

WANT TO MAKE POINTS?

Don't ask the Rev. Lincoln about algebra, but do make him a plate of chow mein

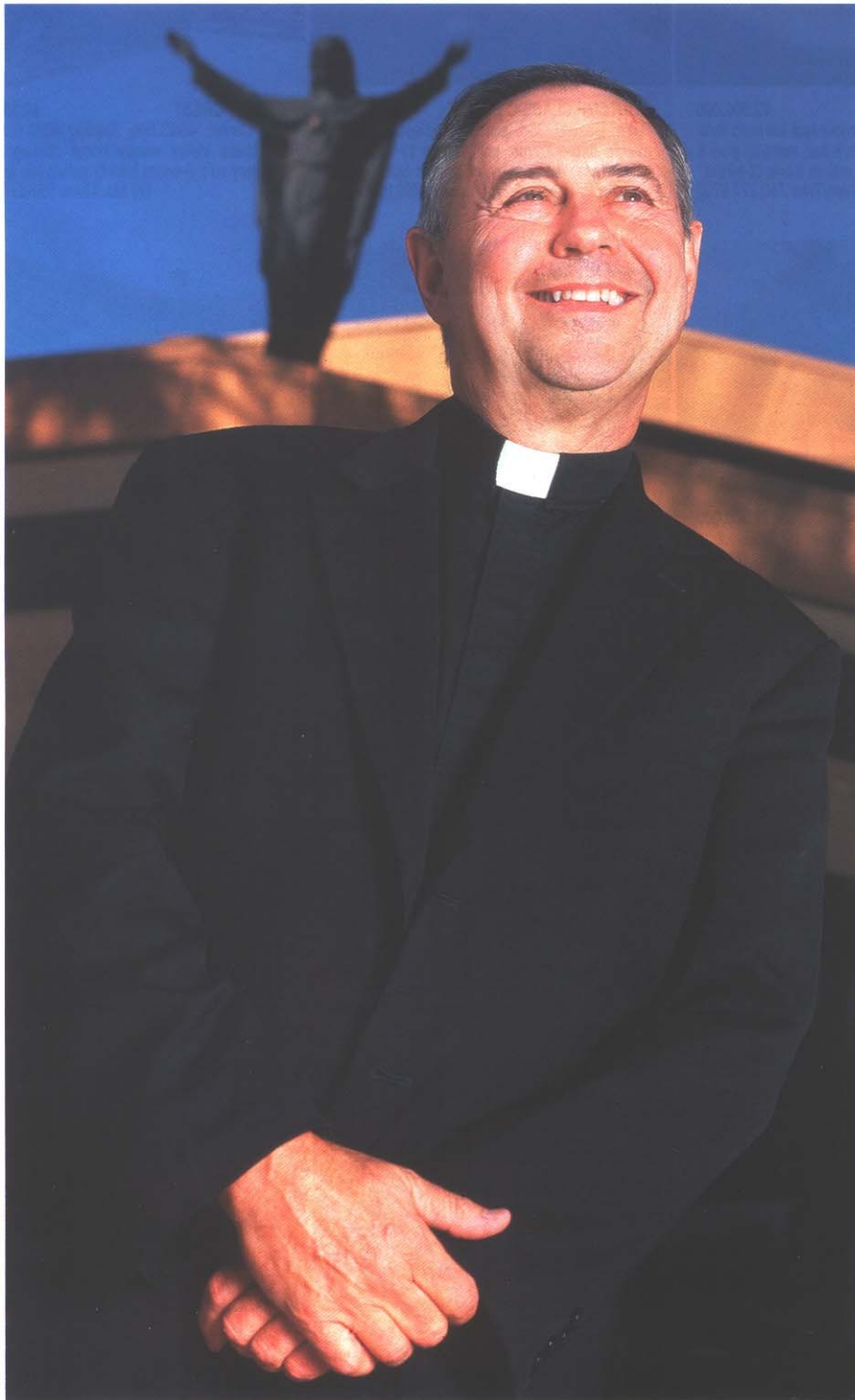


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The Rev. Howard Lincoln of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palm Desert knew a lot about people before he became a priest. He worked for United California Bank, interned at KNBC in Burbank and tended an Irish pub.

Ordained in 1991, he was soon named spokesman for the San Bernardino Diocese. In 2001 he became the pastor in Palm Desert where Sacred Heart School has blossomed into a multifaceted educational facility with 400 students. A new Catholic high school is on the horizon with hopes of a fall 2006 opening.

Favorite saying: Next time

What you wish you never had to say: "No" to people who have a perfectly legitimate and worthy request.

The saddest saying is: "what if?"

Most important thing about being a priest: Staying connected to Christ. Remember that you are serving Jesus and not yourself.

The best mentors: People of faith, wisdom and gratitude.

The best way to learn about people: Shoot dice with them over the telephone.

Children should believe: They are unique loved creations of God and that they are cherished and safe in this world.

Favorite color: Green

What that color makes you think of: The sacred game of golf.

Worth staying up late for: Chinese food.

Worth getting up early for: Chinese food.

Finish:

I hope I never have to... explain algebra to an eighth grader.

Happiness comes from... serving God by serving others.

The Coachella Valley is... the most radically diverse economic region in North America and therefore, a great opportunity.