



November 26, 2006 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

"For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." John 18: 37

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The Moral Scandal of Global Poverty

This week I would like to share with you an article from George H. Niederauer, the archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco on global poverty.

It's easy to forget that more than a billion people survive on a \$1 a day when we live in the world's richest country. Whether in the fields of Africa, the factories of Asia or the streets of our own cities, we often pay scant attention to the abject poverty that degrades our fellow human beings. Ending global poverty is one of the great challenges of our time that requires urgent political will and solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Catholic leaders, economists, international-development experts and activists from several countries met in San Francisco recently to explore strategies for addressing the moral scandal that is global poverty. We came together to raise awareness, mobilize resources and reflect on how putting faith into action can build a more just world. As Catholics, we pray that we can embrace the hungry, the sick and the suffering as Jesus called us to do with compassion and love. As engaged citizens who understand that foreign policy and budgets are moral endeavors that reflect our values, we call on our leaders to do more to help the world's poor.

Our gathering will help build national momentum for the Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty, an effort led by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services, which engages citizens to advocate for policies that increase development aid, offer debt relief to poor countries and ensure that trade agreements benefit more than the wealthy. Guided by Catholic social tradition that teaches us to have a "preferential option for the poor," we know that upholding the dignity of all human life does not end at our borders. When our neighbors in other countries suffer, we too are diminished. What we do to the least among us, we do to Christ himself.

The Catholic community strives through its social service agencies to relieve the suffering of local poverty, and funds international anti-poverty and development programs through Catholic Relief Services. Catholic priests, nuns and lay people are working in some of the poorest countries to ease the burden of extreme poverty. We also work with people of other faiths in efforts to increase awareness and understanding about global poverty and to

encourage our legislators to make greater efforts to address this crucial problem. In 2000, the United States and other nations signed the U.N. "Millennium Development Goals" to halve extreme poverty, increase development aid to 0.7 percent of gross national income, stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and provide universal primary education by 2015. The United States still falls near the bottom of the list when aid by developed countries is measured as a percent of gross national product.

Some ask why we should care about starvation or disease in remote corners of the globe. Along with being the right thing to do, retreating from this cause is also not practical. The forces of globalization have made nations, and their destinies, more interconnected than ever before. As the world's largest economy, the United States has considerable influence to galvanize resources for the poor, push to end curable diseases in Africa and be a model for other countries when it comes to development.

Each year, governments spend billions of dollars on sophisticated weapons. The technological creativity and energy it takes to build these systems should be matched by the best of our minds and hearts in fighting the enemy of poverty that kills 50,000 people every day, far more than even the ravages of war. A robust development agenda that helps uplift and support the poorest countries can also limit the appeal of terrorists who exploit political instability, desperation and poverty to recruit converts to extremist ideologies. Nothing can justify terrorism, but we can also build a world in which terrorism finds fewer places to breed.

As daunting as the challenge of ending global poverty may seem, this is not an unreachable goal. Renowned poverty expert, Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University, who delivered the keynote address at our gathering, has identified practical steps such as increasing crop productivity and soil efficiency, providing nutritious school meals and helping poor countries reform internal agencies. We know that governments alone can't solve this problem. Faith-based groups, nonprofit agencies, academics and activists must work together with a renewed sense of urgency. Anything less will lead to more suffering, hunger and death. That's not an option the poor of the world should be expected to endure any longer.

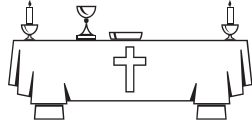
- ADVENT -

A Season of Preparation and Anticipation

Advent begins next weekend. The season of Advent is the beginning of the new Church Year. Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the season is two-fold - the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ in the first Advent, and the preparation for His return. Please watch the bulletin for special events and helpful information on this blessed season.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: David Alway +
 Tue: Frederick Kam +
 Wed: David Alway +
 Thu: Wadsworth & Cawley Family +
 Sun: 7:30 am Mass - Pro Populo
 9:00 am Mass - Richard Seward +
 David Alway +



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
 Tue: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
 Wed: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
 Thu: St. Andrew: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33
 Sat: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 Sun: First Sunday of Advent
 Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?
 For Children: Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?

