

November 12, 2006 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed' gives food to the hungry." Psalm 146:7

† Servant Leader †

Making a Case for Marriage

The following is a message from the US Bishops Secretariat for Family, Laity Women & Youth. I share this with you asking your understanding, prayers, care and love for children or friends you know in these situations. Let us work to help improve marriage with gentleness and encouragement. (Please see the USCCB website for detailed sources of the statistics quoted in this article.)

Why Isn't It Good to Live Together Before Marriage?

The Situation

In 2004 more than 5 million Americans were cohabiting, that is, living together in a sexual relationship without marriage. This compares to 500,000 in 1970. Currently, 60% of all marriages are preceded by cohabitation. Fewer than half of cohabiting unions end in marriage. Many couples believe--mistakenly--that cohabitation will lower their risk of divorce. Since many are the children of divorce, or have other family members or friends who have divorced, this is a widespread and understandable misconception. Other reasons for living together include convenience, financial savings, companionship and security, and a desire to move away from the family of origin.

What social science says about cohabitation

On average, marriage preceded by cohabitation is 46% more likely to end in divorce. The risk is greatest for "serial" cohabitators who have had multiple relationships. Some studies indicate that those who live together with definite plans for marriage are at minimal risk; however, there are no positive effects from cohabiting.

Social scientists have tried to determine whether some of the risk is due to the selection effect, i.e., that people who cohabit are already those who are more likely to divorce. While research shows the selection influence, most social scientists emphasize the causal effect, that is, cohabitation itself increases the chance of future marital problems and divorce.

Cohabitation usually favors one partner over the other. Studies find that cohabitators are unequally committed. Often, the more committed partner is willing to put up with poor communication, unequal treatment, insecurity and abuse. Typically, women are more vulnerable, since they tend to be more committed.

Cohabitation puts children at risk. Forty percent of cohabiting households include children. After five years, one-half of these couples will have broken up, compared to 15% of married parents.

Church teaching/pastoral response

Church teaching on cohabitation reflects its belief about the dignity of marriage. Marital love is an image of God's love for humanity (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1604) and Christian marriage is a sign of Christ's union with the Church

(Catechism #1617). This union can never be temporary or a "trial"; it is permanently faithful.

Every act of sexual intercourse is intended by God to express love, commitment and openness to life in the total, unreserved gift of the spouses to each other. Premarital sexual intercourse is sinful because it violates the dignity of persons and the nuptial meaning and purpose of sexuality. It cannot express what God intended. Rather, it says something false--a total commitment that the couple does not yet have. This total commitment is possible only in marriage, "the covenant of conjugal love freely and consciously chosen, whereby a man and woman accept the intimate community of life and love willed by God himself" (Familiaris Consortio #11).

This mutual self-giving enables the couple to become co-creators with God to bring new life into the world. The gift of sexual intercourse has two purposes: to express and strengthen marital love (unitive) and to share that love with children (procreative). Only in marriage can this total self-giving take place, and only in marriage can children be raised with the secure, committed love of a mother and father.

Pope John Paul II recognized that couples can enter into cohabitation ("free unions") for various reasons. He urged pastors and the church community to become familiar with these situations on a case-by-case basis. "They should make tactful and respectful contact with the couples concerned and enlighten them patiently, correct them charitably and show them the witness of Christian family life in such a way as to smooth the path for them to regularize their situation" (Familiaris Consortio #81).

Following Familiaris Consortio, diocesan marriage policies that address cohabitation mostly favor an approach that integrates correction with understanding and compassion. This is an opportunity for evangelization and a teachable moment. "While couples need to be welcomed with the gospel values of love, understanding, and acceptance, they also need to be challenged by the gospel message of commitment and faithfulness."

Conclusion

Many young people are searching for a soulmate in a marriage partner. They want an intimate and enduring relationship where they can share their deepest dreams and desires. In a misguided effort to achieve this intimacy, they often enter into a cohabiting relationship. In so doing, they undermine their chances of attaining the very thing they most want. The Catholic Church understands this quest for intimacy, which God himself has placed within the human heart. Sexual expression is a means of achieving marital intimacy, where the spouses are committed to each other and to the marital relationship. The Catholic Church has consistently taught this truth, and social science research now confirms it.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Edward O'Malley +; Everett Buege +
 Tue: Mary Walker +; Oneta Roscoe +
 Wed: Edward Hoffman +; Joseph Celeya -Int.
 Thu: Rick Gutierrez -Int.; Joseph Celeya -Int.
 Fri: Dolores Garcia +; Joseph Celeya -Int.
 Sun: 9:00 am Mass - John Biggins +
 12:30 pm Mass - David Alway +
 6:00 pm Mass - Pro Populo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: St. Francis Xavier Cabrini :Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
 Tue: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
 Wed: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
 Thu: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
 Fri: St. Elizabeth of Hungary: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
 Sat: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
 Sun: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Dn 12:-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: Do you give out of the extra that you have or do you give even in your need?
 For Children: If you get an allowance, how do you spend your money? When was the last time that you used some of it for someone else?

