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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Warner Pacific's Fazio Receives Award

Dr. John Fazio, professor of development psychology at Warner Pacific College, received a "Christian Servant Award" from the Northwest Christian Community Foundation, during

ceremonies held Feb. 9 at Portland's Lloyd Center Double Tree. Presented by television personality, Paul Linnman, the annual awards are designed "to recognize outstanding individuals who exemplify 'Service and Humility in God's Work.'"

In recognition and appreciation of Fazio's service, the foundation made a gift of \$5,000 to Warner Pacific College. Congratulations came quickly from Jay A. Barber, Jr., president of the college, who said, "I am delighted that Dr. Fazio, has been selected for this significant award. 'Servant leadership' is at core of our values at Warner Pacific but seldom, does it receive public recognition.

The Northwest Christian Community Foundation is to be commended for highlighting the faithful service of a number of dedicated Christian servants, including Dr. Fazio, a 23-year veteran of the Warner Pacific College faculty, was honored in particular for his recent efforts to expand disaster relief services around the world.

Through his skills and encouragement, Northwest Medical Teams now includes professional ministry to the victims of emotional and psychological trauma in their disaster relief efforts when appropriate. He has journeyed to Albania and Kosovo to assess the need for stress and trauma relief and to begin meeting those needs.



Dr. John Fazio receives Christian Service Award

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### Faith Community Looks to Reduce Global Warming

Backed by a strong sense of environmental stewardship, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon has created a new faith-based initiative, Oregon Interfaith Power & Light,

which will work to involve congregations in reducing global warming.

The program was recently launched with an event at Portland's First Unitarian Church.

The first priority of the group is to educate approximately 50 congregations and their members about the dangers of global warming and how they can slow its environmental impact by partici-

parting in renewable power programs. As the Program partner, PGE is supporting OIPL with a \$25,000 contribution and educational materials for participating congregations.

### Church Week Addresses HIV/AIDS

Observes the Black Church Week of Prayer For The Healing of AIDS

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and its Pastor Rev. Johnny Pack IV will mark the "Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS" with special worship and education programs beginning Sunday, March 4th.

The church at 4009 N. Missouri Ave. joins thousands of churches across the nation in an effort to stop the transmission of HIV/AIDS and provide compassion for people affected by the disease.

AIDS is the leading cause of death for black Americans ages 25 to 44. Out of every 50 Black men, one is living with

HIV. For Black women the rate is one in 160.

The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, a national program sponsored by the Balm in Gilead, a not-for-profit organization based in New York

City, that assists churches throughout the U.S., Caribbean and Africa to become community centers to AIDS education and compassion.

According to Rev. Pack, black churches have power and responsibility to change the course of the AIDS epidemic.

"Our goal is to provide leadership, compassion and information to help the families in our congregation and community who are facing HIV/AIDS," Pack said

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will host a series of programs related to AIDS issues. There will be guest

speakers during Sunday School and the 11 a.m. worship service. On Wednesday, March 7, there will be a special noon day prayer at the church and the children of the church's youth department will hold a candlelight vigil Friday, March 9 at 7 p.m. and walk through the community.

On Saturday, March 10th, the church's music department, under the direction of sister Lorene Wilder, will host an evening of gospel music. These programs are free and refreshments will be served.

For more information contact sister LaVerne Green at 503-754-8696.

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### Catholics Prepare for Evangelization Effort

Catholics in western Oregon have begun an evangelization effort known as Disciples in Mission which integrates Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, family activities, and parish planning into a parish wide experience of evangelization.

It is designed to help parishes integrate the liturgical, catechetical and social ministries already existing in the parish with a true call to evangelize.

When Archbishop John G. Vlazny came to western Oregon, and began his ministry as the tenth Archbishop of Portland, he adopted the phrase "Go and make disciples" for his motto. This phrase, which is taken from the 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel,

is the title of the American Bishops' National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization. Archbishop Vlazny, with the support of the priests of the Archdiocese invited the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association to Portland to begin a five-year process of renewal and enrichment.

The Archdiocese of Portland began a year of preparation for Disciples in Mission in January 2000 with an extensive training session for the 37-member archdiocesan leadership team.

Parishes then began to sign up to participate in the process. At this time 91 parishes and missions plus two special ministries in western Oregon are planning to participate in

Disciples in Mission.

Parishioners will be encouraged to sign-up for small faith sharing groups that will begin during the Lenten season.

Disciples in Mission is designed to be an inclusive process for Catholics. Materials are available for English, Spanish, and Vietnamese seeking groups. Materials are being adapted for the Catholic deaf community and for other people with disabilities.

There are materials for teens, for African American Catholic faith sharing groups, and for cross cultural participation. After Easter, parishioners will come together to reflect upon their parish, its ministries and evangelization efforts.

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### New Software Helps Disabled Adults Become Job-Ready

With a donation of nearly \$200,000 in software, Microsoft is helping adults with disabilities to learn the latest computer skills as they train for employment.

The donation was made to St. Vincent dePaul Rehabilitation Service at 4050 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. A Portland-based nonprofit organization that provides training and work opportunities for people with disabilities.

The gift includes Microsoft's Windows 2000 professional,

Office professional, and Windows Millennium. The company also donated \$15,000 in cash through its Connected Learning Community grant program.

"This generous donation by Microsoft is a tremendous gift to our organization," says St. Vincent dePaul Rehabilitation Service CEO, Roy Soards. "To effectively train people for today's job, we need to use the latest software that will find in the workplace. Microsoft's donation of software frees up our

resources to focus directly on training and employment."

St Vincent dePaul Rehabilitation Service provides computer, software, and skills training for people with disabilities, and organizations. Through its technical/skill training schools in Portland and Salem, St. Vincent's served over 400 students last year. A State of Oregon Qualified Rehabilitation Facility, St. Vincent's employs adults with all types of disabilities and qualifying medical conditions.