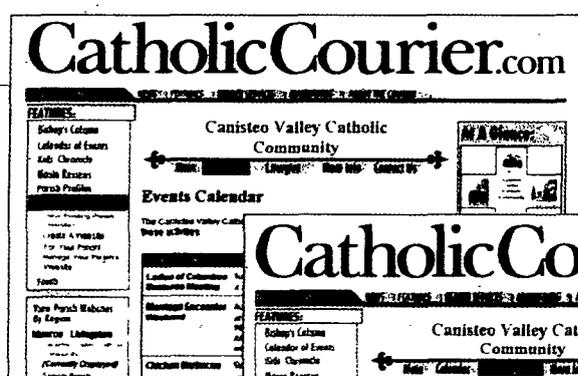


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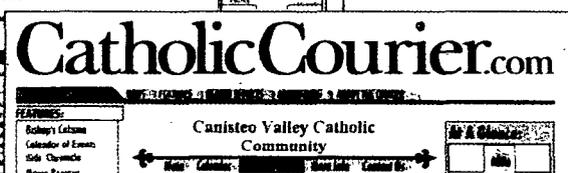
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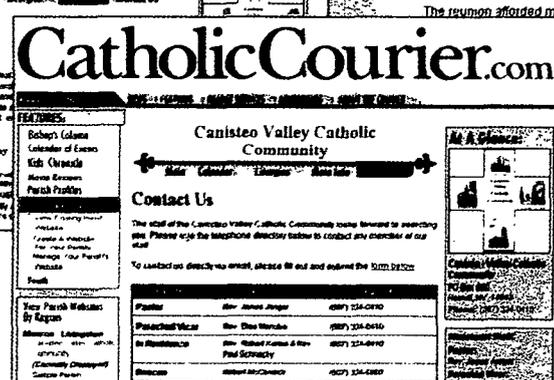
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Dear Parishioners

Welcome to the summer season of 2003. It is always good to have a variety of things in life including seasonal changes, for "variety is the spice of life." Some four weeks ago, one man was complaining about that hot summer day saying, "It is too hot, it is too hot." I said to him, "Two months ago everyone was complaining about the unusual cold and prolonged winter season. This time we are complaining about the hot summer. What will God do to satisfy human beings?" The man replied, "Father, we do that every year - we complain about everything." All these complaints show that human beings are the most insatiable, most difficult to deal with and most ungrateful creatures, no wonder God regretted having created man. However, I am very happy the summer is here with us. This is my kind of weather.

During summer, people go on vacations, go sightseeing, visit various amusement parks and centers. On June 30, I had the pleasure of visiting Darien Lake with the altar servers of our cluster. It was all fun and I enjoyed it even though I did not ride any of the rides.

Last weekend, the people of my town in Nigeria who are residing here in the States had their annual family reunion in New Rochelle, on the outskirts of New York City, and I was privileged to attend. My cousin, his wife and I drove from Rochester to New Rochelle. It was a 380-mile journey from Rochester. The weather was clement and the journey was smooth, safe and enjoyable.

It was all fun, as men, with their wives and children filled the place, children playing in the open air like many of them never did before. Women were discussing their affairs, while men were looking into some problems back home in Nigeria. We ate Nigerian food and other African delicacies specially prepared by the women.

The reunion afforded me the opportunity of meeting for the first time, face-to-face. I had been calling on the phone without actually meeting. The highlight of the reunion was the social which Nigerian music played and men, women satisfaction until midnight. It was all fun and I took pictures, which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia and God bless you.

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