

Church of The Holy Cross

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Overland Park, Kansas 66212
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Holy Cross is a diverse community, welcoming and accepting, united in Catholic faith, and committed to forming people in the image of Christ to better serve the Lord and our neighbor.

Pastor: Rev. Mike Stubbs
Hispanic Ministry: Rev. David Garavito
Rectory: 341-5618

PARISH STAFF

Development & Stewardship Director: Robert Bacic
Director Liturgy & Music: Rick Worms
Parish Manager: Mark Engen
Administrative Assistant: Carol Morris
Receptionists: Barb Williams & Lina Byrum

Religious Education Staff: 381-2757

Director - Pre.-Gr. 6: Julie Dresser
Session Coordinator: Karla Melgar
Assistant: Michelle Rieger
Confirmation Coordinator: Sandy Schluter

Youth Ministries: 205-0825

Director: Sandy Schluter

Catechist for Hispanic Adult Formation:

Sr. Maria Orozco, S.C.L., 381-2755

El boletín *Encuentro* en español
se encuentra en la página 6.

Holy Cross Catholic School

8101 W. 95th St. 66212
School Office: 381-7408
E-Mail: gradeschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com
Principal: Allison Carney
Secretaries: Anita Lemmon & Martha Beisser

Early Education Center: 381-7151

7917 W 95th St. 66212
E-Mail: preschool@holycrosscatholicsschool.com
Director: Penny Miller
Assistant Director: Stefanie Bridges

Advocate for Annulments:

Rebeca Richmond, 671-8722

Parish Center Manager

Allison Carney, 244-5970

MASSES:

Weekend Sat. Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Nursery - 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Masses

Weekdays Mon., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. | Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 a.m. | First Sat. 7:30 a.m.

Tues. 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Tues. & Thurs. (School days only): 8:15 a.m. in the school

RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Semi-annually in the Fall & Spring, and by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Usually the 4th weekend of the month during 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. (Parent classes are every other month.)

Contact the office to confirm times and to register.

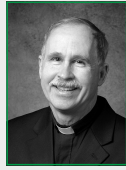
MARRIAGES: Six months notice required. Call the office for information.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Mon.—Thurs. 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. & Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? All calls confidential. Gabriel Project, 913-602-0306

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin a New Year, I invite you to say this prayer over your calendar: Eternal God, from age to age, you are our help and strength. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that has begun through the birth of Christ. Amen.



Fr. Mike

READINGS & FAITH SHARING

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: **The Epiphany of the Lord:** Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

	Dec. 16, 2012	Fiscal YTD
Needed for Dec.	\$27,295	649,282
Collected	41,015	680,608
Over/(Under)	13,720	31,326
Special Donations	1,713	

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday	9:00 a.m.	Lois Hudson
	5:30 p.m.	Esther Demster
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Ted Freed
	2:00 p.m.	Grant Gottschalk (Spanish)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen Alfino
Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Bob Wendling
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Bob Gutierrez
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Hoa Nguyen
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. George Goethe
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Wanda & John Piecuch
	9:00 a.m.	Eugene Nader
	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	2:00 p.m.	Dionisio Lucas Castillo(Spanish)



ADORATION CHAPEL: *A Christmas hour of adoration in the chapel would be a good way to welcome the Christ Child at His birth!* **Open Hours:** Sun. 2-3 am, 9-10 am; Fri 9-10 am , 1-2 pm; Sat noon-1pm. **Partners Needed:** Sun. 10-11am and Fri: 8-9 am. Also temporary help: Sat 12 Midnight-1a.m. for two months beginning Jan 1, 2013. Please call Anne, 649-2049 to sign up.



Mary, Mother of God
January 1, 2013
Mass Schedule

Mon, Dec 31: 5:30pm
 Tues, Jan 1: 10:00 am and 2:00pm(Spanish)



Please Pray for Those Asking for Prayers:

Harold Cagle, Tami, Tom Hill, Marie Kennedy, Nenita Labayen, Samantha Marcellus, Joanie Pitts, and Jolynn Schartz.

