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POPE BENEDICT RELEASES SACRAMENT OF LOVE – SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS

Pope Benedict XVI this week released *Sacramentum Caritatis* (Sacrament of Love), his apostolic exhortation on the Eucharist following up the work of the 2005 Synod of Bishops. The Introduction is printed below, and the full document is available on the Vatican website. A link is provided on the home page of our website, www.holyfamilych.org.

TO THE BISHOPS, CLERGY, CONSECRATED PERSONS AND THE LAY FAITHFUL ON THE EUCHARIST AS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE AND MISSION

INTRODUCTION

1. The sacrament of charity (1), the Holy Eucharist is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman. This wondrous sacrament makes manifest that "greater" love which led him to "lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). Jesus did indeed love them "to the end" (Jn 13:1). In those words the Evangelist introduces Christ's act of immense humility: before dying for us on the Cross, he tied a towel around himself and washed the feet of his disciples. In the same way, Jesus continues, in the sacrament of the Eucharist, to love us "to the end," even to offering us his body and his blood. What amazement must the Apostles have felt in witnessing what the Lord did and said during that Supper! What wonder must the Eucharistic mystery also awaken in our own hearts!

The food of truth

2. In the sacrament of the altar, the Lord meets us, men and women created in God's image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:27), and becomes our companion along the way. In this sacrament, the Lord truly becomes food for us, to satisfy our hunger for truth and freedom. Since only the truth can make us free (cf. Jn 8:32), Christ becomes for us the food of truth. With deep human insight, Saint Augustine clearly showed how we are moved spontaneously, and not by constraint, whenever we encounter something attractive and desirable. Asking himself what it is that can move us most deeply, the saintly Bishop went on to say: "What does our soul desire more passionately than truth?" (2) Each of us has an innate and irrepressible desire for ultimate and definitive truth. The Lord Jesus, "the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6), speaks to our thirsting, pilgrim hearts, our hearts yearning for the source of life, our hearts longing for truth. Jesus Christ is the Truth in person, drawing the world to himself. "Jesus is the lodestar of human freedom: without him, freedom loses its focus, for without the knowledge of truth, freedom becomes debased, alienated and reduced to empty caprice. With him, freedom finds itself." (3) In the sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus shows us in particular the truth about the love which is the very essence of God. It is this evangelical truth which challenges each of us and our whole being. For this reason, the Church, which finds in the

Eucharist the very centre of her life, is constantly concerned to proclaim to all, opportune importune (cf. 2 Tim 4:2), that God is love. (4) Precisely because Christ has become for us the food of truth, the Church turns to every man and woman, inviting them freely to accept God's gift.

The development of the Eucharistic rite

3. If we consider the bimillenary history of God's Church, guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, we can gratefully admire the orderly development of the ritual forms in which we commemorate the event of our salvation. From the varied forms of the early centuries, still resplendent in the rites of the Ancient Churches of the East, up to the spread of the Roman rite; from the clear indications of the Council of Trent and the Missal of Saint Pius V to the liturgical renewal called for by the Second Vatican Council: in every age of the Church's history the Eucharistic celebration, as the source and summit of her life and mission, shines forth in the liturgical rite in all its richness and variety. The Eleventh Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, held from 2-23 October 2005 in the Vatican, gratefully acknowledged the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this rich history. In a particular way, the Synod Fathers acknowledged and reaffirmed the beneficial influence on the Church's life of the liturgical renewal which began with the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council (5). The Synod of Bishops was able to evaluate the reception of the renewal in the years following the Council. There were many expressions of appreciation. The difficulties and even the occasional abuses which were noted, it was affirmed, cannot overshadow the benefits and the validity of the liturgical renewal, whose riches are yet to be fully explored. Concretely, the changes which the Council called for need to be understood within the overall unity of the historical development of the rite itself, without the introduction of artificial discontinuities. (6)

