



February 18, 2007 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Luke 6:31*

## † Servant Leader †

### LENT: KNOWING WHO WE ARE BEFORE GOD

As the Season of Lent is upon us this week, I share with you this article from St. Anthony Messenger which, in part, examines Lent through the eyes of St. Francis of Assisi. Included in today's bulletin is a special insert on Lent including messages from the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and Bishop Weigand as well as information on our Holy Family Parish Mission which begins next weekend. Please take the time to look through this material and make every effort to clear your calendar to participate in the Mission.

*Perhaps no follower of Jesus ever appreciated Lent more than Francis of Assisi did. In any word-association exercise, Christians are very likely to link “Lent” and “penance.” Francis did that-but much, much more. He can, therefore, be a good guide for all of us this Lent.*

#### **Who You Are Before God**

According to St. Bonaventure, an early biographer of Francis, the Poor Man of Assisi often said, “Who you are before God, that you are and no more” (Major Life, VI:l). We are rightfully inclined to add “and no less.”

*In his Admonition XIX for the friars, Francis says: “Blessed is the servant who does not consider himself any better when he is praised and exalted by people than when he is considered worthless, simple and looked down upon, for what a person is before God, that he is and no more.” Francis of Assisi was one of humanity's most honest and free people, and his observance of Lent helped both his honesty and his freedom to grow.*

*Penance is not some “extra” tacked on to a person's life. It naturally proceeds from living out the deepest truth about one's life. Conversion is simply the means by which we surrender partial truths for more complete truths.*

*People addicted to alcohol or to some other drug may be able to abstain from that substance for some period of time, but they will always be addicted. Only when they admit that can they take appropriate action.*

*The same is true of the attitude “I can quit anytime I want.” People sometimes say that while tenaciously grasping their addictions, which they assure everyone are “no big deal.” Penance that are not based on truth are simply an exercise of a person's willpower and must eventually crumble. Pences that grow out of truth thoroughly transform a person's life.*

#### **A Little Help From Aristotle**

*Francis of Assisi probably never heard of the fourth-century B.C. Greek, pagan philosopher Aristotle. Although Francis would have absolutely disagreed with Aristotle's assertions that God is impersonal and that the world always existed, they shared at least one firm conviction: Goodness, truth and beauty are always found together. Whatever is good is automatically true and beautiful. The same is true for all combinations of those three terms.*

*In his “Praises of God,” Francis addresses God as “the good, all good, the highest good, Lord God living and true.” He had a cosmic vision of God and creation as a reflection of God.*

*Lent was not simply a time for Francis to afflict his body, which he eventually admitted overdoing! Rather, Lent was a time to name the truth and falsehood around Francis, to grow in appreciating beauty, which is always a reflection of the generous God who created it.*

*Francis' exuberant Canticle of the Creatures spilled out of a man dedicated to living in the truth about his life and how it connects with the lives of others. How many Lenten reflections reinforced those convictions?*

#### **Lent 2007**

*Lent can subtly tempt us to tell ourselves lies and then feel virtuous about it. I could tell myself that if I eat or drink moderately during Lent, then maybe that is not important at other times. If I can refrain from getting into arguments with a certain person during Lent, then perhaps it doesn't matter what I say to that person at other times. “After all, I did the right thing during Lent” I can say. Lent could become an endurance contest leading us not toward, but subtly away from, God's goodness, truth and beauty in our lives. The solution, however, is not to give up on Lent. We will inevitably grow as Jesus' disciples to the extent that we accept what Jesus tells us about how goodness, truth and beauty are connected in our lives and in everyone else's.*

*Prayer, fasting and almsgiving (the works of mercy) remain the classic Lenten practices. Each of them, however, can have its counterfeits. According to Jesus, the Pharisee who prayed at the front of the Temple wasn't really praying (Lk 18:9-14). His “prayer” was more about praising himself than about being open to God's grace.*

*The more we live in the truth about God, ourselves and others, the more genuine will our prayer, fasting and works of mercy be, the more they will represent who we truly are before God. That is the path to true freedom. Sin is always a counterfeit freedom. We don't have to wait until we see God face-to-face to arrive at that truth and to know deep down that God loves us profoundly and invites us to share in divine life forever.*

*In his homily during Mass at Warsaw's Pilsudski Square last May 26, Pope Benedict XVI said: “Faith does not mean accepting a certain number of abstract truths about the mysteries of God, of man, of life and death, of future realities. Faith consists in an intimate relationship with Christ, a relationship based on love of him who loved us first, even to the total offering of himself.”*