Welcome to Church of the Holy Cross! We invite you to join the parish! Fill out the form below and we will deliver a welcome and registration packet to you.

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 City/State/Zip Code
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Drop in collection basket, bring or mail to:
 Church of the Holy Cross
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 913-381-2755

Mary, Mother of God

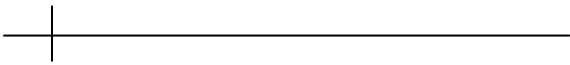


Scrip: Don't forget to buy scrip for all your gift-card giving as well as gift purchasing. There are gift cards for restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, specialty stores, and clothing stores. Sold after masses on Sunday and the school office during school hours.

Embrace Our Legacy

Have you returned your Treasure Commitment Card Yet for 2013?

So far 24% of parish households have returned a *Treasure Commitment Card* for 2013. A heart-felt thank you to everyone who has participated. Because of your generosity, 56% of our 2013 budget has been pledged. In these closing days of December, please consider making a pledge if you have not done so already. We understand that your financial situation could suddenly change, but it would be a wonderful blessing to start the new year knowing that we have your support. Additional *Treasure Commitment Cards* are available in the Church Office.



Bulletin Announcement Deadline: The deadline for bulletin announcements is **Tuesday at 9:00 am.**

If you have any questions, please call Carol Morris at 381-2755.



First Saturday Devotions will be on **Jan 5**. The rosary will be prayed at **7:05 am** before the 7:30 am mass. A presentation will be held in the church hall after mass. The speaker will be parishioner Kevin Beauford.

Holy Cross Bereavement Group meets the **first** Friday of every month at Holy Cross after 9:00am mass in **Room 8**. For more information call Pete Obert at 451-3374 or Kay Spaniol 383-1157.



The Gabriel Project provides spiritual, emotional, & material help for any woman facing difficulty in her pregnancy. Please call 913/602-0306. If you would like more information on how to get involved with The Gabriel Project please contact Nancy Bunker at nbunker@kc.rr.com. **Hurting from abortion??** If you have had an abortion & are still grieving, Project Rachael can help, call 913/621-2199. **All calls are confidential.**

CELEBRATION 2013 NEWS



Volunteers Needed! Celebration is right around the corner!!! We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets after all masses on **Jan 5-6 and Jan 12-13**. If you can help, please contact Gladys Maldonado at 400-3961 or atgladys_hermene@hotmail.com



CELEBRATION is now accepting **donations** for the **silent auction**. Theme rooms include: Religious & Holiday, On the Town, Kid's Room, Men's Room, Home & Garden, A Beautiful You, and Precious & Priceless. **Visit the "Giving Tree" in the Narthex for ideas.** Donations may be dropped off in the church or school office. Please call Kathleen DeKraai (913)599-6395 with questions or to arrange pick up of larger items.

Celebration 2013 raffle tickets are now on sale! Tickets will be sold in the church narthex after all masses on **Jan 5-6, and Jan 12-13**. You didn't win the Powerball jackpot, so why don't you purchase your ticket for a chance to win the Holy Cross Raffle **Grand Prize of \$2,500!** Ticket prices are one ticket for \$25 or five tickets for \$100. The odds are in your favor!



Celebration 2013 Tickets On Sale Now! Celebration 2013 will be held **Sat., Jan 26** at the school. Tickets are on sale for **\$50 per person**. Come enjoy the fun! There will be delicious food, silent auction and a live auction. Tickets can be purchased at Holy Cross School or call Amy Morfeld at 897-6892 for more information.



Sunshine Club Breakfast: You don't want to miss this one!!! Come and see what is happening in 2013! We will meet **Sun, Jan 6** after the 7:30am mass in Lickteig Hall.

Confirmation



We will NOT have classes on Dec 23rd or 30th due to winter break. Classes resume on Sunday, Jan 6th. Have a blessed holiday season with family and loved ones!