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
 Barbie Adorno, Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Jack Barca, Pam Bardwil, Cody Bartley, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, John Boyle, Shirley Bryant, Bernard Burke, John Bustabade, Marge Caron, Joe Celeya, Bob Cleveland, Darren Crose, James Crutcher, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, John Dooney, Andrew Flores, Walt Fogleman, Loretta Francescon, Frances & Leo Girard, Bob Gokey, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Manuel Guerra, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Rick Gutierrez, Eric Hayes, Jason Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Allison Herring, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Jonnie Kuennen, Ian Larmore, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, Jenine Michilena, Paul Moran Jr., Paul Moran Sr., Mary Nekrassoff, Eleanor Obmann, Betty O'Neil, Lee Ann Parrott, Nita Parrott, Bud Phelps, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Bud Powers, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Zan Rockett, Nikelle Schafer, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jardee Stanley, Kyle Steele, 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, Ken Zebroski, Claudette Zompetta

Holy Family,

Thank you, to each of you, for every prayer, every thought, every act of kindness you have so graciously given for Sue. Right now I cannot find the right words to say; only please know how much our hearts appreciate all you have done. The poem below fits so well:

*I cannot thank you as I would, For all you've done for Sue;
 I cannot find the words I should, To fittingly say to you.
 Your kindness has meant so much, That, only One I know,
 Can e'er repay a service such, As this one here below.
 Therefore to Him I delegate, What I cannot express.
 May God repay you-early, late, For all your kindness.*

Thank each of you again from Susan Cotner's family.

Stewardship
 ~ a way of life ~

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:
 NEXT WEEKEND**

In his first encyclical letter, God is Love, Pope Benedict XVI stated that "within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life." In our own country, 37 million Americans struggle in poverty, many despite working full-time. Within our community of believers, we do make a difference - when we support the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their community. You can help break the cycle of poverty. Please give generously to the CCHD appeal next weekend. Visit povertyusa.org to learn more.

FEED THE NEEDY MINISTRY:

The Feed the Needy program is in need of turkeys and pumpkin pies so they can provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to those in need. If you would like to donate either one please call Nora at 721-1176 or Cathy at 725-2053 by November 13. Thank you for your compassion and support.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Oct 15	\$ 9,496.00
Oct 22	\$ 9,554.00
Oct 29	\$ 10,471.00
Nov 5	\$ 13,146.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 191,469.00
Goal-to-Date (19 Weeks)	\$ 209,000.00
% of Goal Collected	91.61 %
Annual Goal	\$ 572,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Oct 15	\$ 796.00
Oct 22	\$ 1,108.00
Oct 29	\$ 502.50
Nov 5	\$ 2,105.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 31,203.50
Goal-to-Date (19 Weeks)	\$ 71,250.00
% of Goal Collected	43.79 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
All Saints	\$ 2,062.50
Faith Formation	\$ 2,253.50
<i>Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.</i>	



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL'S newest team, the Religion Decathlon Team, made its debut at the Diocesan Religion Decathlon on Saturday, November 4, at Presentation School. Team members Alex Bertsch, Chris Denson, Arthur Guitarte, Erin Jarvis, Monica Stofan, Connor Ward, Nikki Wihl, and alternate Laura Farris proudly represented our parish school that morning after spending two months of lunch periods working with coaches Mrs. Lisa Weaver and Mrs. Amy Hale. The students took a written test, presented an original skit based on one of the Beatitudes, and participated in the Super Quiz which was in the traditional College Bowl format. Their knowledge of the Catholic Faith, traditions, and sacred Scripture earned a very respectable Fourth Place in a field of twenty-one! Congratulations!



**CRAB FEED ~ 4TH ANNUAL
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



Date: Saturday, December 9, 2006
Time: 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm)
Place: Holy Family Community Center
7817 Old Auburn Road, Citrus Heights

\$30.00 Per Person ~ Dinner/Dance ~ No Host Bar
Crab, Pasta, Salad, Salami & Cheese, & Bread

Door Prizes, Silent Auction, & Raffle Prizes
Must be 21 ~ No children

"Complete Music" by Greg Suggs until 11:00 p.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL'S EVENT.

Tickets Contact: Charlotte Johnson (916) 632-1068,
Kathryn Cervantes Peterson (916) 725-0990,
or Jasmin Gonzales (916) 771-3795
No tickets sold at the door.

