

## NOW YOU SEE ME, NOW YOU DON'T

You're not seeing me this weekend because I hope to be in Costa Rica with my Godson who graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade last June and is now a freshman at St. Laurence in Burbank. This is his belated graduation gift from me since he was playing baseball all last summer, and also because summer is the rainy season in Costa Rica.

When he was about five years old, I promised Josh that I would take him anywhere in the Western hemisphere or Europe for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, and almost anywhere in the world (I have no desire to go anywhere in Asia) for high school graduation. I made that promise because his dad developed a fear of flying just after he was born and I wanted him to be able to enjoy a wider view of our world as I have for the past thirty years or so. However, as it turned out, his dad is biting the bullet and going with us – though he may have to be heavily sedated for the five hour flight!

And a note for those who enjoy our Adult Formation sessions....This winter's five week program will begin on Saturday, February 9 and continue thru Saturday, March 9 – 1:00p.m. in the new, accessible, spacious meeting room in the school. The topic will be: ***RELATIONSHIPS & BOUNDARIES IN SCRIPTURE: Genesis, Mark, Timothy & Titus: How did ancient Israel define itself? How did the early Church structure itself?*** It should be a good follow-up to last summer's sessions. Watch the bulletin in January for sign-up information and a list of each Saturday's specific topic.

So I wish all of you a very happy, healthy and holy New Year. Please pray for a safe trip for me, Josh and his dad and an uneventful return flight next Saturday.

Fr. Bob