Religious Education



Classes for children in Gr.1-6 will meet on Tues., Jan. 8th from 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. See the website Faith Formation Elementary page for our weather policy

Youth Ministry

For questions regarding Middle and High School Rel. Ed or Youth Ministry, Sandy can be reached quickly & easily call or text 205-0825 or by email at sschluter@holycrossopks.org.



High School Youth Group... High School Youth Group will resume on **Jan 9, 2013!** We had a busy and active first semester and are looking forward to the new year and all that God has in store. Not feeling too close to God lately? Make a New Year's Resolution to check out youth group and see if there are any new friendships and relationships waiting for you.



Middle School Youth Group has concluded for this semester. But never fear, we will resume our Monday night mayhem on **Monday, Jan 7th**. Have a wonderful restful break and enjoy time with family and loved ones. MSYG is for any 7th or 8th grader in Holy Cross Parish. There's no better way to begin your school week than to join your peers to see how the Gospel can help you deal with the stressors of your week and your interactions with others. Feeling a little shy? Grab a friend and join us for an evening of fun, food, friends, and FAITH! See you **January 7th!**

One Thing Remains: Loving, Learning, Living. What's your one thing? All High school and College age students, come join us for an evening of performance painting, adoration, prayer, reconciliation and worship as we prepare to bring in the New Year, **Sun, December 30**, at **St. Patrick Church in Kansas City, Kansas** from **7-10 pm**. Featuring Mike Debus, former Notre Dame offensive lineman Michael McGlenn and praise and worship led by Mikey Needleman. **Social afterwards all at no cost you. We want you there!**

Youth Service Opportunity



Mission 2013 is set! We are traveling to Oklahoma City the week of **June 22nd to 29th**. We had a great first experience with CHWC at this location and look forward to serving there again. We have room for 40 teens. We have received payment for 18 spots, and another 12 are accounted for. Don't wait too long to turn in your deposit. Deposits received before the end of December will be held until the first of January. But this will guarantee the registration fee of \$420. After Jan 1st, the fee goes up to \$430. Non-refundable deposit of \$85 holds your spot. See www.holycrossopks.org, Faith Formation for details.

Pa rumpa pum pum...We are looking to enhance our music liturgy during youth mass with some **percussion** (not big drum set with clashing cymbals) but something a little softer. If you are talented in percussion and willing to commit to a couple practices a month and are available for the **11am mass the second Sunday of the month**, please let us know. Also, if you have access to a drum such as a kutirinding, fulla, tama, or dun ba, please let us know. (fyi...I really know what they are. I googled it. But I am sure a percussion expert would know.) You can **contact Sandy** at sschluter@holycrossopks.org and I will put you in touch with the appropriate people.



Youth-led Masses: We made it through our first semester of youth-led masses. This would not be possible without the support of our adult leaders, and **Deb Williams** and **John Morris**, who coordinate our ministries and music liturgy respectively. Thanks for their commitment and patience to working with our young people. Thanks to our young people who help out. Thanks to our parish that come and show their support. We will continue to help at the 11am mass the second Sunday of the month in 2013. Our next scheduled dates are **Jan 13th, Feb 10th, and Mar 10th**. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!

Holy Cross School News

Upcoming Dates

12/24-1/2—NO SCHOOL

1/3/13— Classes Resume

1/11/13—All School Mass 9 am @ church

1/15/13—Mass lower 4GI 8:15am

1/17/13—Mass upper 8PA 8:15am

Did you know.... that you can sting a friend with the spirit of Holy Cross Hornets yard ornament? Ask Mrs. O'Brien 3rd grade class and help support the Celebration fundraiser!



Please continue purchasing trash bags in the school office.

FOLLOW HOLY CROSS ONLINE!

