



Have a blessed
4th of July!

July 3, 2005 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

June 27, 2005



Dear Holy Family Parishioners,

Last summer upon my leave from the parish, I was confident of my ability to continue to serve as your Pastor, but that does not seem feasible in the foreseeable future.

Therefore, with great regret, I am resigning as Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights, and will be assuming another parochial assignment in Sacramento.

Thank you for your support of my pastorate and the common good we accomplished together during my years in Citrus Heights. Holy Family Church is blessed with wonderful parishioners and great potential as a Community of Believers.

May you continue to build on the foundations of, "Faith, Fellowship, Collegiality, and Collaboration," we forged together as Pastor and parishioners.

Gratefully and Prayerfully Yours in Jesus the Lord,

Reverend Father Troy David Powers
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: Maria T. Kosinski +
Al Herkowski +
Sonia & Clinton Lee -Int.
Kenneth Lee -Int.
- Tuesday: Stanley Kosinski -Int.
Janet Mead +
Reynaldo Gallego +
- Wednesday: Maria Kosinski +
Lydia Valdez +
Judy Smoot -Int.
- Thursday: Alan R. Smith +
Janet Mead +
- Friday: Mary Jo Padilla +
Christian Ryan Vidrine +
Janet Mead +
- Saturday: Gretchen Hronicek +

PRAYER CORNER

Remember in your prayers:

Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila,
George Barca, Cody Bartley,
Ray Bechler, Charles Black,
Jill Boyd, Maria Dixon,
Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana,
Evelyn Gonsalves,
Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra,
Charlene Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez,
R. Gutierrez, Gary Hayes,
Stanley Hayes, Tina Karlin,
Betty Kava, Dewain Koch,
Nikki LaTona, Mafua Family,
Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez,
Earl Mattingly, Mary Nekrassoff,
Bud Phelps, Peter Popjevalo,
Fr. Powers, Christine Regan,
Zan Rockett, John Sayer,
Charles Schneider,
Richard Seward, Jo Ster,
Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney,
Maureena Sutton, I. Thompson,
X. Thompson, Bishop Weigand,
Bob Westbrook, Jessie Williams

† Servant Leader †

No doubt Holy Family parishioners will read the health driven letter of resignation from Fr. Troy David Powers with many feelings. I have known this good priest for many years and always admired his ability, intelligence, speaking skills, humor, political awareness, plus his faith in, and love for, Our Lord and the Church. I know everyone in Holy Family Parish will wish Fr. Troy good health, blessings and every success in his future ministry.

Fr. Santiago and I will continue to serve Holy Family as best we can for whatever time Bishop Weigand wishes us to do so. At ordination, priests make a promise of obedience and respect to the Bishop of the diocese. This is especially the case in the matter of assignments, some of which we are very happy with, and others which may not be our choice. However, the sense of mission to the whole diocese allows the Bishop to make the best choices he can, and it is important that priests and people embrace these choices. As priests and parishioners we continue to work together whatever the length of our ministry, be it long or short, at Holy Family. Let us trust in the Lord, take "one day at a time" and "whatever good we can do let us do it now for we shall not pass this way again."

Now, to the new fiscal year for which we must plan. Thanks for your generosity in fiscal year 2004-05. I appreciate also the many comments after Masses last weekend promising a good response to my request for a small increase from \$10,000 to \$10,500 per Sunday in year 2005-06. Please do what you can and we will achieve great things in the fiscal year ahead. Over the next few weeks we will outline plans for greater ministry to young people and a way to reduce our Community Center debt, plus do necessary improvements to our church, other facilities and parking lot. I ask your prayers and support for Holy Family in the year ahead.

With appreciation may God bless this beloved community of faith.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
- Tue: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
- Wed: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a
Mt 10:1-7
- Thu: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5
Mt 10:7-15
- Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
- Sat: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a
Mt 10:24-33



Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

THE NEW FISCAL YEAR HAS BEGUN:

Thank You and Congratulations! Our Parish Family has reached over 100% of our goal for the General Collection in fiscal year 2004-2005 (ended June 30, 2005.) It was in September - nearly three full months into the year - that we set our sights on \$10,000 per week. Even with the late start, we were successful. The generosity of this faith community is tremendous!

As mentioned last week in the bulletin and at Mass, we have set our goal for the new fiscal year at \$10,500 per week, or \$546,000 for the year. Next week, the weekly bulletin summary will begin to reflect the new goal. With God's blessing, we will continue to build on the stewardship displayed in this past year!