*By helping us nourish such a faith, Lent 2007 can be an appetizer for the eternal banquet.*

Please be sure to read the announcement  
on the next page regarding the:  
**Annual Catholic Appeal**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29  
Tue: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37  
Wed: Ash Wednesday:  
Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
Thu: Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter:  
Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19  
Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
Sun: First Sunday of Lent:  
Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



**Questions of the Week:**

For Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?  
For Teens: We most often love those who love us back. How will you love someone you don't like?  
For Children: What can you do this week to be nice to someone it is hard to get along with?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon: Joseph Pehar +; Aubrey Meistas +  
Sandra Wagner -Int.  
Tue: Dolly Sweeney +; Joseph Pehar +  
Wed: Rick Gutierrez +; Joseph Pehar +  
Thu: Joseph Pehar +; Norma Ramirez +  
Marie Bourque -Int.  
Fri: Joseph Celaya +  
Sat: 4:30 pm Mass Jesus Sotelo +  
Sun: 12:30 pm Mass Pro Populo



**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, Bob Cleveland, Abraham Conant, Darren Crose, James Crutcher, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, John Dooney, Jim Espinoza, Lois Espinoza, Andrew Flores, Jennifer Ford, Loretta Francescon, Genny Giles, Frances & Leo Girard, Bob Gokey, Evelyn Gonsalves, Winfred Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Manuel Guerra, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Kathleen Hansen, Eric Hayes, Jason Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Allison Herring, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, Betty Kava, Bill Keenan, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Jonnie Kuennen, Ian Larmore, Jey Lemes, Karen Lewis, Nancy Lopez, Nancy & Marty Lucas, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, June McMaught, Jenine Michilena, Paul Moran Jr., Paul Moran Sr., Elliott Jerome Neal, Mary Nekrassoff, Eleanor Obmann, Betty O'Neil, Cora Orzol, Lee Ann Parrott, Nita Parrott, Maryanne Pelzel, Maria Perez, Gilbert Perron, Bud Phelps, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Fred Regan, Raymond Remick, Zan Rockett, Nikelle Schafer, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Silva, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Kyle Steele, Phyllis Steele, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureen Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, Lawrence Thompson, X. Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Natividad Vargas, Jean Villanueva, Frank Vogel, Emily Walsh, Marvin Webster, Mike Williams, Ken Zebroski, Claudette Zompetta

**Stewardship**  
~ a way of life ~

**ATTENTION ALL HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS  
IN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY**

In the coming weeks, you will be introduced to The Holy Family Catholic Church Foundation. In the information to come you will find that part of the charter of the Foundation is to provide valuable information and assistance to families and individuals of Holy Family Church and School regarding financial planning and security for their financial futures.

The Foundation Committee will sponsor seminars, develop a system of referrals and provide materials on financial issues facing parishioners and the church. The Committee is asking parishioners of Holy Family Parish who are attorneys, financial/estate planners, accountants, and/or are in related professional fields to contact the Parish Office if you are interested in working with the Committee or taking part in the seminars and programs.

Please contact Father Kiernan at 723-2494, or leave a note or your business card at the Parish Office indicating your field and your interest in participating.

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<b>STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE</b>	
<b>GENERAL COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 11,000.00
Jan 21 .....	\$ 12,558.00
Jan 28 .....	\$ 10,008.00
Feb 4 .....	\$ 12,726.00
Feb 11 .....	\$ 10,155.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$ <b>342,904.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (33 Weeks)	\$ 363,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>94.46 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 572,000.00
<b>CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 3,750.00
Jan 21 .....	\$ 1,305.00
Jan 28 .....	\$ 160.00
Feb 4 .....	\$ 2,237.50
Feb 11 .....	\$ 3,195.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$ <b>54,492.50</b>
Goal-to-Date (33 Weeks)	\$ 123,750.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>44.03 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$ 195,000.00
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Legacy Restoration Appeal .....	\$ TBD
<i>Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards – "Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!</i>	

## THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IS THIS WEEKEND



Please give generously to the 17th Annual Catholic Appeal: 25% comes back to our parish.

