



Pope John Paul II Cultural Center Launches ‘Days of Faith and Culture’ *Regional Days of Recollection to Take Place Across U.S.; December in Texas*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 17, 2006) – The Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. today announced a new initiative – *John Paul II Days of Faith and Culture* – designed to take the Center’s messages directly to trustees and others throughout the country.

Directed by Fr. Steven Boguslawski, O.P., acting director of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, and Fr. Joseph Fox, O.P., spiritual director of the trustees and major benefactors, the first Days of Faith and Culture visit was held on Saturday, Nov. 11 at St. James Academy in Lenexa, Kansas. The next day is December 2, 2006 in Houston, Texas.

The gatherings are free of charge and open to the public; to participate in the event in Texas, contact Fr. Joseph Fox at (313) 268-2440 or (202) 635-5404. RSVPs must be received by Friday, Nov. 27, 2006.

The *John Paul II Days of Faith and Culture* in Houston will begin at 1 p.m. with an opening prayer (guided by Pope John Paul II). From 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. there will be two Faith Formation conferences, ending with a vigil mass and prayer. It is open to the public and free of charge.

Details for the next series of *John Paul II Days of Faith and Culture* will be announced shortly, and information posted on the Center’s Web site, www.jp2cc.org.

“We are taking the resources of the Cultural Center out to the Trustees and supporters throughout the United States to ground the Center’s message in prayer while spreading that important message out into our world,” said Fr. Steven Boguslawski. “These days of prayer and recollection will be beneficial in the fulfillment of the vision of the Cultural Center, so all are welcome and we hope many will be able to join us.”

The gatherings begin with an opening prayer, followed by two conferences on aspects of faith and culture, each tailored to the special needs and interests of the region and its participants.

Anyone interested in having a *John Paul II Day of Culture and Faith* in their area should contact Fr. Joseph Fox, O.P., Cardinal’s steward for specialized services and spiritual director for the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center trustees at (202) 635-5441 or (313) 268-2440. He can also be reached at jfox@jp2cc.org.

About the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center

Situated on a 12-acre campus near The Catholic University of America in northeast Washington, D.C., the site was selected by Pope John Paul II, who called the nation's capital the "crossroads of the Third Millennium." The Pope John Paul II Cultural Center opened in the spring of 2001 and was established to foster greater understanding among people of different religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds through a variety of spiritual and cultural programs. For more information visit www.jp2cc.org