- HC website  holycrosscatholicschool.com
- HC blog  holycrosscatholicschool.wordpress.com
- Facebook  facebook.com/holycrossop
- Twitter  @holycrossOP
- Photo gallery  holycrossop.shutterfly.com

BUILDING FAITH  INSPIRING MINDS

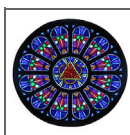


Perform with the St. James Cheerleaders! Come to the Performance Clinic on **Sat, Jan 5** from **1:00pm-5:00pm**. Then perform with the cheerleaders on **Mon, Jan 7** at the JV and Varsity Girl's Basketball games. To sign up or for more information call 913-254-4200 or go to www.sjakeepingfaith.org



Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs ...

Growing in Faith is a challenge we are called to during this Year of Faith. A great opportunity is waiting for you on the kiosk in the back of church. Pick up a CD for \$3!

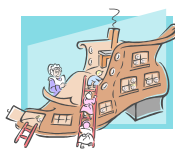
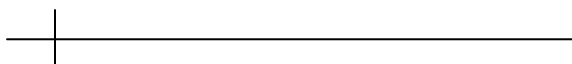


Did you attend Holy Trinity Catholic School in Lenexa? Holy Trinity Catholic School wants to reach all HTCS alumni for their **100th year Centennial Celebration**. They are asking HTCS

alumni of ALL ages to visit <http://htslenexa.eduk12.net> and click "alumni info" link to update their contact information. HTCS alumni can also stay connected through the "Holy Trinity School Alumni" Facebook page.



Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center, 2601 Ridge Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas will present a **retreat for the unemployed**. We understand there is a great need for many who are out of work. They are facing challenges financially, emotionally, and spiritually in these difficult times. We would like to be a beacon of encouragement, lifting of their spirits and fanning those embers that lie within, to give them strength and courage to go forward with Christ before them. The retreats will be held **January 10th, 2013** from **9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Retreat to be given by Anita Martinez, in job development for over ten years.
 R S V P : c a l l 9 1 3 - 3 2 1 - 4 6 7 3 o r email: Julie@sanctuaryofhope.org.



There was a not-that-old lady who owned several old shoes. She had so many hungry teens for youth group, she didn't know what to do! Holy Cross Youth Ministries is very active this year

with lots of participants on a weekly basis, and many extra activities throughout the month. Trying to feed 15-20 middle schoolers and 15-20 high schoolers each week is not cheap. We appreciate all **donations of chips, cookies and pop to feed our hungry stomachs and spirits**, and we really feel the support and love of our parish with every bag of chips, package of cookies, or 2 liter of pop we open. If you find a good sale this holiday season, consider picking up extra for a group of faith-filled teens. Donations can be left in front of the youth room door (Rm 4) or in the kitchen, marked for Youth Group. **Thanks for supporting the youth of Holy Cross.**

Come and "Support Our Seminarians" Would you like to support vocations and celebrate the priesthood? Please join us for the **20th "Support our Seminarians"** evening at a new location - the Marriott Muehlebach in downtown Kansas City, MO on **Friday, January 25, 2013**. Relax and visit with seminarians, priests, and friends. Two short inspiring testimonies will be given by priests. Guests' favorites include delicious dinner, Marketplace shop, and Conception-made cookies and breads will be available. Join us for this enjoyable evening and support our seminarians. To reserve your place or donate a cash gift or Marketplace item, contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or email mmmh66@sbcglobal.net.



MISAS EN ESPAÑOL:
domingos, 2:00 p.m. y
martes, 6:00 p.m.

MISAS EN INGLÉS:
sábados 5:00 p.m.
y domingos 7:30 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.
Los invitamos a participar
en cualquiera de estas
liturgias.

RECONCILIACIÓN:
martes: 5pm.-6pm.,
y domingos: 1pm.-2pm.

MATRIMONIO: Llamen
a la parroquia 6 meses
antes de la fecha en que
desea casarse para tener
una la primera entrevista
con un sacerdote.