The Synod of Bishops and the Year of the Eucharist

4. We should also emphasize the relationship between the recent Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist and the events which have taken place in the Church's life in recent years. First of all, we should recall the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, with which my beloved Predecessor, the Servant of God John Paul II, led the Church into the third Christian millennium. The Jubilee Year clearly had a significant Eucharistic dimension. Nor can we forget that the Synod of Bishops was preceded, and in some sense prepared for, by the Year of the Eucharist which John Paul II had, with great foresight, wanted the whole Church to celebrate. That year, which began with the International Eucharistic Congress in Guadalajara in October 2004, ended on 23 October 2005, at the conclusion of the XI Synodal Assembly, with the canonization of five saints particularly (continued inside the back cover)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Solemnity of Saint Joseph: 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16;
Rm 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24
Tue: Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sun: Fifth Sunday of Lent:
Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: How have you welcomed a family member who has been distant or absent from you?
For Teens: We most often love those who love us back. How will you love someone you don't like?
For Children: Who is the one person you most need to say, "I'm sorry" to in your family?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Harami Sander +; Dorothy Miller +; Cory Camacho +; Kathryn Hollier & Family -Int.
Tue: Mark Twain -Int.; Betty Kava +; Kathryn Hollier & Family -Int.
Wed: Rick Gutierrez +; Dick & Carolyn Endress +; Marie Kratka +; Kathryn Hollier & Family -Int.
Thu: Mark Twain -Int.; Thomas Secules +; Kathryn Hollier & Family -Int.
Fri: Josephine G. Malecki -Int.; Kathryn Hollier & Family -Int.; Christ the King Retreat Center -Int.
Sat: **9:00 am** Mass Kathryn Hollier & Family -Int. Josephine Kosinski + RM & Brian Geronimo +
Sun: **9:00 am** Mass Kathryn Hollier & Family -Int. Brian & RM Geronimo +
12:30 pm Mass Rose & Francis Wihl +
6:00 pm Mass Pro Populo

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert and Matilda Gonsalves celebrate their **61st Wedding Anniversary** this week - March 23rd.

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Pam Bardwil, Cody Bartley, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, John Boyle, Shirley Bryant, Abraham Conant, Christina Cowan, Darren Crose, James Crutcher, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, John Dooney, Andrew Flores, Jennifer Ford, Olivia Garcia, Genny Giles, Bob Gokey, Evelyn Gonsalves, Winfred Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Kathleen Hansen, Allison Herring, Michele Hock, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, Betty Kava, Bill Keenan, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Ian Larmore, Jey Lemes, Karen Lewis, Nancy Lopez, Nancy & Marty Lucas, Laura Maciej, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, McElvy Family, June McMaught, Jenine Michilena, Elliott Jerome Neal, Cora Orzol, Maryanne Pelzel, Maria Perez, Gilbert Perron, Bud Phelps, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Nikelle Schafer, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, Larry Thompson, X. Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Natividad Vargas, Jean Villanueva, Emily Walsh, Lori Weaver, Marvin Webster

Stewardship
~ a way of life ~

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Today our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Nearly half the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. For Catholics, these are not just statistics but brothers and sisters who need our help. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports church agencies that provide emergency relief in times of crisis, support long-term development programs, offer assistance to immigrants and refugees, and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. Please give generously.

In addition, a portion of the Catholic Relief Services collection will be allocated for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

LEGACY RESTORATION APPEAL

Recently we mentioned the wonderful new lighting in the church and how it has "opened our eyes" to other projects needed around our beloved church. We will be offering additional details, but the report is still in the works. This Stewardship page of the bulletin will give additional detail on work that has been done, work that is in progress and work that still resides on the **Wish List**. Please look carefully at next week's bulletin to see if there's an area of need in which you can offer your skills and expertise.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$	11,000.00
Feb 18.....	\$	10,332.00
Feb 25.....	\$	11,364.00
Mar 4.....	\$	12,990.00
Mar 11.....	\$	10,597.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	388,187.00
Goal-to-Date (37 Weeks)	\$	407,000.00
% of Goal Collected		95.38 %
Annual Goal	\$	572,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$	3,750.00
Feb 18.....	\$	2,167.50
Feb 25.....	\$	1,002.50
Mar 4.....	\$	1,872.50
Mar 11.....	\$	690.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	60,225.00
Goal-to-Date (37 Weeks)	\$	138,750.00
% of Goal Collected		43.41 %
Annual Goal	\$	195,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Legacy Restoration Appeal.....	\$	TBD
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The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL students will learn the basic principles of economics and business on Wednesday, March 21, when the Junior Achievement "Done-in-a-Day" program comes to all the classrooms. Parents, grandparents, and friends of Holy Family present this program each year under the direction of the local Junior Achievement organization, and students build upon their prior knowledge as they enrich their learning experience. This program is another example of the positive influence of the community on the school's curriculum. As this semester progresses, many other agencies and organizations will share their expertise with the students

