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Nehemiah Newsletter

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Lafayette Church of Christ Signs on to Building God's Way

Lafayette Church of Christ celebrated the signing of their contract with Building God's Way (BGW) in Sunday morning services October 12, 2003. Bob Knowles and Dave Tyler signed the contract as the church membership watched.



David Demien, Ken Ware, Mike Beach, Dave Tyler, Rick King, and Bob Knowles

Rick King, building committee member, told the audience that they were seeing history in the making as their church officially stepped forward to build a larger facility to further God's kingdom. Rick then prayed for Demien Construction and the blessing of the building project as building committee members laid hands on Debi and David Demien.

Building Committee members traveled to Ogden, Utah in August to visit the Nehemiah

Center, Daniel Cook and Associate's architectural headquarters.

The trip provided hands on information about Building God's Way. Demien Construction offers a "Travel Certificate" which will reimburse them for their flight costs when construction of their new

facility begins.

Lafayette Church, serving the people of west St. Louis County, describes itself as "striving to take seriously Jesus' words that God's people are to be the light of the world." You can visit them online at lafayettechurch.org or call the church office at 636-391-6697.

Demien Construction Laying a Firm Foundation



Demien Construction was contracted to build the surrounding plaza and set the statue of St. Borromeo on its pedestal overlooking downtown St. Charles. Dave Demien shakes hands with St. Charles County Facilities Director, Jim Boettcher after Demien Construction installed the statue in front of the county courthouse.



Prior to the setting of the statue, those present were allowed to sign the base leaving a time capsule type of memento. Steve Boody, of Boody Fine Arts, Inc. watches as Dave Demien signs for posterity.

Who in the world is St. Borromeo?

St. Charles, MO, home of Demien Construction was named after San Charles Borromeo, a Christian reformer.

Born in 1538 and raised in an affluent religious family, Borromeo became a church bishop at 25. He set out to rid the church of corruption through the selection of leaders of great personal integrity. He traveled by

mule and on foot bringing the message of reform and renewal. During the plague of 1576, he devoted himself entirely to prayer and pastoral care of the sick while other church leaders fled

St. Charles County officials chose Borromeo to represent their founding heritage. Despite a controversy over church vs state issues the statue stands triumphant.



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www.Family.org

[Schedule of Resources for 2003.](#)

November: *Vision In Focus Email*

December: *Kingdom Builder Fax*

Will Marriage Be Abolished?

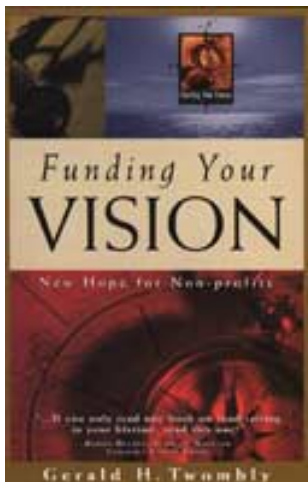
The Battle to preserve marriage has begun with a cannon blast from Focus on Family and 24 of the most influential conservative organizations in America. Monday, October 13, 2003, James Dobson announced on his radio program that these organizations representing millions of Americans would be standing shoulder to shoulder to stop the onslaught against marriage.

Washington DC correspondent, Keith Peters reports that "It appears homosexual marriage isn't what gay activists really want after all. They're looking to abolish the institution altogether. That recommendation comes in a report titled , 'Principles of Family Dissolution' from the American Law Institute – a group of legal scholars and gay activists. The goal is to eliminate the distinction between married and unmarried people in family law by creating something called 'close relationships.' The group launched the effort, it said, because married couples have too many privileges under the law – everything from spousal Social Security benefits to tax breaks. It argues that 'de-legalizing' the institution would level the playing field."

President Bush has taken a stand also by issuing a proclamation to commemorate Marriage Protection Week, Oct. 12-18. In May, Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo., introduced the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) in the House of Representatives. It has not yet been introduced in the Senate. The FMA would amend the U.S. Constitution to say: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution or the constitution of any State, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

The FMA protects marriage from redefinition by state legislatures and the courts. It would also prevent the courts – where almost every assault on marriage has taken place – from giving away the legal benefits of marriage to same-sex couples or requiring their state legislatures to do so. To find out what you can do to support marriage check out www.family.org. Information on how to contact your federal representatives can be found at www.congress.org

Funding Your Vision Shines the Light on Fundraising



**Funding Your Vision...
New Hope for Non-profits
was written by president
of DMA, Jerry Twombly.**

Jerry Twombly, president of Development Marketing Associates (DMA) has written a powerful new book entitled [Funding Your Vision.](#)

The book was written from Twombly's experience in helping over 3500 churches, Christian schools, and charitable organization all over the world in raising over a billion dollars in financing.

Development Marketing

Associates, DMA, joins Building God's Way in making your vision a reality.

New Hope for Non-Profits

"If you read only one book on fund-raising in your lifetime, read this one!"

*Robert Hughes, Managing Director of
Commerce Capital Group*

The book can be purchased through the DMA website:
www.developmentmarketing.com

They provide the following resources:

- *Financial Planning
- *Fund Raising
- *Financing
- *Full Professional Capital Campaign Services

Luke 12:48

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

