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Rambling VII by Carl Beyer

It is that time of year again to make resolutions. I have searched my soul and given this much thought and this year's resolution is to never make resolutions again. I am old enough to have gone through school when we did not have our self-esteem nurtured so I have decided to do it myself. My failure to accomplish last year's resolutions has damaged my fragile ego and sent me into a downward tailspin, so no more. No more resolutions; why set myself up to be a failure. Instead, for any little things I do well in 2011, I am going to praise myself immensely to build up my self-esteem. Let us start now, ding, one attaboy for writing an article for the St. John Vianney Bulletin. Wow, I feel much better now.

On the plus side for 2010, we have sent out the first full year of Bible readings. Our longest subscriber has read 368 readings while the newest is on their 6th reading. This means that I have been placing readings into the SJV Bible database for a year. It has just flown by. Only three more years to go and I will have read/typed the complete New American Bible and our Catholic Catechism. It is never too late to get started reading so stop by www.sjvnm.org and click on SUBSCRIBE. You will be joining fifty-five of your fellow parishioners who are participating. Here is an attaboy to you fifty-five subscribers.

For anyone who just hates my writings I want to let you know that my fragile ego would not be damaged if you decide to write some articles for the St. John Vianney bulletin. After reading my articles you can see there are very few requirements except that Father Mansfield has to approve each one. Any writing on church related teachings would be preferred. Do not submit other people's writing though, only your own. There are many different views and we welcome yours, within limits of course. Luckily for me I do not do the approvals.

Wow, what is with the bathrooms and people putting inappropriate objects down the toilets? Do we need to have potty training for our parishioners? A write-up in this bulletin said it is costing us \$800 each time we have a plumber called in. Maybe we need to have some volunteers to be bathroom monitors. No smoking, no texting, no loitering, and no putting large inappropriate objects in toilets and flushing. Of course, we would need one female and one male for each Mass. Do you think we should have a baggage check on people using the restrooms? Maybe a baggage check-in before entering our restrooms? My sweet wife had to take time out of ushering for Christmas Mass to mop up a flooding restroom last Friday. It seems very rude of someone. On the other hand, whoever did this is likely not reading this, nor the signs in the bathrooms, but we can only hope.

We have 172 subscribers to our SJV bulletin email list. Our average attendance for 2010 was around 780 parishioners per weekend. That means twenty percent of our parishioners are receiving the bulletin via email. If I could make a broad assumption, most kids under eighteen are not receiving the bulletins. That means likely fifty percent of our families are receiving the bulletins via email. That is quite impressive!! It just goes to show what a smart community we are, though I have to admit I still like reading hard copies over email sometimes. Guess how you can subscribe. Give up? Yup, via www.sjvnm.org and click on SUBSCRIBE. Why subscribe? Usually the

bulletin is sent out on Thursday so you get an early start on reading the bulletin. Feel free to visit www.stanm.org then PUBLICATIONS, then SUBSCRIBE to receive our mother church, St Thomas Aquinas, bulletin also. Our agreement with St. Thomas Aquinas is not to duplicate information, so it is important that you receive their bulletin also.

How was your Christmas? Our grandchild was great. She seemed to take great pleasure in removing all wrapping paper from the gifts. Sixteen months old and making grandma proud. I did not think she would get into Christmas as much as she did, though her stocking did not work out so well. After hitting the lollypops she stopped searching the stocking and promptly made herself a two handed lollypop licker. Kids are great in their enjoyment of the simple pleasures. She is starting to mimic words and it is such a pleasure to see this learning process. It is so much fun seeing the changes that happens so quickly at this age. I recommend everyone go straight to grandkids and skip the kids.

Thank you all for this past year of feedback on our articles, both good and bad. I enjoyed both of them so keep them coming. The greatest compliment to any writer is feedback because then we know you are reading our articles. I have been stuck on finding new jokes worthy of our bulletin so please send me some to bulletin@sjvnm.org. Would you like to see an article on a particular subject? Please send us your ideas.

God Bless you all. Go forth and make the resolutions you can keep. Go forth and give yourself attaboys for your accomplishments. Go forth and know God has blessed you this past year, all you have to do is recognize the blessings.