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, Jim Espinoza, Lois Espinoza, Andrew Flores, Walt Fogleman, Loretta Francescon, Genny Giles, 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, Grace LaGanga, Ian Larmore, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, June McMaught, 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, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jardee Stanley, Kyle Steele, Phyllis Steele, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureen Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Jean Villanueva, Frank Vogel, Emily Walsh, Marvin Webster, Bishop Weigand, Mike Williams, Ken Zebroski, Claudette Zompetta

Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

STEWARDSHIP - TIME AND TALENT

As you have heard and read many times, stewardship is gifts of time, talent & treasure. There are many opportunities to share the gifts of your time and talents:

Worship - various ministries helping at Mass and worship. These can include, but are not limited to: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Music Ministers, Ushers and Greeters.

Faith Formation - Various ministries helping with religious education and faith formation. These can include, but are not limited to: Catechists for children's faith formation, volunteers for youth ministry and youth education, being a sponsor for an RCIA candidate studying to join the Church, volunteering for various school activities.

Service - Ministries helping with social service and other service activities, such as: volunteering at Feed the Needy, visiting those who are ill or home-bound, visiting those in prison

Facilities - Ministries helping with facilities, maintenance, and grounds.

Holy Family is grateful for the service and gifts of its members and encourages everyone to give of their time and talent and become involved or to continue to be involved in parish ministry.

STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Oct 29	\$ 10,471.00
Nov 5	\$ 13,146.00
Nov 12	\$ 9,235.00
Nov 19	\$ 10,083.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 210,787.00
Goal-to-Date (21 Weeks)	\$ 231,000.00
% of Goal Collected	91.25 %
Annual Goal	\$ 572,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Oct 29	\$ 502.50
Nov 5	\$ 2,105.00
Nov 12	\$ 375.00
Nov 19	\$ 2,320.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 33,898.50
Goal-to-Date (21 Weeks)	\$ 78,750.00
% of Goal Collected	43.04 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Campaign for Human Development Submitted Uncounted

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?



HOLY FAMILY students will return from the Thanksgiving Break tomorrow to begin what are the most exciting four weeks of the school year! All grades participate in the three December service projects: Coats for Kids/Adults; CHiP's Toy Collection, and the Christmas Stocking project. For this last one, each student, preschool through eighth grade, fills a Christmas Stocking for a child who would have nothing without this gift. These are presented at the student body Liturgy on December 15 and then collected by Father Madigan's Oak Park Food Locker for distribution on Christmas Day. At this same Liturgy, every faculty and staff member presents a layette-filled diaper bag or stocking for the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. All children in Kindergarten through third grade are also preparing for the Christmas Show on Thursday, December 14, 7 p.m. To complete the month's excitement, basketball season begins with the annual Holy Family Christmas Classic Tournament on Thursday, November 30.



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



**~14 MORE DAYS UNTIL THE HFS CRAB FEED~
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th - LAST DAY TO
PURCHASE TICKETS -**

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.
Tickets Contact: Charlotte Johnson (916) 632-1068,
Kathryn Cervantes Peterson (916) 725-0990,
or Jasmin Gonzales (916) 771-3795

Women's Council News

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Please put next Sunday, December 3, 2006 on your calendar, because we are having a Holiday Boutique. Anyone who is interested in a booth, please call Anita Marsolais at 723-1775 for reservations and more details. We hope to make this a great success. Santa will be there too. Have a wonderful week and please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

CAREGIVER SEEKING EMPLOYMENT:

I am a Holy Family parishioner currently seeking employment as a live-in caregiver. I am very reliable, responsible and reasonable. Please call me directly at 726-0719. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH MASS NEXT SUNDAY:

All high school youth are invited to join us on Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 6pm for the youth mass.

PREPARE THE WAY.....

