

RELIGION

Priest Serves Gresham Church

Father Charles Wood, who formerly served Holy Redeemer and Sacred Heart Churches in Portland, has returned to the metro area and is now serving as the parochial vicar at St. Henry Church in Gresham.

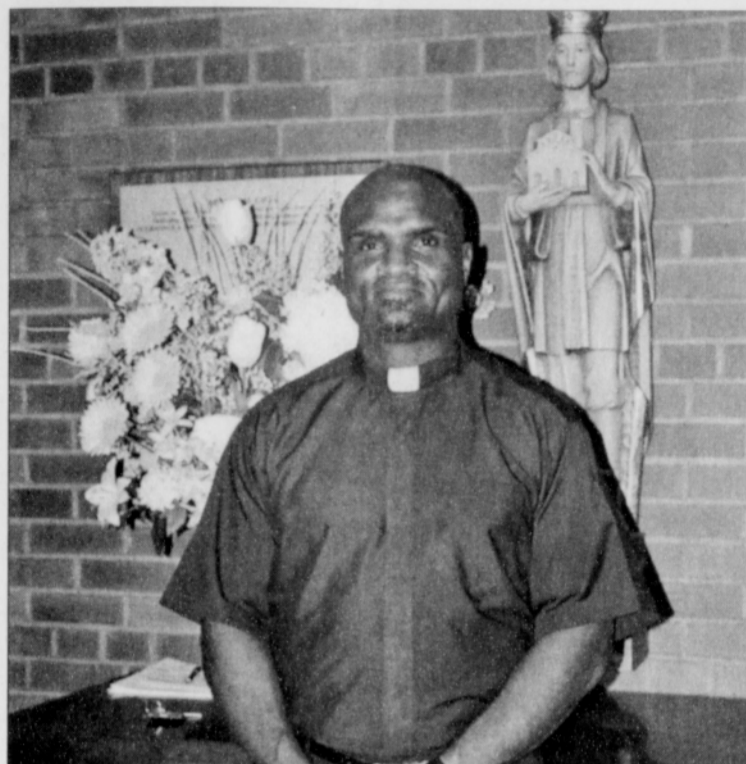
Wood is a priest of the Portland Archdiocese and a member of the Brotherhood of the People of Praise, an international, primarily lay community with members who belong to many different Christian churches. The Brotherhood is a group of men in the People of Praise who sense a call to permanent celibacy, simplicity and a common life of prayer, service and apostolic activity.

Born in Washington, D.C., Father Wood especially sees the influence of the nation's capitol in his strong interests in politics and the

arts. As an older teen, he became active in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement. His undergraduate studies in economics and government, and graduate studies in theology took place at the University of Notre Dame.

Wood had careers in newspaper reporting, magazine writing and marketing before his studies and formation for the priesthood. He worked for the Catholic News Service in Washington, D.C. and for the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington. His work also appeared in U.S. Catholic, Our Sunday Visitor and the daily newspaper of South Bend, Indiana, where he lived for 15 years.

After his ordination in July 2000, Father Wood was the parochial vicar (more commonly re-



Fr. Charles Wood is the parochial vicar at St. Henry church in Gresham.

ferred to as associate pastor) at Holy Redeemer Church and Sacred Heart. From summer 2002 through last July, he was on assignment for the People of Praise in Minneapolis/St. Paul.

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Obituary

In Loving Memory of Sandra Ann Penney-Olia

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 25 in Inglewood, Calif., for Sandra Ann Penney-Olia, a former Portland resident.

She was born April 22, 1945 in Birmingham, Ala., and later moved to Portland where she was married and

had four sons; Avery, Dewayne, Gregory, and Darryl Penney. She moved to San Francisco and later to Los Angeles, where she had two daughters; Nicole Penney and Stacie Olia.

She advanced her education while

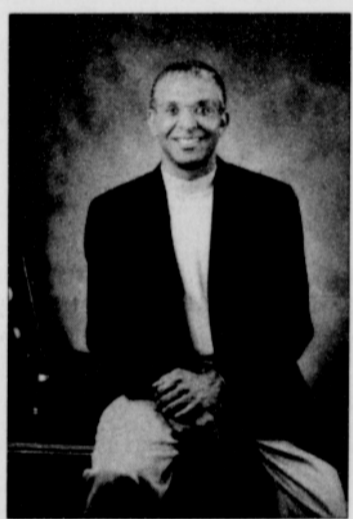
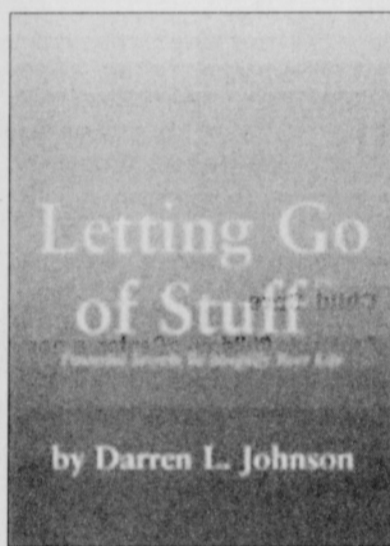
attending South West College in California, majoring in accounting. Finally after years of working in retail and becoming a manager of a local grocery store, she became a home-

maker.

entertaining guests, listening to music and collecting jewelry. Her voice, spunk, smile and kindness will surely be missed by her six children, 15 grandchildren, four brothers, and a host of cousins, family, friends and all who came in contact with her.

Sandra loved gardening, animals,

Author Says Know Yourself



Darren L. Johnson

"In today's crazy and mixed up world, it is so critical that we learn how to take the time to 'step away' from the craziness and get to know ourselves," says author and personal development coach Darren L. Johnson.

Known as the Letting Go Pro, Johnson's book, Letting Go of Stuff, available on Amazon.com, is designed to assist the reader in making long-term changes and teach how to focus only on what we can control.

"At the end of the day, self design from the inside-out is one

of the few things we control. What we do, say, feel about, and change - about ourselves - is what counts the most," says Johnson, who has been speaking and writing about letting go since 1994, long before it became a cliché.

Johnson says one of the challenges many experience when entering into a new relationship is that they enter with the intent on changing the other person. According to the book, it is critical to get to know yourself, before entering into a relationship with someone else.

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