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Young people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles join the Los Campos de Natl Mariachi Band during the opening service of "Encuentro 2000" in Los Angeles June 6.

## Event focuses on diversity

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — The riches of the church's cultural diversity are united in faith through the Eucharist, said Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles.

"It is here that we take up the gift and the task of being a people whose lives are committed to reconciliation, peace and unity," he said during a July 8 Mass for 5,000 people representing the racial, cultural and ethnic diversity of U.S. Catholics.

The multilingual Mass was the final general event of "Encuentro 2000: Many Faces in God's House," sponsored by the U.S. bishops. The July 6-9 meeting at the Los Angeles Convention Center was the only national jubilee year event sponsored by the hierarchy.

"Encuentro 2000" marks the first national gathering to lift up the riches of the church's racial, ethnic and cultural diversity in the United States," the cardinal said.

Encuentro is the Spanish word for encounter or

gathering.

"Encuentro 2000" was never envisioned as an end in itself, but a beginning" and as an "opportunity to look honestly at where we are today and set a direction for the future," he said.

"We must cultivate not just tolerance, but genuine respect, for our sisters and brothers from other racial and ethnic communities.

"We must seek to build a relational culture in our parishes where recognition and respect are enfolded in a deeper sense of community," Cardinal Mahony said.

The Mass reflected the ethnic, racial and cultural groups in the U.S. church. The entrance procession featured Mexican music and Negro spirituals. Hymns were sung in English, Spanish, Tagalog and Latin. The second reading was in Apache. The Gospel was read in Mandarin Chinese.

The Diocese of Rochester sent six delegates from various apostolates.

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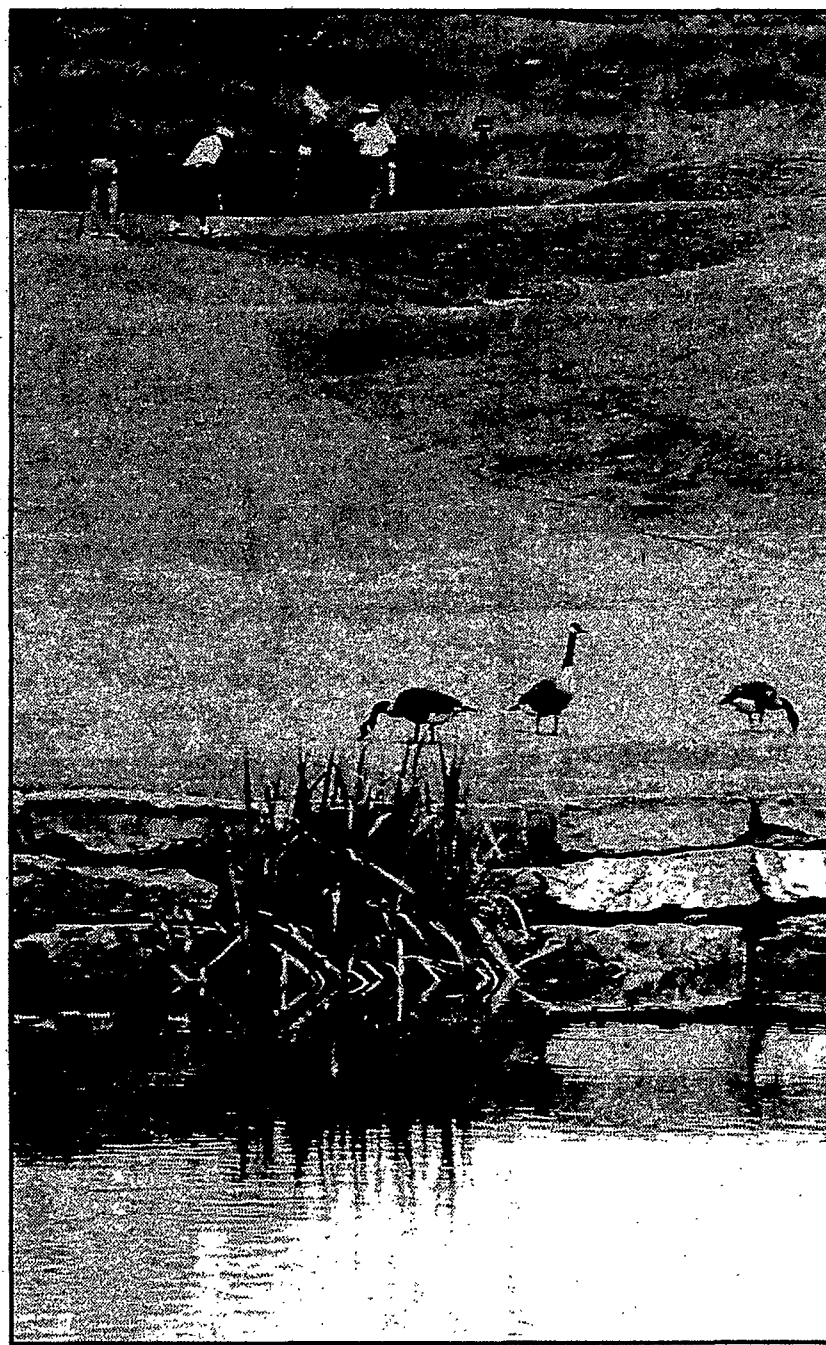
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Wildlife at Greystone Golf Club in Walworth seem oblivious to players at the Catholic Schools Scholarship Golf Classic June 28.

## C · H · A · R · I · T · Y GOLF

Story by Kathleen Schwar

To many a nongolfer, spending a perfectly good morning or afternoon chasing a little white ball around a big lawn can seem a complete waste of time. **BUT GOLF IS BIG MONEY.**

This summer, more than \$250,000 will be raised across the diocese through golf tournaments. Thanks to these charity games, families will receive assistance in sending their children to Catholic schools, school children will have better athletic equipment, basketball programs will receive support, a house for low-income people will be built, a parish will be better able to pay its bills, college scholarships will be awarded, a parish building fund will grow, a home for the terminally ill will receive aid, and the lonely and poor will be fed at regular church-sponsored dinners.

Growth in community spirit is a side benefit.

"The tournament creates a wonderful spirit," said Sister Anne Guerin, SSJ, "the token nongolfer" on the committee for the annual Catholic Schools Scholarship Golf Classic, which raised an estimated \$25,000 June 28.

"It's 'friend-raising' and fundraising."

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