BAUTISMO: Segundo
sábado 11 a.m., y tercer
domingo de cada mes
después de la Misa de
las 2:00 p.m. Padres y
padrinos deben asistir a
una clase de preparación.
**Deben anotarse con
anticipación,** llamando
a la oficina de la iglesia,
381-2755.

**SERVICIOS EN
ESPAÑOL:** Para hablar
en español, llamen a la
oficina de la iglesia,
381-2755: lunes, miérco-
les y jueves: 2-5 pm.;
martes: 2-6 pm.
También pueden llamar
a los Sacerdotes deján-
doles un mensaje:
341-5618

La Iglesia Holy Cross es una comunidad diversa y acogedora, unida en la fe Católica, comprometida en formar a la gente en la imagen de Cristo, para servir mejor al Señor y al prójimo.

“Encuentro”

¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!

Queridos feligreses:

Al empezar el Año Nuevo, los invito a decir esta oración ante sus calendarios: “Dios eterno, a través del tiempo, Tú eres nuestra ayuda y fortaleza. Tú nos has dado la maravilla del tiempo, bendiciones los días y las noches, las estaciones del año y los años a seguir. Bendice a tus hijos al empezar el Año Nuevo y llena los meses venideros con la brillante luz de la esperanza, empezando con el nacimiento de Cristo. Amén.”

Fr. Mike

INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS: Lunes 12/31, 5:30 p.m.: Esther Demster
Martes 1/1/13, 2 p.m.: Grant Gottschalk

LECTURAS PARA COMPARTIR LA FE: *Epifanía del Señor*
Isaías 60:1-6; Efesios 3:2-3, 5-6; Mateo 2:1-12

HORARIO DE MISAS NAVIDEÑAS EN ESPAÑOL:

Víspera de Año Nuevo - María Madre de Dios : Lunes, Dic. 31, 5:30pm.

Año Nuevo: Martes, Enero 1º, 2pm.

RECONCILIACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL: Martes, 5-6pm. y los domingos, 1-2pm.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Clases de la Tarde, 4:30-5:45pm.: *La próxima clase será Enero 8, 2013.*

Clases de la Noche para Familias Creciendo Juntas en la Fe, 6:45-8:15pm.:
Nos reuniremos el martes, Enero 8. Para preguntas o ausencias llamen a Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

Ministerio Juvenil: Preguntas sobre Educación Religiosa para estudiantes de Escuela Intermedia o Superior, se pueden comunicar con Sandy Schluter por email: sschluter@holycrossopks.org, o pueden llamarla o text al: 205-0825

Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés: Los invitamos a experimentar un encuentro **PERSONAL** con JESÚS resucitado. Curso “Nueva Vida”, Enero 18,19 y 20, 2013. Salón Antiguo de la Catedral del Sagrado Corazón, 118 North 9th St., Salina, KS 67401. Más información llamando a María (Chapis) Martínez, 785/342-7027, y Griselda Jiménez, 785/342-2860. Tendremos hospedaje. ¡Llámanos! Donación \$25. *¡Ven y atrévete a abrir el regalo que Dios tiene reservado para ti!*

CELEBRATION 2013: Ya se acerca la fecha de nuestra fiesta anual para recaudar fondos con *subasta en silencio*, beneficiando a nuestra parroquia. Ya estamos aceptando donaciones en la oficina de la iglesia o en la Escuela Holy Cross. Si no saben que donar, tenemos un árbol en el vestíbulo con tarjetas escritas con artículos necesitados. También sugerimos donaciones de servicios, como pintar casas, limpiar casas, oficinas, etc. Para más información, llamen a *Karla Melgar, 381-2757, ext.140.*

Tickets para Celebration 2013: Ya están a la venta los tickets a \$50 por persona. Marquen sus calendarios para asistir a esta gran fiesta, *el 26 de Enero, 2013, de 5 p.m.-1 a.m., en la Escuela Holy Cross*. Habrá deliciosos platos, subasta en silencio y subasta en vivo. Pueden comprar sus tickets en la oficina de la iglesia, o llamando a *Gladys Maldonado, 400-3961*. *¡Vengan todos a divertirse y disfrutar de una buena cena, rodeados de alegría y buenos amigos!*

