



July 16, 2006 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation” Psalm 85:8

† Servant Leader †

A Letter from Fr. Kiernan in Rome - Week 3

This week we moved from ecumenism (dealing with all the Christian churches) to work on interreligious relations, studying the great religions of the world. We studied religious debates of Vatican Council II and its impact on interreligious dialogue. We discussed Jewish churches relationships and did an in depth study of Islam. Of great importance today is the current theological thought on interreligious dialogue. We discussed how Christians respond to people of other faiths and how we evangelize today in an environment of inculturation. The challenging question, "Can there be salvation outside the Christian church?" was raised with vigorous discussion. We studied Hindu and Buddhist case studies and new religious movements. All of these raised important questions of Christians. The bottom line in all of this is to be true to one's tradition, live and love your faith, be not afraid to express your belief in Christ with love and humility. The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue's Cardinal Poupard spoke to this whole area of religious dialogue.

The tragedy of 9/11 has popularized interreligious dialogue. There is no more hopeful and helpful solution to religious and other conflicts than through religious dialogue, as many conflicts have at least a somewhat religious dimension and religion has something positive to bring toward the resolution all conflicts. Pope John Paul II stated, "Religion must never be accused of fomenting violence and conflict but must always seek the ways of dialogue and peace." He spoke out clearly and often on how Christians have no fight with Muslims or other faiths, and he opposed war as a solution to all conflicts. This was a great help, as many Muslims have come through his words and example to realize Christians are not fighting them. Today interreligious dialogue has become an imperative. Each person must ask, "What is my responsibility to people of other faiths? How can I be a friend of a person from another faith without giving up my own faith? We are in contact daily with people from many faiths through TV, the workplace, books, relationships, etc., so how can I live a life that is enriching and beneficial for all in the world in which I live?" As Catholics, there must be an understanding and acceptance of the other while always holding firmly the belief that Jesus is the center of life and salvation. In our faith we are called to a dialogue of cooperation.

This week we also visited an Islamic Center and Mosque to meet with Muslim leaders. It was a very useful and at times intense discussion of Muslim belief and practice. The experience was very educational and a great opportunity for dialogue. I asked a number of hard questions as to the use of violence, Muslim laws, and the oppression of Christians. These were accepted in the honest spirit of dialogue and seriously addressed by the Muslim speaker.

We toured the "Roman Ghetto", the synagogue and museum. It was heartbreaking to see what has been done over so many centuries to our Jewish brothers and sisters by the church an society in general - the harsh laws, limitations imposed, forced conversions and punishments visited upon Jews. The presenter spoke, however, with great hope for present day relations. Jews always remember "Good Pope John" (John XXIII) for what he did to undo so many wrong against them, and they spoke proudly that it was in this beautiful synagogue that Pope John Paul II came among them to pray and offer the hand of friendship and peace.

Other great events were our visit to the North American College, where so many priests for the Catholic Church in America have been trained, and lunch at the Friary of St. Hubert where my predecessor Fr. John Keane enriched us with a marvelous presentation on Evangelism and Inculturation - hoe we can respond to people of other faiths on how salvation can come to people outside the Christian church.

Our three weeks came to an end with a very enriching dialogue with faculty and students and a beautiful closing liturgy. This brought to an end an exciting pilgrimage - a joy to be part of a special time of learning, experiencing so much history, culture prayer and fellowship.

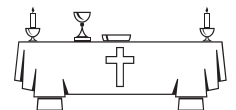
In addition to all of this was the great conversation and humor with the priests from all over the world in the place where I stayed. So many languages, cultures, personalities - Cardinals, Bishops Priests, both very old and very young, from the old Catholic countries and the poor new developing churches in new places. It was a chance to network, build relationships, get insight into how the church works - all in all, a blessing.

I leave now for six days with my family. We will have a special Mass on July 16 in the church where we were all baptized and then a special meal together. I will pray for you there, as I have done here. It will be good to see you on July 22/23.

Your brother in Christ, Fr. Michael

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: Pam Bardwil -Int.
- Tuesday: Mary Nai -Int.
Frank Wheat +
- Wednesday: Michael Jordan -Int.
- Thursday: Francis Eichler +
- Friday: Muffin Shop Group -Int.
- Saturday: Angie & Roy Woodley +



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ST. PATRICK'S HOME FOR CHILDREN

Last summer this bulletin explored the special connection Holy Family Parish has with St. Patrick's Home for Children with Fr. Kiernan as its Executive Director, and we discussed how best to nurture and develop that connection. On the weekend of July 22-23, we will take up a second collection for St. Patrick's to show our support and further develop our special bond with this vital ministry.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE CLRS

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society and Holy Family Parish would like to thank Barbara Stevenson for her tremendous generosity in providing bags of food and meats for the food closet. Your Christ-like compassion is a blessing to your parish family and particularly to those in need. Any parishioner who would like to help stock the food closet and assist the CLRS in this vital ministry is invited to call the parish office for more details.

