visit Washington.

1995-1996...Uncertainty

1997-2001...Larry Bleau has a lot of

material concerning these years. We hope to work our way through this in early May, as well.

2001-2006...Uncertainty

Some energy might emerge to integrate all this material in one place, but then again maybe not.

Here’s how you can help us, if the spirit moves you.

1. Send us an inventory of anything for your period of service that still lingers in your home. It might be of more importance than you think. While it’s a big job to work your way through old papers etc, it might well serve as a stimulus for spring cleaning if nothing else. I’ll get back to you about the value of whatever you have.

2. Remember, when administrations changed, minutes of meetings and other reports were often passed on in “President’s Books” and/or “Secretary’s Books” though we know there was a break in continuity in that practice as well. Should you find or remember anything about those “units” pass the word along to us.

We are planning to publish a nice recollection of the era in which you contributed to our rich tradition. We are hopeful that we can get everything right from the beginning, and that we can be as thorough as possible.

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