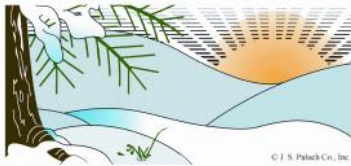
¿Estuvo su casa en Proceso de Ejecución Hipotecaria durante el 2009 y 2010? No pague por recibir ayuda para solicitar una revisión. Si necesita asistencia gratis para completar el Formulario de Solicitud de Información, comuníquese con una organización sin fines de lucro aprobada por HUD. Lea el volante en el vestíbulo. Para más información, llamen 1-855-778-0855, marcando #2 para español.

Centro Keeler para la Mujer: Reunión/clase de Primeros Auxilios, martes, Enero 15, 2013, de 10-11am., 2220 Central Ave., KCKS. Llamen para inscribirse: 906-8990. GRATIS.

Retiro de Quinceañeras: Se celebrará el sábado Enero 26 y el domingo Enero 27, 2013. De 8:30am. A 5pm. Los dos días, en las Oficinas del Ministerio Hispano, 2215 Parallel Ave., KCKS



Please join us in praying the **ROSARY before daily Mass** every Mon.-Fri. We will **begin 20 minutes before each Mass**. On Mondays only, we will begin at 8:30am with Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions followed by the rosary. On Fridays we will pray the Rosary for Life.



Grow In Your Ability To Hand On The Faith To Others: The Archdiocese, in partnership with **Maryvale Institute**, offers you the unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Faith and to equip you with skills to hand it on to others. Two-year, distance-learning program begins in **January 2013**. Three study days and one retreat day a year. To find out more, contact Kimberly Rode 913-647-037 or email maryvale@archkck.org



Project Uplift Service Opportunity: Project Uplift is an outreach to those who are homeless in Kansas City. **Volunteers Needed:** 2-3 volunteers are needed the **first Monday** of every month to assist with distributing food, clothing and the necessities to the homeless. We depart from Holy Cross at 4:30pm and return around 9:00pm. Eat dinner before you come, bring bottled water to drink, and dress modestly and appropriately for the weather. **To volunteer, call Mary Lambrechts** at 469-1339 or email at marylamb@kc.surewest.net
Remember, people are counting on us, so if you sign up, be sure to keep your commitment!



New Year's Eve Singles' Dance Party! Come join other singles on **Mon, Dec. 31 from 9:00 pm 'til late** at **Holy Trinity Church-Quigley Center**, 92nd & Pflumm and ring in the New Year! Cost is **\$35 in advance** or **\$40 at the door**. Mail check to Beginning Experience, PO Box 2615, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201 by Dec 20th. Music by DJ Zepster. Beer, wine, soda and appetizers provided. For more info call John at 913-219-3465 or jpstuartcpa@yahoo.com



Start the New Year with Taize prayer opportunity! You are invited to participate in Taize prayer on **Thurs, Jan 3 at 7:00pm** in **Ross Chapel** in the **Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth**, 4200 S. 4th Street, Leavenworth, KS. (Enter through the main entrance.) For more information about this meditative, candlelit service, visit www.marillaccenter.org or call 913-758-6572.



CATHOLIC CAREER ROUNDTABLE (CCR)

The mission/ministry of CCR is to introduce business owners to qualified job seekers. CCR meets each Saturday at Good Shepherd Parish (12800 W. 75th, Shawnee) and welcomes business owners and hiring managers to attend and share career opportunities.

To post or search job openings, or for meeting information, go to www.catholiccareerroundtable.com. For questions or additional information call Dave McClain at (913) 645-5294 or email Dave at davemccclainjobs@everestkc.net.

CCR ~ People finding People Jobs!