A NEW YEAR FISCAL YEAR

Our new goal for regular collections each Sunday for 2006-2007 is \$11,000 per week, beginning this month. Thank you for your continued generosity and may God continue to bless you and your families!

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$	11,000.00
June 18	\$	10,037.00
June 25	\$	8,132.00
July 2	\$	10,141.00
July 9	\$	8,697.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	18,838.00
Goal-to-Date (2 Weeks)	\$	22,000.00
% of Goal Collected		85.63 %
Annual Goal	\$	572,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$	3,750.00
June 18	\$	1,201.50
June 25	\$	500.00
July 2	\$	2,356.00
July 9	\$	980.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	3,336.00
Goal-to-Date (2 Weeks)	\$	7,500.00
% of Goal Collected		44.48 %
Annual Goal	\$	195,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Legacy Restoration Appeal *Report Pending*

Today's readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

Barbie Adorno, Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Jack Barca, Pam Bardwil, Cody Bartley, Ray Bechler, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Shirley Bryant, Bernard Burke, Joe Celeya, Bob Cleveland, Darren Crose, James Crutcher, Rita Crutcher, Diane Cummings, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, John Dooney, Bonnie Eldridge, Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Loretta Francescon, Frances & Leo Girard, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Manuel Guerra, Max Guerra, Rick Gutierrez, Stanley Hayes, Eddie Hoffman, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Ian Larmore, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, Jenine Michilena, Mary Nekrassoff, Eleanor Obmann, Betty O'Neil, Lee Ann Parrott, Nita Parrott, Bud Phelps, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Zan Rockett, Nikelle Schafer, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Shelly, Lisa Stamps, Jardee Stanley, Phyllis Steele, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Jean Villanueva, Frank Vogel, Marvin Webster, Bishop Weigand, Mike Williams, Lani Zacherson, Claudette Zompetta

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tue: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wed: Is 10:5-7,13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thu: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Fri: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Sat: St. Mary Magdalene: Mi 2:1-5; Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Sun: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Questions of the Week:

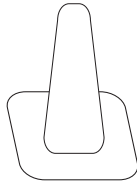
For Adults: What do you find as the most impressive part of today's Gospel?

For Children: Who would you choose to go with you to share the Good News that Jesus loves everyone and wants them to be happy?

***** NOTICE *****

**PARKING LOTS TO BE CLOSED
MONDAY 7/31/06 -SUNDAY 8/6/06**

As part of our on-going restoration, the entire parking lot will be repaved and it will be closed for the week of July 31 through August 6. More details to follow....



Holy Family School

HF PRESCHOOL ENROLLING FOR THE FALL

Holy Family Catholic Preschool- Enrolling now for the fall session - Holy Family Preschool is open 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and services students ages 2 (potty trained) through 5 years old. Experienced teachers present a Literature Based program that is age appropriate, offers kindergarten preparedness skills and a hands on experience for students of all ages. Gymnastics Program, snack, Bible stories, Christmas Program, Graduation Celebration and much more! Call Lucy Eberhardt at 722-4620 to arrange a school tour.

**HOLY FAMILY
LITURGY COUNCIL**

NEW LECTOR SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

Lectors—New schedules for the summer are ready. Please pick up your copy in the hallway to the sacristy. Thank you!



DIOCESAN CATECHIST MINISTRY DAY 2006

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2006

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Richard Garcia

Place: St. Francis Catholic High School

5900 Elvas Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95819

Cost: \$25 Registration fee - Every 11th person free if you register as a parish group

\$12 for a T-Shirt with our theme and logo imprinted in beautiful colors (optional)

Keynotes & Workshops. Wonderful food, Hospitality, Entertainment, Mariachi, Over 20 Exhibitors.

Childcare Available (donations accepted)

Registration Forms & Workshop Information will follow soon. For More Information, Contact John Rieschick at 733-0133 or jrieschi@diocese-sacramento.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY CAR WASH TODAY!!!

Today from 8am-2pm the Holy Family Youth Ministry is having a car wash right here on Church grounds. What could be more convenient! Please support our parish youth (and get a cleaner car in the process!) Donations will be accepted. Please look for signs directing you where to take your car. All jr.high and high school youth are invited to help!