This Sunday is Annual Catholic Appeal Sunday. Please give generously: 25% comes back to our parish. This weekend is dedicated to the thousands of disadvantaged people in our midst who suffer the indignities of poverty. Hopefully, you have read the stories of older people, foster teens, children, working families, immigrants, pregnant women, homeless and the mentally ill who have found relief and a better future through programs supported by the Appeal.

Please remember that 25% of the funds from our parish are returned to us for our own ministries to people in need. Bishop Weigand asks that all parishes "ensure an ongoing commitment to the advancement of the social mission of the church (Synod Initiative 7). The Annual Catholic Appeal is a wonderful way to help others.

Please consider offering a 9-month pledge this year, if you are able. Pledge envelopes are available here at the parish if you did not receive one by mail. Envelopes can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed to the Appeal.

### **What is the Annual Catholic Appeal?**

16 years ago, The Annual Catholic Appeal began in response to the intense need to help people in our own communities. Funds from the Annual Appeal have enabled our social service organizations, year by year, to help those who struggle to overcome severe poverty of mind, body, or spirit. The Annual Catholic Appeal also provides funds to individual parishes for their own ministries to people in need.

### **Who will receive support from the Appeal?**

At any given time, there are as many as 400,000 people in our diocese who live in poverty. Last year, tens of thousands sought help through programs supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

These are good, yet disadvantaged people: older people, foster teens, children, refugees, working families, immigrants, pregnant women, homeless and mentally ill- here in our neighborhoods.

Your contribution will help over 100 programs operate for another year.

### **Why is this year so urgent?**

Severe cuts in public and private funding have left many programs supported by the Annual Appeal in imminent peril. With your participation we can AND MUST ensure the continuation of these essential local ministries.

### **I've been giving to Special Collections for the poor. Is this different?**

The Special Collections address important needs outside the Diocese of Sacramento and outside the United States. Catholic Appeal is specifically for those who suffer in our own local communities.

**Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this important cause in our local area.**

## Lent — Begin the Journey . . .

Are you or someone you know contemplating a **journey of faith** into the **Catholic Church**? How long have you thought about it? Now is the time to take that first step.

**You are invited to ask questions and begin a journey that will guide the rest of your life.**

Are you a Catholic who has resolved to learn more about your Catholic faith?

Join with others on a journey that will guide the rest of your life. For more information, please call the parish office at 723-2494.

You are invited to **visit us Tuesday evenings at 7:30** in our faith formation classroom in the **Community Center** on the East side of the parking lot, across from the church...



## STATIONS of the CROSS

**BEGINNING THIS WEEK,  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**SEE THE SPECIAL  
LENT INSERT  
FOR DETAILS**



## Holy Family School

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL** students and staff will begin their observance of Lent with their traditional Ash Wednesday Mass at 10 a.m. on February 21. Ms. McCormick's fifth graders will prepare and present the Mass, and each student in the school will receive an eight-ounce plastic baby bottle when they return to their classrooms. This is to fill with coins and cash that represent their Lenten sacrifices. The filled bottles will be returned to school during the last week of March and sent to the Sacramento Life Center, the recipient of this year's service project. Throughout Lent, classes will attend daily Masses on various days plus attend Stations of the Cross. To complete their Lenten practices, all classes will concentrate on learning the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary as they recite Mary's prayer daily for world peace.

### **A NOTE OF THANKS TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS FROM THE CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY, #11**

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society is again so very thankful for the generosity and hard work we received throughout the 2006 year from the Holy Family Parishioners. Your support and kindness, as always, is very much appreciated. We were able to provide 110 families a very nice Christmas Dinner. We also stocked our food closet for the coming months.

### **PARISH WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT:**

When was the last time you treated yourself to something good? Christ the King Retreat Center welcomes you to a special time away with the Lord. Come and experience the Lord's peace in lovely, prayerful environment of the center and be rejuvenated in mind, body, and soul. Join us on the weekend of March 2-4, 2007. For reservations call Barbie Meistas (916) 725-5973, Chyrl Marquez (916) 723-1468, Clair Alway (916) 783-3329 or the Retreat Center at (916) 725-4720. Mothers and daughters, sisters and friends are welcome to come together. View the Center at:

[www.passionist.org/retreats/christtheking](http://www.passionist.org/retreats/christtheking)

Also at Christ the King:

### **FROM ASHES TO FIRE: OUR JOURNEY INTO LENT**

Christ the King Retreat Center invites you to the Ash Wednesday Day and Evening of Prayer  
February 21, 2007.

Day Program includes prayer, lunch and Eucharist.