PRESERVING OUR PAST... BUILDING OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Bishop William Weigand wishes to extend his appreciation to the families in our parish who have given their financial support to the campaign and those who are in the midst of payments on their pledges. The campaign is now just past the midpoint. Immense progress has been made. The Cathedral will reopen this coming November and many Catholic Schools have new facilities and programs. Social service ministries are receiving precious resources. Priests' retirement goals are more than half funded. Restorations and improvements at individual parishes are impressive, yet the campaign is far from completing its goals. Of the \$77.3 million that was pledged, \$41.2 million had been collected as of March 31, 2005. It is vitally important that the full participation of each and every family that pledged its support is realized. Anyone who wishes to contact the Preserving Our Past Campaign office may do so by calling 916-733-0266.

Holy Family Parish ends the fiscal year at 70% of our goal on Capital Campaign contributions. Given the great transition we have undergone as a parish, this is understandable. I encourage all involved in the Capital Campaign to do the best they can to honor all commitments. Thank you very much to all who have already paid off their pledges.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Holy Family Stewardship Committee meets on Tuesday evening, July 12th, at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall of the Community Center. All parishioners are invited to attend and lend your support. The focus of this meeting will be the continued planning of a parish Monte Carlo Night scheduled for September 24, 2005. Please join us for the meeting, and mark your calendar for this wonderful event!

LITURGY COUNCIL MEETING:

The Holy Family Liturgy Committee will meet on Wednesday evening, July 6th, at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall of the Community Center. All parishioners are invited to attend.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - ST. PATRICK'S HOME:

In over one hundred years of existence, St. Patrick's Home for Children has served the many needs of the children and families of Sacramento and the surrounding areas. St. Patrick's is dedicated to the idea that all children deserve the security, attention, and guidance that gives them hope for the future, and the care and warmth that gives them the chance to love and be loved.

Continuing St. Patrick's rich tradition of loving, compassionate service to children and families is dependent upon the generous time, talents and financial gifts of families, individuals, companies, churches, social groups and schools. The children need our love and our help, as do their families. Government funding, even before recent reductions, and the parent paid program fees cannot fully fund the services we provide to meet the needs of children and families, making private contributions more vital than ever.

An article in our April 3, 2005, Parish Bulletin pointed out the special connection Holy Family Parish has with St. Patrick's Home For Children with Fr. Kiernan as its Executive Director. We promised to explore how best to nurture and develop that connection. Next weekend, we will take up a second collection for St. Patrick's, and we will discuss other avenues of stewardship that will further develop our special bond with this vital ministry.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,000.00
Jun 5	\$ 13,278.00
Jun 12	\$ 9,435.00
Jun 19	\$ 9,993.00
Jun 26	\$ 9,682.00
YEAR END	\$ 523,327.00
Goal-to-Date (52 Weeks)	\$ 520,000.00
% of Goal Collected	100.64 %
Annual Goal	\$ 520,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Jun 5	\$ 3,874.27
Jun 12	\$ 1,123.50
Jun 19	\$ 1,770.00
Jun 26	\$ 1,699.00
YEAR END	\$ 134,206.91
Goal-to-Date (52 Weeks)	\$ 195,000.00
% of Goal Collected	68.82 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTION	
Peter's Pence - <i>Per policy, proceeds are submitted uncounted</i>	
<i>"Let all Your works give You thanks, Oh Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us.</i>	
<i>See Psalm 145</i>	

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNSPLASH "NITE SLIDES":

All Jr. High and High School Youth are invited to join us at Sunsplash for "Nite-Slides" on this coming Friday, July 8th from 7:30-11pm. Please call 721-8329 to sign up by Tuesday, July 5th so we can know how many tickets we'll need. Feel free to invite a friend!



"A CAMPING WE WILL GO"

The youth group camping trip will be held July 15-17th at Scott's Flat Lake in Nevada City. You won't want to miss this wilderness adventure. Fr. Kiernan will join us on Saturday

evening for Mass and a campfire. If you are interested or would like more info please call 721-8329 or email holyfamilycym@yahoo.com by July 7th.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY:

Beginning on the first Friday of July and on every Friday thereafter, we will recite the pro-life rosary following the 8:30 am Mass. We will gather in the middle section of the church to pray. We will offer our prayers for all life issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, the use of the fetus in stem cell research, the death penalty and other pro-life issues. Please join your parish family in this great cause to save lives and souls throughout the world through prayer of the pro-life rosary.

