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# CCI snags an Otter for 'Loaves and Fishes'

BOISE — "Loaves and Fishes," a gala fundraiser for Catholic Charities of Idaho is set for Oct. 16 in the Double R Ranch Room at Boise State University's Stueckle Sky Center.

The target of this year's roast is Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter with Democratic Rep. Walt Minnick, Lt. Gov. Brad Little, and state Sen. John McGee (R-Caldwell) leading the events. BSU President Bob Kustra will be the master of ceremonies.

The evening will be black-tie optional and include a social hour followed by dinner, the roast and a live auction. The governor will serve as auctioneer, and available items will include dinner with Bishop Michael P. Driscoll and lunch with Boise Mayor David Bieter.

Bishop Driscoll recruited the governor after Otter had mentioned at a state prayer breakfast that he was a "Catholic boy himself."

"The governor was very pleased to be selected for this year's event," said the bishop. "He said he would do everything possible to make it a great event and began immediately to start listing names of



individuals who he felt would contribute."

The result was a dynamic guest list ensuring a successful evening, the bishop added.

"This will be a major political event," said John Fiedler, chairman of CCI's Fund-raising Committee, "with plenty of good cheer and humor for all. It will be a fun filled night of political commentary where people check their partisanship at the door in support of a great cause."

Funds raised from "Loaves and Fishes" will benefit the CCI's work and programs providing assistance to nearly 10,000 people in Idaho.

Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased on Catholic Charities of Idaho's Web page [www.CCIdaho.org](http://www.CCIdaho.org) or by calling Julie Marcum-Hart, 350-7484.



COOKING UP ROASTED OTTER — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, second from right, will be the main serving at the "Loaves and Fishes" fund raiser for Catholic Charities of Idaho, held Oct. 16 in the Double R Ranch

Room at Boise State University's Stueckle Sky Center. Pictured here with the governor in this 2008 photo are CCI Executive Director Rosio Gonzalez, Chancellor Marcie Wilske and Bishop Michael P. Driscoll. (CCR file photo)

## Gala features eastern roots and western fun

BOISE — In 2005, brothers John and Andy Brunelle worked with leaders at Catholic Charities of Idaho to put "Loaves and Fishes" on the fund-raising menu of the social service agency.

There was a gubernatorial race going on at the time, and Idaho had four Catholic candidates vying for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor: then-Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, Jerry Brady, then-Gov. Jim Risch and Larry LaRocco.

The Brunelles, alumni of Bishop Kelly High School, saw this as a prime opportunity to create an exciting off-season political event, based on New York City's Alfred E. Smith Dinner, an annual fete dating back to 1946, which held annual roasts in honor of the former Empire State governor and first Roman Catholic for the U.S. presidency. As proceeds from the Smith dinner benefited charities for the Archdiocese of New York, the funds raised from "Loaves and Fishes" would benefit the programs of CCI.

The first Boise event drew upon the expertise of Father W. Thomas Faucher, pastor of St. Mary's, and Marc Johnson of The Gallatin Group. Otter called that first event "a great



Barbara Aston and Rosio Gonzalez share a light moment in 2005



### Back and better than ever

The 2009 "Loaves and Fishes" Gala fund raiser will feature roastees Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, seated far right in photo at right. Otter was on the dias for the original dinner held in 2005. This year, the event is set for Oct. 16 in the Double R Ranch Room at Boise State University's Stueckle Sky Center. Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased on Catholic Charities of Idaho's Web page [www.CCIdaho.org](http://www.CCIdaho.org) or by calling Julie Marcum-Hart, 350-7484. (CCR photos courtesy of CCI)



opportunity to put aside our worldly differences for an evening of good-natured fellowship, humanity and humor."

Father Faucher added his own perspective. "Idaho has a long tradition of good politics, and I think this is a new chapter," he said. "We need to get back to the day when politicians have a deep respect for one another and can acknowledge their differences, but still have fun."

The next incarnation in 2007 was a "friendly" roast of Rep. Mike Simpson. "To have someone as highly regarded as Mike Simpson donate his time and effort for this event is truly exciting," said Bishop Michael P. Driscoll. "He has a wonderful sense of humor, and that's an important part of the fun at 'Loaves and Fishes.'"

Simpson said he was glad to help. "Idaho's Second District has benefited from the hard work of this organization, and I am willing to do whatever I can to help the people I represent. If that means I am the 'roastee,' then so be it."

Andy Brunelle said in a planning meeting for this year's event that it was exciting to see it take on a life of its own and to continue to use Idaho politics to benefit those in need.