LAST CHANCE FOR MARINEWORLD TICKETS....

Holy Family CYM invites you to join us for a day at Marine World on Sat. July 29th!

Tickets are \$22.99 per person. We will meet at Holy Family and carpool there for a day of fun! All who are interested MUST confirm by this Sunday evening by calling 721-8329 and leaving a voicemail with the number of tickets requested.

PARTY AT THE LAKE

Save the Date: Sat. August 26th from 3pm-9pm "Goodbye to Summer" Party at Folsom Lake.....Join us for a swimming, games, a BBQ, and mass with Fr.Kiernan lakeside at 7pm!

OPEN GYM ON A NEW NIGHT

Open gym has moved from Thursday evenings to Monday evenings for the months of July & August! However, please note there will be **no open gym this week - Monday, July 17th** - as the gym floor is being re-conditioned during this time.



BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Advertising in our Holy Family Parish Bulletin provides you with many benefits and advantages: targeted, effective, frequent exposure; loyal support from fellow parishioners; and, projection of a positive image. Yet, with all these benefits, bulletin advertising still costs much less than advertising with a local newspaper, radio or television station. To make your ads as effective as possible, Holy Family has an experienced graphic designer available who can assist you in designing your ad, complete with photos, logos and coupons.

Just as important as being a sound business decision, the choice to utilize bulletin advertising is a means to support your parish community and parish school in a direct and effective way.

If you or your firm may be interested in advertising in the Holy Family Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office at 723-2494 for more information about the blessings that supporting this program can bring to your parish family while at the same time providing tangible benefits to your business.

In the meantime, please support those who support us by patronizing our bulletin advertisers. Thank you!

WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

Holy Family Women's Council is having election of officers and we need women who would like to be involved in parish activities. All the women of the parish are eligible for these offices. The offices that are open are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. There are a number of Commission Chairs available, as well.

Some of our activities include the Pasta Dinner in September, the Relief Society Luncheon in November, and the Baby Shower for the Bishop Gallegos Home in January. We have many more events planned for this year, so if you are eager to share your expertise and creativity, please come and join us. Maybe you want to nominate a friend, or yourself. You can do that by calling Anita Marsolais at 723-1775 no later than July 30, 2006. Hope to hear from you soon!


FOOD PROGRAM FOR SENIORS:

A kind note was sent into the parish office to tell us about a program called Senior Citizens Services, Inc., that distributes two large boxes of food each week to seniors for a \$20 monthly donation. According to a local care provider, the food is high quality (meat, vegetables, cereal) and donated by local grocers. The senior (or his/her care provider or family member) would be responsible for picking the food up weekly at the distribution center from 9 am - 11 :30 am Mon-Fri.

For more information, please contact:
Senior Citizens Services, Inc., 8175 Signal Court, Ste. M, Sacramento, CA 95824, Phone: 381-7794 (located off Power Inn Road between Lemon Hill and Elder Creek Roads)

THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO - A JOURNEY OF FAITH

This illustrated history of the Diocese of Sacramento tells the story of its parishes, schools and other institutions. The full-color, 272 page, hard cover book features over 700 outstanding color photos, historical pictures, maps and illustrations. If you haven't purchased your copy, call the Parish Office at 723-2494 - there almost gone!



Catholic Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION VIDEO:
The video that was taken during Confirmation here at Holy Family is in the process of being edited. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please call the Parish Office and leave a message for Deacon Mark indicating your interest, your name and your phone number. The cost of the video has not yet been determined but will be greatly influenced by the number of copies requested.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PHOTOS
Parents of Religious Ed Students the photos for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are ready and can be picked up at the parish office. Please call our office if you have any questions @ 726-7217. Have a safe summer and we will see you in the fall. Thank you!

Prayer Opportunities



WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army.) It is now officially associated with the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome. We are happy to offer these prayers here at Holy Family.

All are welcome to join us Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass in St. Mary's Hall. For more information, please call Phyllis, 725-0218 or Phyllis, 725-5358.



VOCATIONS CROSS

Each week a parish family is presented with the Vocations Cross to take home for the week and asked to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next Sunday, the family will return the cross and another family will be presented the cross to pray for vocations. If you are interested in taking the Vocation Cross home, please contact Young Stewart

at 332-8732.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Jesus stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament, blessing us with the grace that encourages us, consoles us, strengthens us, guides us and inspires us to place our trust in Him. We stay with the Real Presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration to be more personally involved with Him and to keep the Eucharist central in our lives. Spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist enables us to build a truly personal relationship with Him. Come into His presence in our beautiful chapel - He is looking forward to your visit!