In place of our regular Sunday evening gathering on the first Sunday of December (12/3), we will be going to see "The Nativity" movie at 1:45pm at the theaters on Truxel. What better way to begin our Advent Season of preparing our minds and hearts to receive Christ than to witness and reflect upon the true miracle of God's love for humanity. The cost will be \$6.50 for each ticket and you must sign up **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30th** by calling 721-8329 or emailing holyfamilycym@yahoo.com. Your family is welcome to join you but we do need an accurate head count.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated to the Sandwich Drive! Through your generosity we were able to serve 300 bag lunches to those in need in our community. Watch for the next one to be held the day after Christmas!

SAVE THE DATE!! WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST in San Francisco on Saturday, January 20, 2007. Join us as we continue to challenge the idea that abortion has been a good choice for women, men, children, families and for our society. Buses will leave Holy Family Church in Citrus Heights at 8am. Cost is \$20. Please call Gigi Croteau at (916) 725-4866 for reservations. Visit the website at www.WalkforLifeWC.com.

BGMH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home will be holding a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 3rd from 1 to 4 pm. Kick off the season with tours of the Home; enjoy Christmas Cookies and Holiday Spirit. The Home is located at 6423 Lang Avenue, Sacramento. Lang Avenue is off of 47th Ave., East from the 99 Freeway. A Women's Guild will be forming soon to benefit the Home. Information will be available at the Open House. For additional information, call Betty Ann Lambert at 485 7570.

**COME TO CELEBRATE
THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron of America and the feast is December 12. As one family everybody is invited to come and celebrate it. This is a tradition for some of us for many years. Mark this date on you Calendar. The schedule is as follows:

- 5:00 am Mañanitas (we sing special songs written for Our Lady of Guadalupe) with MARIACHIS
- 6:00 am Pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 6:30 am We will have Mexican bread, hot chocolate and coffee
- 6:00 pm Mass (Bilingual)
- 7:00 pm Tamales, rice and refried beans

If you want to donate roses (any color) for this celebration please bring them on Sunday, December 10th or Monday (morning) the 11th. If you have any question you can contact Fr. Ron or call Lupita at 489-3673.





NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



FABULOUS CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd

The holiday season at Holy Family always starts with the Knights Champagne Breakfast which is next Sunday, December 3rd! Come enjoy a delicious champagne breakfast served by those handsome guys in their tuxedos. Breakfast will be served after the 7:30 and 9:00 A.M. Masses. While you're there, the Ladies' Holiday Boutique can help you find unique and handmade gifts. See you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE ALL CATHOLICS TO PRAY WITH POPE BENEDICT XVI

As a demonstration of solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI on his upcoming pastoral visit to Turkey, November 28 - December 1, 2006, the Knights of Columbus is organizing a special "Spiritual Pilgrimage" for all Catholics, which aims generate prayers for the success of Pope Benedict's trip. While few will be able to physically travel to Turkey to participate in the Holy Father's visit, the goal is to unite millions of Catholics with the pontiff through their prayers.

The Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Bishop William E. Lori, has composed a special prayer which all are encouraged to pray daily from the Sunday the pope's visit - November 26, the Solemnity Christ the King - and continuing until the Holy Father returns to the Vatican on December 1st.

The prayer below has been posted on www.kofc.org and has been widely distributed via e-mail. Thank you in advance for your support this important initiative.

Heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, we humbly ask that you sustain, inspire, and protect your servant, Pope Benedict XVI, as he goes on pilgrimage to Turkey - a land to which St. Paul brought the Gospel of your Son; a land where once the Mother of your Son, the Seat of Wisdom, dwelt; a land where faith in your Son's true divinity was definitively professed. Bless our Holy Father, who comes as a messenger of truth and love to all people of faith and good will dwelling in this land so rich in history. In the power of the Holy Spirit, may this visit of the Holy Father bring about deeper ties of understanding, cooperation, and peace among Roman Catholics, the Orthodox, and those who profess Islam. May the prayers and events of these historic days greatly contribute both to greater accord among those who worship you, the living and true God, and also to peace in our world so often torn apart by war and sectarian violence.