Evening Program includes dinner and prayer.

Suggested donation: \$25.00

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 725-4720.



**Christ the King  
Passionist Retreat Center**

## Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

8:30 am, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm in English

7:30 pm en Español

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **SUMMER MISSION TRIP**

Holy Family Youth Ministry would like to once again try this summer to gather a group of youth & adults for a mission trip. It would most likely be a week long service experience working with those who are poor. Some possible options include a trip to Tijuana to help build homes. We are also looking at some local sites. We need to have interest from at least 15 individuals. Please call the youth office if you are interested.

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

### **Society of St Vincent de Paul's Dinner with Bishop Quinn Thursday, April 26, 2007, at the Sacramento Hilton**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul/Sacramento Council is honoring Bishop Quinn for his years of devotion to the poor on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel in Sacramento. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. For more information, please contact Christine Cipperly at 916-492-6396.

### **Camp Pendola's Annual Golf Tournament**

This year's tournament will be held on Monday, April 30, 2007, at Northridge Golf and Country Club. For information on the tournament and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Lori Rosene at (916) 733-0141.

## Disciples On A Journey

Guess what – the Lenten season is just around the corner. In fact, Lent is just 10 days away. We hope you will consider joining us as part of your journey through Lent. We meet in small groups in a program leader's home. We pray, read and discuss the Sunday scriptures. It's very rewarding! There will be an opportunity to sign up after all Masses this weekend. At each entrance to the church you will find sign-up sheets for evening groups for Monday through Thursday. Check your schedule to see on which evening you can participate to enrich your Lenten journey.

### **CURSILLO WEEKEND**

The Sacramento Cursillo Community Weekend if being held March 8 through March 11, 2007. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. There are talks, discussions, sharing, singing, laughter and prayer. The weekend will take place at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center in Applegate, CA. We are seeking sponsors from Cursillistas. For more information please contact Tom Poeschl 780-0254 or Young Stewart 332-8732.



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

**HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT:** Mar 30 - Apr 1, 2007  
Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, March 30 - April 1st, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, sacrament of reconciliation, memorial service and Mass. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Edie @ (916) 733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790 or email [esickman@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:esickman@diocese-sacramento.org). Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

## **AWARDS BANQUET**

Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and *Death of Innocents* is the guest speaker at the 2nd Annual Capitol Awards Banquet hosted by the Sacramento Chapter of Death Penalty Focus and the Friends Committee on Legislation. Members of our community who have furthered the cause of abolition of the death penalty will be honored at the banquet with actor Mike Farrell featured as the Master of Ceremonies. This year's honorees are Rev. Dr. David Thomson, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Assemblyman Mark Leno; and Laura Magnani, American Friends Service Committee. The Banquet will be held Friday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel (500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, CA 95815). Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear Sr. Helen Prejean and support efforts to continue the fight against the death penalty. Individual dinner tickets are \$75 or \$125 for the dinner, VIP reception, and membership to Death Penalty Focus. Special sponsor rates and ticket information may be found online at [www.deathpenalty.org](http://www.deathpenalty.org) or by calling (916) 452-3806. Seating is limited and this event will likely sell out, so you're encouraged to reserve your seat now.

## **ATTENTION SCHOOL TEACHERS**

If you are planning to tour the Cathedral with your class or school this academic year, then this informative and meaningful workshop is for you. The Cathedral is offering a special 5-hour workshop for teachers who plan to visit the Cathedral with their class. This informative and meaningful workshop will help you prepare your class for touring the Cathedral. The workshop includes a complete unit with interactive lesson plans appropriate for grades 4-8. The Workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 7 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. The cost is \$15 and includes materials and a light dinner. For more information, contact Denise Fracchia at 444-3071.

## **WELCOME TO THE SACRAMENTO CATHOLIC LIFE GROUP!**

Young adults in their 20's & 30's come together to learn and grow in their Catholic faith through discussions of the Gospel and/or activities based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. We meet every Friday at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Social Services building (Benedict Building) at 7th and T streets in Downtown Sacramento. Visit our website at: <http://www.saccl.net> or call Karen at 916-396-4597.

## **ALL HALLOWS SCHOOL REUNION**

On Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 7:00 pm, the 1960 eighth grade graduating class of All Hallows Parish Catholic Grammar School (now known as Pope John XXIII Grammar School) will hold its first-ever class reunion at the home of Dona (Foleti) Wittman, 9970 West Savona Dr., Sacramento. For information contact: Margie (Collins) Smith 974-1857, Dona (Foleti) Wittman 681-9281, or Kathy (Pestrin) Cox 451-6386.