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VISITING HOURS:

Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Also in the chapel:
Each day at 9:00 am a community Rosary and the Chaplet of Mercy are prayed, and each day at 3:00 pm the Chaplet of Mercy is prayed.

WHAT IS THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY?

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a traditional devotion of the Catholic Church. The intercessory prayers for mercy are in three directions: for obtaining mercy, for help in trusting his mercy, and for showing mercy to others. It is a set of prayers, most commonly prayed with the aid of rosary beads. The devotion as known today can be traced to Polish nun and canonized saint, Sister Faustyna Kowalska (Faustina), known as the "Apostle of Mercy", 1905-1938. According to St. Faustyna, Jesus Christ promised that all who recite this chaplet at the hour of death or in the presence of the dying will receive great mercy. He will stand between them and His Father not as Judge, but as Savior. Jesus also promised that anything can be obtained with this prayer if it is compatible with His will.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

2006 GOLF TOURNAMENT & SPORTS BANQUET

The Notre Dame Club of Sacramento is pleased to host its fourth annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, July 24, 2006 at The Calla Verdera Country Club in Lincoln. Donations of \$175+ are all inclusive of tournament valley, range practice, greens fees, cart, lunch and sports banquet and dinner. Proceeds from the tournament will be contributed to a scholarship fund to assist qualified and deserving University of Notre Dame students from the Sacramento area. For more information or to sign up, please see: www.ndsacramento.com or Call Mike Stroud at (916) 276-2560. Please sign up soon!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Monday, July 24, 2006

The SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER is selling tickets for this River Cats game. Come join us for a night of baseball fun while supporting the SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER! Ticket prices are \$9.00 & \$13.00. To buy tickets or for more information, please call Sara at (916) 451-4357. Deadline for ticket purchases is July 5, 2006.

WEEKEND PROGRAM

The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering a special weekend program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. The weekend retreat is Friday-Sunday, September 15-17 at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center near Applegate, CA. For more information or to request an application, please call (916) 835-2282 or visit our website at: www.sacramentobe.org.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Save this date: October 7, '06 for the Divine Mercy Conference at the Sacramento Convention Center presenting world famous speakers: Dr. Stockpole and Fr. Seraphim Mikalenko the leading expert on St. Faustina and Divine Mercy Devotion. You can help promote this event, call Cheryl 966-1830.

STAY INFORMED:

Keeping up to date on news and events that impact the lives of Catholics throughout Northern California is as simple as reading *the Newspaper of the Diocese of Sacramento*:

The Catholic Herald

And, getting The Catholic Herald is as simple as calling
(916) 452-3344.

ENCOUNTERING LIFE ALONE

The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering its "Encountering Life Alone" program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. This 10 week program starts on July 20, 2006 at St Michael's Episcopal Church 2140 Mission Ave., Carmichael. The meetings are held from 7:00-9:00 P.M. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10.00 and a \$5.00 weekly fee. For more information please call (916) 835-2282 or visit our website at: www.sacramentobe.org.

DIOCESE ANNOUNCES

NEW PASTORAL CARE COORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce that Esther Castillo has been appointed by Bishop Weigand as our new Pastoral Care Coordinator, replacing Julie Cropper who resigned from the position at the end of June. Ms. Castillo started working with the Diocese effective July 3, 2006 and can be reached directly at (916) 733-0142. She brings a wealth of experience to the position as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with years of administrative and clinical work. She is also bilingual, specifically English and Spanish speaking. We are very blessed to have her working with us in this position.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Diocesan Vocations Department
Full-time position. Must be computer literate with good organizational skills. Spanish and English preferred.
Send or fax Resume to:

Father Brian Atienza
Diocese of Sacramento
2110 Broadway
Sacramento, CA 95818
Fax (916) 733-0238

CUSTODIAN NEEDED AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral parish has an opening for a custodian to work 20 to 25 hours per week. Work on weekends is included. Duties include routine custodial work in the parish facility. Please fax your resume to Msgr. James Murphy at 443-2749 or mail to Cathedral Rectory, 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE POSITION OPEN

St. Francis Catholic High School
5900 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento
Full time position. Wage commensurate with experience. Benefits included. Experience required: background in all facets of repair such as plumbing, electrical, mechanics and construction. This position also requires knowledge of power equipment.
For more information or to apply, contact Plant Director Larry Carson at 916-452-3461, ext. 121. Position open until filled.