PRO-LIFE MASS FOR JULY MOVED TO THIRD FRIDAY:

The next Pro-life Mass for the month of July will be held on the THIRD Friday, July 15th at 8:30 AM. Please note this on your calendar. The Pro-Life Rosary will be recited after the Mass. For further information please contact Sally Fisher at 780-5305.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH HOLY HOUR

Including Adoration and Benediction
in celebration of the

Year of the Eucharist

Next Sunday, July 10, 2005

After the noon Mass, in the Church



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

Holy Family's Hispanic Community is co-hosting the Knights of Columbus breakfast today, Sunday, July 3, from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Come join us for breakfast burritos! After breakfast, stop by the Knights' fireworks booth in the church parking lot - in fact, stop by any time!



Holy Family School

In Loving Memory - Paul Allen, 1990-2005

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL COMMUNITY is once again living the lesson of Ecclesiastes, "... there is a time to mourn." Paul Allen, Class of 2004, joined our heavenly Father on Friday, June 24. In his eight years at Holy Family, Paul distinguished himself as an outstanding student who graduated as a Gold Cord Honor Student and who received the Parents' Club scholarship to Jesuit. His intelligence plus his infectious humor and his participation in basketball, skiing, soccer, swimming, and tennis earned him the friendship of his peers and the affection and respect of the faculty and staff. What all will remember about Paul is that he was a good person who not only lived the school's mission of "nurturing Christlike behavior in one another," but was also a model of this behavior himself. He will be missed.

NOW ENROLLING STUDENTS AT HOLY FAMILY PRESCHOOL!

Join the Preschool experience, it is sure to stimulate your child's interest! The program is Literature based which develops into art, science, math and language activities. Special features include Ms. Amy's Gymnastics, daily hot lunch, monthly guest speakers, computers in the classroom and an outside adventure play area, to name a few. The preschool is accepting applications for students ages two (and potty trained) through five. The morning program is in operation from 8:30-11:30am and the afternoon class is from 12:30-3:00pm. Childcare services are available Monday through Friday from 7:00am until 6:00pm. Enrich your child's interest by calling Mrs. Lucy Eberhardt at 722-4620.

BIOETHICS MADE EASY:

The Sacramento Life Center is sponsoring Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, neuroscientist and theologian, for *Of Embryos and Souls: Should We Be Cloning Humans?* on Tuesday, July 19; 2005. 6:30 pm wine and cheese reception. 7:00 pm presentation at the Sutter Club, 1220 Ninth Street, Sacramento. Coat & tie required with comparable dress for women. RSVP to (916) 451-4357. Registration \$35.



BIOETHICS AND THE CULTURE:

One-day Summer Conference hosted by the University of Sacramento. Nationally renowned speakers including Wesley Smith, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Eugene Diamond of Chicago and William Hurlbut, MD, of Stanford University, will be speaking on Wednesday, July 20. The conference will cover timely themes including stem cell research, conscience and the law, and end of life issues. This conference is open to all interested adults. CME credit for doctors and nurses will be offered. CALL (916) 443-4760 for more information and registration.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

MARRIED COUPLES' WEEKEND RETREATS:

July 8-10 & 15-17. "DANCING WITH GOD: Seven Habits of Highly Joyful Marriages" will be the theme of our two retreats. Come and enjoy a weekend away & a weekend together in the beautiful, relaxing atmosphere of Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. Call Margaret Hinshaw at (916) 725-4720 for details and reservation.

Check our website:

www.Passionist.org/retreats/christtheking

Come and Dance!



**Christ the King
Passionist Retreat Center**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

COACHING POSITIONS OPEN:

St. Francis Catholic High School is now accepting applications for a Varsity Golf Coach and a Varsity Tennis Coach for the fall 2005 season, mid-August to mid-November. Send application and resume to Pat Maier, Human Resources Administrator, St. Francis High School, 5900 Elvas Avenue. Sacramento, CA 95819.

Questions: Contact Athletic Director Kolleen McNamee at 916-452-3461 extension 124. Download Support Position Application at www.stfrancis.org.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS SOUGHT:

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sacramento, CA, is seeking a Director of Operations to begin not later than September 6, 2005. This position is a key management position, reporting directly to the pastor. This person should demonstrate personal, interpersonal and spiritual maturity, and embrace the vision and mission of a Jesuit parish. The successful candidate will have the necessary collaborative skills attributable to the position and be capable of balancing the competing demands of human resources, finance, and plant development. The salary and benefits accompanying this exciting position are commensurate with experience. Please submit your resume with cover letter by fax to 916-482-8573; or mail to Fr. Gerald Robinson, S.J., Pastor, 3235 Arden Way, Sacramento, California 958215; or email to g.robinson@stignatiussac.org.

