

Extracted from St John Vianney November 19, 2008 Bulletin

### **Sacrificial Giving** by Carl E Beyer

This Sunday theme is *Sacrificial Giving* so I thought I would speak a little on this topic. First let us all hang our heads and remember the HP 2605 Color Laser Duplex printer which semi-died this past spring from faithfully printing the bulletin. It gave all it had but in the end it was not able to handle the load. It was flawed from the beginning because the great minds at HP decided that all the cartridges would run out at the same time regardless of the color mix on the page. It still prints faithfully for me just as a black and white printer. It has basically been sent out to pasture and used only to keep up its self worth so it doesn't end in the great junk yard of computer components.

Let me introduce you to the new star printer in the task of the bulletin. Presently an HP 4700n printer is doing the job. It is smart enough to know how much toner is used in each cartridge so it is a money saver. At 31 pages per minute it is quite quick at its job. Lacking a duplex module I have to interact to flip the pages but this turns out to be much faster than duplexing each page as it is fed through. At over 100 lbs and 2 1/2 feet tall we are talking a monster printer, at least for "home" use. Being in use since April we hope to have many months of use but I am sure in time it also will give up its ghost.

The next piece of equipment I have been very impressed with is a Techko paper folder. This was one of the least expensive folders I could find. Contrary to some rumors I do not have a money tree on my property. I am not sure when it started its career as St. John Vianney folder but I believe it was back in April 2007 and has had very few jams and just churns out folded pages in a fashion seldom seen in low end equipments. I hope I didn't jink it with such high praises.

Next in the process of putting out this great form of communication is the people involved. I create the bulletin in Publisher and print it. Many a nights I have laid awake thinking about what to write and how to best present the bulletin. I know you all thought I was just brilliant and winged it but not always so. Then printing and flipping the pages it goes off to the rest of the crew.

My daughter, Falicity, generously puts all the paper through the folder. I hate to admit it but the folder scares me. It creates such electrical buildups that I am afraid of getting shocked out of my socks. She then stuffs the two sheets of folder papers together. Thank you Falicity.

After this my son, Arkulas, drives the precious cargo over to the church for the first mass. One more month and the drive will be shorter. With Arkulas owning a car he bought himself before he could get his license and getting his license the day he turned 15½ I do not think driving is much of a burden to him. But I thank him anyways.

The last but not least is the 8AM Ushers that stuff St. Thomas Aquinas bulletin into ours and if I haven't done so lately, I thank you all for doing this for us.

Now you know all the sacrifices that go into this bulletin, be sure and read it. I look forward to

hearing how you all sacrifice for the church.

God Bless, now go forth and sacrifice for your all mighty God.