==== *Women's Council News* ====

ANNUAL HARVEST LUNCHEON TODAY

This Sunday, November 12, from Noon to 3 pm in St. Joseph Hall we are hosting our Annual Harvest Luncheon in honor of the Catholic Ladies Relief Society. We are asking you to donate canned goods and any non-perishable foods or to make a monetary donation. These will be given to the CLRS for their holiday baskets and yearly distributions to the needy. There will be good food, good friendship and lots of fun. Please bring your donations with you – there will be boxes for you to put them in. Thank you for participating in our activities and all that you do year round!

YOUTH MINISTRY

THANKSGIVING SANDWICH DRIVE:

The Holy Family Parish Youth Ministry and the Joyful Noize Choir will once again gather the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 24th, to assemble bag lunches for the homeless in and around our community. All parishioners are invited to bring donations of leftover meats from Thanksgiving Dinner, as well as bagged chips, lettuce, sliced cheese, canned sodas and bottled water, cookies, candy canes - anything to help! Donations will be accepted at the kitchen of the Fine Arts Building (the "old hall") on the morning of the 24th from 8:30-9:30 am. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity each year at Thanksgiving and Christmas for any assistance you can offer this year. For more information, please call the Youth Ministry office at 721-8329.

ANNUAL SENIORS APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday November 19th, the Knights of Columbus will host our annual Seniors Appreciation Dinner in St. Joseph's Hall from 1:00-3:00. All seniors of our parish and their senior friends are invited for a wonderful meal of roast beef, turkey, potatoes, veggies, and all the trimmings! This is a cherished tradition in our parish, anticipated by all who have been our guests before. They especially enjoy all the DESSERTS (pies, cakes, and all sorts of goodies!) provided by the Knights and their Ladies. There is no cost as this is our thank you to you all. Please put it on your calendar!



ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS & PARENTS



Holy Family Parish would like to recognize and thank all those who serve the Lord and our Parish through the ministry of Altar Servers. We have planned a very special event for Saturday, November 18th, to do just that!

We will begin with recognition and commissioning in the Community Center at 3:30 pm. Veteran servers will receive a token of appreciation for their time of service, and all servers, old and new, will receive a special gift and a commissioning for the new church year. Then all servers and adult leaders will celebrate Mass together with the Parish at 4:30 pm in the church. After Mass, we will return to the Community Center for pizza, ice cream and games!

Parents, please mark your calendars and do all that you can to join us. It is very important that we show our appreciation and build a true sense of community with all of our servers, so please make every effort to be there for this blessed day! Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 15th, to Corinne Wihl at 722-7956.



**Catholic Ladies Relief Society # 11
Food Donations for the Needy**

Please share the Lord's blessings with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. In keeping with years past we will place baskets around the altar during Thanksgiving Week. Items needed are as follows:

tuna, peanut butter, jam or jelly, rice, pasta
canned fruit, and canned vegetables.

Please do not drop donations off at the Parish Office. The Lord bless you for your kindness, generosity and continuing support in the work of our Society.

Thank you from the ladies of CLRS# 11

ATTENTION LECTORS: For those unable to attend the Lector Meeting last month, another meeting has been scheduled for Thursday November 16th at 6:30 pm in the church. Anyone interested in becoming a new lector are invited to join us. It is very important for all current lectors to attend this meeting before the commissioning, if you did not attend the last one.

Please call Bonnie Johnson @ 408-5191 for more information. Lector Workbooks for the new year are available in the hallway to the sacristy. Please pick up your copy before November 20.



international restorative justice week

November 13-19, 2006

Today people all over the world are focusing on a Biblical form of justice that seeks to heal and restore. As believers, we reach out to everyone affected—victims, families, children and the community—instead of just punishing the perpetrators of crime.

Restorative Justice...

- Holds offenders accountable and challenges them to change their lives
- Reaches out to victims and rejects vengeance
- Restores a sense of community
- Resists the violence that has engulfed so much of our culture

Take the opportunity during International Restorative Justice Week to:

- LEARN about what restorative justice is, what our Church teaches and what is happening in your parish and diocese to address these issues.
- PRAY for all those affected by our criminal justice system that they might experience healing, hope and forgiveness. Pray for our legislators to enact laws that truly restore our communities, heal our divisions and respect the dignity of all people.
- ACT on a local, state and national level to bring healing where it is most needed. Contacts for organizations that are actively engaged in restorative justice activities can be found on the web site listed below.

For more information visit www.restorejustice.com.

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 Hall. For 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 returns the cross and another family is 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!



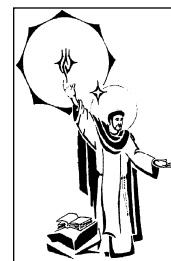
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VISITING HOURS:

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 Chaplet of Mercy are prayed, and at 3:00 pm the Chaplet of Mercy is prayed.