## **LOURDES & ITALY PILGRIMAGE**

Including Lourdes, Avignon, Nice, Florence, Assisi and Rome  
Hosted by Fr. Vincent R. Juan  
11 Days: November 5-15, 2007  
Price: \$2,449 from San Francisco  
For more information please call the St. Francis (Burney) Parish Office at (530) 335-2372 or visit the website [www.stfrancisburney.org](http://www.stfrancisburney.org) for the application form and brochure.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **CLINIC MANAGER:**

Sacramento Life Center needs a Clinic Manager for our two clinics - in midtown Sacramento & Roseville. We provide free pregnancy testing, counseling and limited ultrasounds. Qualifications: Registered Nurse to oversee licensed health clinic, including supervision of counselors and ultrasound nurses. 20-30 hr/wk. Labor & delivery experience a plus. Applicants must be compatible with our mission. Call 451-4357 for application.

### **UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO**

The University of Sacramento, a new private Catholic university, has two exciting new job opportunities: Student Services Manager/Coordinator and Receptionist/Office Assistant. For full job descriptions, please visit us at [www.universityofsacramento.org](http://www.universityofsacramento.org) or call (916) 443-4760.

### **BUS TRIP TO CAL-NEVA, RENO**

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a bus trip to Cal-Neva, Reno, on Sunday, February 25th. 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.

## **ECUMENICAL EVENING TO PRAY FOR PEACE**

You are Invited to an  
Ash Wednesday, February 21, 2007 5:00 pm  
Divine Savior Catholic Church  
9079 Greenback Lane Orangevale  
(916)989-7400

**UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES  
THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO**

**FEBRUARY**

"The Spirituality of the Desert" presented by Rev. Art Wehr, S.J. St. Ignatius Parish, Sacramento, February 26, March 5, 12, and 19th, 10-11:30 am and 7-8:30 pm. For more information call (916) 482-9666 ext. 238.

"Consider Jesus" facilitated by Elizabeth Jones, C.S.J. Holy Trinity Parish, E1 Dorado Hills. February 28th, 6:30-8:30 pm. \$5. For registration call (916)677-3234.

**MARCH**

God, Grace & Growth-Not Guilt: our Lenten Journey" with Fr. Ben Innes, O.F.M., S1. Francis Parish, Sacramento. March 12-15, 7-8:30 pm. Senior Session March 13th, 10 am. Teen session, March 11th 5-7 pm. Cost: free. For registration call 916.443.8084.

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE. Celebration of the Christian Mystery, presented by Jackson Schoos. Pastoral Center, Diocese of Sacramento. March 9th (6:30-9 pm) and March 10th (8:30 am-4:00 pm). Course will fulfill 8 hours of credit towards Basic Catechetical Certification. Cost: \$25. For more information contact Kathy at 916.733.0123.

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE. Nature of Catechesis/Catechetical Development. Presented by Dr. Holly Peterson. Our Lady of Mercy, Redding. March 23rd (6:30-9 pm) and March 24th (8:30 am-4:00 pm). Course will fulfill 5 hours of credit towards Basic Catechetical Certification. Cost: \$25. For more information contact Kathy at 916.733.0123.

Women's Day of Prayer for Women in the North Area. Facilitated by Sr. Janel Sawatzki and Sr. Gloria Heese. Sacred Heart, Red Bluff, March 31st. Cost: \$20 (\$25 at the door). For more information contact: (530) 527.1351

**THE SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY  
Listening One Another into Speaking Our Truth  
with Jonathan Montaldo**

Sunday, March 11, 2007 • 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Campion Center, St. Ignatius Church  
3235 Arden Way, Sacramento, 95825

You are invited to view the west coast premiere of a new one-hour documentary by award winning producer Morgan Atkinson of Louisville, Kentucky:  
**Soul Searching: The Journey of Thomas Merton**  
For questions about the gathering on Sunday contact John Berger, (916)-482-6976.

**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.

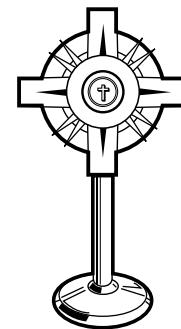
**VOCATIONS CROSS**



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.