We also ask, O Heavenly Father, that you watch over and protect Pope Benedict and entrust him to the loving care of Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Fatima, a title cherished both by Catholics and Muslims. Through her prayers and maternal love, may Pope Benedict be kept safe from all harm as he prays, bears witness to the Gospel, and invites all peoples to a dialogue of faith, reason, and love. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEKEND

COMMISSIONING OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Each year, Holy Family Parish uses the occasion of Christ the King to commission those who serve our Lord and our parish through Liturgical Ministry. This weekend, we will recognize and pray a blessing for those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Greeters, Lectors, Music Ministers, Sacristans and Ushers, as well as those who serve on the Liturgy Council and those responsible for the Liturgical Environment of the church. Our Altar Servers were commissioned in a special ceremony last weekend.

All who serve are invited to this commissioning and those who wish to serve are encouraged to come forward and accept this blessed calling.

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 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

9:00 am Community Rosary/Chaplet of Mercy
3:00 pm Chaplet of Mercy

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

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.

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

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic Priest? You are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat, 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26 through 1:00 p.m., Sunday, January 28, 2007 at St Patrick's Seminary to better understand if a vocation to the ministry of God's priesthood is for you!

Single Catholic men, 21 years of age or older, are invited to explore the possibility of a priestly vocation. The weekend is designed to provide the tools needed to help you determine if God might be calling you to a vocation to the priesthood. Discernment Retreat will include prayer, discussion and presentations about the priesthood, group interaction and following the daily routine of a seminarian. For further information, please see your parish priest.

BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY, RENO

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a bus trip to the Silver Legacy, Reno, on Sunday, December 17th. 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.

SACRAMENTO CHILDREN'S CHORUS (SCC) PERFORMS ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT: "GLAD TIDINGS OF JOY" DECEMBER 2ND AND 3RD

The internationally acclaimed Sacramento Children's Chorus (SCC) will be performing their highly anticipated annual holiday concert, "Glad Tidings of Joy" on Saturday, December 2nd, at 7:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on 1112 26th Street, Sacramento, and on Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm at Seventh Day Adventist Church on 4600 Windmill Way, Carmichael. Ticket prices are \$20 preferred seating, \$10 adults, and \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, please call SCC at 972-0582, visit our web site at www.sacramentochildrenschorus.org or contact SCCsingers@yahoo.com.

Capturing the joy of the holiday season, the SCC concert will feature all five choral groups with 175 talented singers ranging in ages from 7-18 years: Cantoris, the touring choir; Chorale and Choraliers, the high school age choirs; Chorus: the intermediate choir; and Cantate, the training choir of the organization.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAINCY SACRAMENTO

Sacramento's volunteer community chaplain program responds with law enforcement to homicides, suicides, drownings and other tragedies, providing profound comfort to traumatized survivors. It is the model program of its kind throughout the nation. If this is the ministry to which you think you might be called, please visit www.sacchaplains.com or call 916-857-1801 for more information.

HOLIDAY SHOW OF HANDS

St. John's parents will be hosting their annual "Holiday Show of Hands," an arts and crafts Christmas sale featuring custom work by over one hundred-fifty craftsmen and artists. Saturday, December 2nd, 9-7; Sunday, December 3rd, 9-3. This year's show includes antiques and collectibles, featured in the Antique Cottage. Admission is free. St John's School, 5701 Locust Avenue, Carmichael. (916) 481-8845, Events line.

WELLSPRING HOLIDAY STORE

Wellspring Women's Center will once again host its Holiday Store at a new location (St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church), on December 18 through the 22nd, for women and children of the Oak Park community. The numbers served daily in our breakfast program have grown significantly the last year and we anticipate serving more families this year - last year we assisted 600 families with gifts.

Donations of new unwrapped gifts may be delivered to St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church Annex at 4020 12th Avenue from December 11th through the 16th. If you have any questions, need more details about the store, wish to volunteer, or need gifts picked up, please call us at 454-9688, Ext. 202.

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.