DIOCESAN JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - CUSTODIAN:

We have an immediate opening at the Diocesan Pastoral Center for a custodian to work 20 hours per week - 4:30 to 9:30, four days per week. Some weekends required. Duties include routine custodial functions and conference room meeting set ups. Please fax your resume to Phyllis Montero at (916) 733-0195 or mail your resume to 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA, 95818, attention: Phyllis Montero.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED - STUDENTS FROM SPAIN:

We're looking for a few good host families! This summer, 32 high school students from Spain are coming to Sacramento for one month. They want to meet your family and see California. Their days will be filled with classes, field trips and adventures. They will be with you evenings and weekends. You and your family are invited to participate in some of the activities. Your children and family will experience the taste of another country and culture. The students speak English and have their own spending money. Past Host Families say this experience is exciting and positive for their family and their children. You can share this experience this summer. We'd love to meet with you and share more about the program and plans for this summer. Please e-mail us at globalskip@yahoo.com or telephone (916) 334-3323.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE BASILICA:

Rev. Pol Gumapo, Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Lincoln, invites individuals and families from all Northern California to participate in a solemn pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Mexico City - September 22-30, 2005 to kneel at the feet of the Virgin of Tepeyac, to celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving in memory of Pope John Paul II, and to thank God for giving us a new blessed pontiff in the person of Pope Benedict XVI. As part of the tour-pilgrimage, the travelers will visit beautiful Marian Shrines, Basilicas and Cathedrals at the Mexican colonial cities of Guanajuato, Dolores Hidalgo, San Luis Potosi, Aguascalientes, Zapopan and Guadalajara. Air transportation to Mexico will depart from Sacramento International airport. Once in Mexico, the land transportation will be by air-conditioned buses and certified tour guides will attend the English-speaking travelers.

Those who want to see Mexico differently than most of the common tourists shouldn't miss this opportunity to live the once in a lifetime experience of visiting the American Continent's most venerated Marian shrine. Space is limited and the last day to register is July 31, 2005. For a free brochure contact Deacon Jose Ramirez at (916) 684-8944 or by email at pe16pe40@aol.com.

NEED MARRIAGE HELP?:

For preparation and getting off to the right start -
Engaged Encounter (E.E.): Call for dates and locations.

For improvement and enhancement -
Marriage Encounter (M.E.): Jun. 24-26, Aug. 26-28

For troubled marriages and renewal-
Retrouvaille: July 8-10

For further information on any of these programs held in Sacramento, CA, please contact:

Engaged Encounter: www.sacee.org
or call Ron & Kathy Bauer at 916-987-0747

Marriage Encounter: srsregistrar@sbcglobal.net
or call Raul & Gayla Ponce at 866-825-2046

Retrouvaille: www.retrouvaille.org
or Sacramento@RetroCa.com.
or call Fred & Barbara at 800-283-5952
or Fran at 916-362-2525.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 2-3, 2005

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last March, I wrote you to let you know that a court-ordered mediation process had begun that could result in settlement of some or all of the sexual abuse lawsuits pending against the diocese.

At the time, I said that the diocese had to reconcile two moral obligations: to the past, to provide care and compensation to the victims of clergy sexual abuse; and to the future, to make sure that children and young people can be safe in Church, and that the parishes, schools, day care centers, clinics and other social services which people depend on are there and available for all who need them.

The settlement announced this week meets both of those obligations.

The settlement requires that the diocese pay \$35 million to settle 34 lawsuits. None of the money to pay the settlement will come from parish assets. The diocese will fund the settlement through a 15 percent reduction in operating expenses, loans, and the sale of some diocesan assets. Three Catholic religious orders whose priests were serving in the Diocese of Sacramento are also contributing to the settlement. Significantly less than 50 percent of the settlement costs will be paid by insurance and reimbursements.

The diocese is also offering a "Spiritual Direction and Reconciliation Process" to victims and their families if they are interested in reintegrating into the Catholic faith community and the sacramental life of the Church. The process will be overseen by a Spiritual Direction Coordinator.

In addition, now that the lawsuits have been resolved and we are permitted to contact individuals directly, Bishop Garcia and I are offering to meet privately with victims and their families in a spirit of humility and reconciliation to hear their stories firsthand and to offer our deepest apologies for what they have gone through.