DOMINICAN LAITY AT HOLY FAMILY

The Dominican Laity meets here at Holy Family on the first Sunday of every month in St. Mary Hall from 1–3 pm. Come and join us in a way of life of prayer, both private and liturgical, the study of the sacred truth, the sharing of our spiritual life with others in the community, and in our apostolic outreach. For further information call Phyllis Sale at 725-5358.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married Couples: One of greatest gifts you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Renew your love at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best, and your children need to see you reaching for it. Next WME Weekend: Sacramento: Feb 16--18, 2007. For more information, or to register, call Raul & Gayla Ponce: 866--825--2046 or email: srsregistrar@sbcglobal.net.

BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY, RENO

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a bus trip to the Silver Legacy, Reno, on Sunday, November 19th. The cost is \$25 per person prepaid with approximately \$15 returned at the casino. Checks should be made payable to Knights Of Columbus #4540. Please call Sue or Dave Mirtoni for reservations and details at 782-3242.

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 December 1, 2006 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2140 Mission Ave., Carmichael. The meetings are held from 1:00-9:00 pm. 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.

BISHOP MANOGUE/CHRISTIAN BROTHERS 30 YEAR REUNION

Bishop Manogue and Christian Brothers Class of 1976 30th reunion is October 28, 2006, 6:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento. \$50.00 per person for dinner and no-host bar. To RSVP send a check payable to Christian Brothers to Marisa Panattoni, C/O Christian Brothers High School, 4315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95820. Questions? Contact JoAnne Mahaney at (916) 607-6404.

SINGLE CATHOLIC ADULTS

Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held Saturday, December 9th, 6:00 pm at Frasinetti Winery 7395 Frasinetti Rd., Sacramento, CA. \$45 non-members/\$35 members with advance reservations. Deadline 11/30. For information call Jo Ellig: (916) 971-1758

The Sacramento Catholic Alumni Club is a member of Catholic Alumni Clubs International (CACI), one of more than 35 chapters across the country. The Sacramento CAC provides social, religious and community service activities for single Catholic adults.

GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAM

Divine Savior Parish is offering a 7-week grief support program starting Wednesday, November 29th. The program is designed to offer grief support for those who have lost a loved one, and is an opportunity for them to meet with others who are going through this difficult time. The weekly program will be offered at Divine Savior Parish, 9079 Greenback Lane, Orangevale. The program will run for 7 weeks, 2:00 to 4:00 pm thru the holidays. For more information, please call Mary Hale 725-7344 or Betty Spencer 987-4314.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD FESTIVAL

Sample international delicacies prepared by "old world" cooks! Hot lunches, baked goods & carry out.

- Crafts, Christmas Rummage and much more!
- Saturday, November 11, 2006, 9:00 am to 4 pm

Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation Hellenic Center Alhambra Blvd. & F Street, Sacramento

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Catholic Charities of Sacramento in conjunction with Centro Guadalupe is seeking people interested in our Adopt-A-Family program for Christmas. Whether you are interested in adopting a family or need information about assistance for your family, please call the Catholic Charities office at 733-0253.

PAROL-MAKING WORKSHOP AT ST. LAWRENCE

St. Lawrence Filipino American Fellowship (SLFAF) is hosting a Parol-making workshop on Sat. November 18 at the Parish Hall from Noon to 4 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Respect Life Ministry. We are inviting the surrounding parishes and Filipino ministries to join us as a way of uniting and promoting Filipino heritage in the diocese. The deadline to reserve your space and order your kit is Sunday November 12, 2006 by 9 pm. Contact Delores Hines at 704-0725, cadizpi@comcast.net or Lisa Wire at 804-6766, lisawire@marykay.com to reserve your space. Fee is \$12.00 and includes a kit for one parol. Additional kits are available for \$11.00. Refreshments will also be available.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

CEMETERY GROUNDS CREW: Calvary Catholic Cemetery has an immediate opening for a position with its grounds crew. The qualified candidates must have experience in general landscape maintenance. Familiarity with tractors, backhoes, ground movers and light to medium machinery a plus. Temporary position, which could lead to part, or full-time positions with benefits. If interested, fax resume to 726-4821.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE: Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Sacramento has immediate openings in its Family and Community Service Departments. The qualified candidates must be Catholic, possess strong interpersonal communications skills and a background in direct sales. Knowledge of final expense insurance, funeral and cemetery industries is a plus, but not mandatory. Must be comfortable with an incentive-based compensation plan. If interested, please fax resume to (916) 733-0252.

OFFICE ASSISTANT: Immaculate Heart Radio, 1620 AM, a lay organization dedicated to spreading the knowledge, love and practice of the Catholic Faith by means of radio, is looking for a full time Office Assistant. The position is based in Fair Oaks, requires computer literacy, good communication skills and a spirit of service. Those interested are encouraged to contact Lori Brown at lori@clarityconsultants.net or (916) 788-0616 for more information.