The end of the lawsuits, however, does not mean an end to vigilance. All of the steps taken over the past three years to protect children and prevent instances of abuse will remain vigorously in place. These ongoing policies and practices include:

- A "zero tolerance" policy for clergy, church workers and volunteers. No one with a credible complaint of sexual abuse against him will be permitted to remain in ministry in the Diocese of Sacramento.
- Mandatory reporting of any accusation to law enforcement.
- An annual compliance audit to insure that diocesan policies and practices meet or exceed the standards established in the Charter and the Essential Norms adopted by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
- The Independent Review Board will evaluate complaints and advise the Bishop on an accused person's fitness for ministry.
- Enhanced screening for seminarians, including a second round of testing immediately prior to ordination, fingerprinting and criminal background checks prior to acceptance to the seminary or formation in the diaconate.
- Enhanced screening and background checks for priests and others who transfer into the diocese.
- Special training for clergy, church workers and volunteers to help identify and report possible instances of abuse.
- Fingerprinting of all diocesan clergy, church workers and volunteers in positions that bring them into contact with children.

This has been a difficult three years for the diocese. The support you have given to our faithful and dedicated priests, sisters, deacons and brothers who exercise their ministry selflessly and who strive for holiness has been both overwhelming and humbling, I take this opportunity also to thank you for your prayers and your support of me during my surgery and recuperation from a liver transplant. I am doing very well.

We will keep you informed of developments in the weeks and months ahead. We ask for your continued prayers for victims, for the Church, and for our Catholic community in the Diocese of Sacramento.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

WILLIAM K. WEIGAND
Bishop of Sacramento

Questions & Answers

Diocese of Sacramento Legal Settlements

1. Will parish money will be used to pay this settlement?

No. All parish assets-whether it's money, property or other assets-are separate from the diocese, and that's reflected in the annual financial report published in the Catholic Herald.

2. Does the diocese have to publish financial reports? Are diocesan finances reviewed by anyone other than the Bishop?

The diocese publishes an annual financial report in the diocesan newspaper} the Catholic Herald. It shows our operating income and expenditures, lays out assets and liabilities, and provides a detailed financial picture of how the diocese handles its money. In addition to the annual financial report, the financial operations of the diocese are overseen by the Diocesan Finance Council, a lay body required by Canon Law} that must approve the diocesan operating budget and all major financial decisions made by the Bishop. For example, the settlement announced today had to be approved (and was approved) by the Finance Council before it could be finally approved by Bishop Weigand.

3. How will this settlement affect diocesan services? Schools? Social services?

In anticipation of reaching a settlement, the diocese cut operating expenses this year by 15 percent. Various ministries within the diocese had to make staff cuts, but no services were eliminated. Schools are funded primarily by parishes, but there have been reductions in scholarships and diocesan subsidies. With respect to social services, there may be some operating reductions, but we don't expect to eliminate any programs as a result of the settlement.

4. Is Bishop Weigand willing to meet with victims?

Yes. Bishop Weigand and Bishop Garcia have written letters to each of the victims offering to meet privately with them and their families to hear directly about their experiences, to offer an apology on behalf of the Church, and to help support their spiritual and emotional healing. We want to do everything we can to help them, and if they are interested, to help them return to the Church.

5. How much money will each person receive?

The amount of compensation each person will receive from the \$35 million paid by the diocese will be determined by a process established by the individuals and their attorneys. The diocese has no role in that process. Not accounting for legal fees and other costs, the settlement is slightly in excess of \$1 million per person.

6. When will the diocese pay the \$35 million?

Under the terms of the agreement, the diocese will pay the \$35 million in installments over six months.

7. Where will the money come from to pay the settlement?

The money will come from cash on hand, loans, the sale of diocesan property and from insurance. Three religious orders whose priests were serving in the diocese will also contribute to the settlement. The amount of money coming from insurance proceeds and reimbursements has yet to be determined, but it is significantly less than 50 percent because one of the diocese's insurance companies became insolvent and went bankrupt some years ago.

8. Will any funds from the "Protecting our Past, Building our Future" capital campaign be used to fund the settlement? Will any endowment funds be used?

No. No funds raised as part of the "Protecting our Past, Building our Future" campaign will be used, and neither will any endowment money. Moneys pledged to the capital campaign are held in a separate trust and can only be spent on the schools, churches and other projects identified as part of that effort.

9. The 34 claims filed against the diocese were the result of allegations against how many priests?

The 34 lawsuits filed against the diocese were the result of allegations against 10 priests over a 35-year period.

10. Where are the 10 priests?

Two are dead, three have fled to Mexico, four have retired or are otherwise out of ministry. One had his case reviewed by the Independent Review Board, who found the allegation lacked credibility and recommended he be kept in ministry. None of them were transferred to other dioceses.

11. Will any of the priests involved in the lawsuits be reinstated as a result of this settlement?

No. Sacramento has had, and will continue to have, a policy of zero tolerance. No one has ever been transferred to another parish or diocese and no one who has had a credible accusation lodged against them of sexual abuse or a minor will be allowed to function as a priest in this diocese.