Enrolling Students at Holy Family Preschool for Fall '07

Are you looking for a Catholic based preschool for your child? We offer a spiritually enriched program complete with Bible stories, songs and outstanding Christian role models. Our literature-based program that meets the California standards for ages 2 through 5 years old will challenge your child. We offer preschool from 8:00am until 12:00pm and Child Care from 7:00am until 6:00pm. You are encouraged to call Lucy Eberhardt at 722-4620 with questions and/or a school tour. Register Today!

EASTER EGG HUNT

ALL CHILDREN of the Parish and friends are invited to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by our Knights of Columbus! This fun event will be held Saturday April 7 at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. One child in each age group who finds the "golden egg" will win a prize basket! Age groups are: 4 & under, 5-7, 8-10. Bring a basket, and please be in front of the Community Center before 1:00 sharp, as we always start on time, and all 1,000 candy-filled eggs will be found quickly! This event has been an annual Holy Family event for over 20 years!



SOCIAL MINISTRY SUMMIT
★ **TODAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH**

One of the most important aspects of church is the care for the poor in the parish and the wider community.

"Wherever there are people in need of food and drink, clothing, housing, medicine, employment, education; wherever (people) lack the facilities necessary for living a truly human life or are afflicted with serious distress or illness or suffer exile or imprisonment, there Christian charity should seek them out and find them, console them with great solicitude, and help them with appropriate relief." *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, 1965*

Diocesan Synod Pastoral Initiative No. 7 calls us to "ensure an ongoing commitment to the advancement of the social mission of the church." Bishop Weigand has consistently voiced a desire for the further development of social service ministry at the parish level.

Holy Family will be holding a special meeting today to determine how best we can minister in charity and justice as a parish family. The meeting will be on Sunday, March 18, 2007, in St. Joseph Hall at 1:30 pm (right after the 12:30 Mass).

Come share your ideas, your time and your talent to serve in Christ's name!

SPECIAL SCHEDULING NOTICE:

The Daily Mass for Saturday, March 24th, has been moved to 9:00 am. This time change was necessary to accommodate a funeral Mass. Again, Mass will be at 9:00 NOT at 8:30.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO

Did you know that the Diocese of Sacramento has established its first private Catholic college in Sacramento? Next weekend, a representative from the University of Sacramento will be available after all the Masses with information on this new Catholic university and its current programs. You are encouraged to stop by their table to pick up information and ask questions about this exciting new endeavor.

**STATIONS
of the
CROSS**

**THIS WEEK,
FRIDAY, MARCH 23
7:00 PM**

**FOLLOWED BY
SOUP & BREAD
MEAL**

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...





NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



COUNTRY WESTERN HOE-DOWN

The Knights of Columbus of Northern California are having a major event in the Sacramento area on the weekend of April 13-15, 2007. On April 13, 2007, a Country Western Hoe-Down dinner will be served. Everyone is invited to attend this fun outdoor event at the Doubletree Hotel at 2001 Point West Way in Sacramento (across the street from Arden Fair Mall). The main course will be Tri-tip/Chicken. Live music will be provided by "Country Road". Social hour will be at 4:30 PM and dinner at 5:30 PM. The dress is casual and the dinner cost is \$20.00 per person. For further information, please call: Frank Nava at (916) 359-6282 or John Norwood (916) 783-0453. For reservations, please make your check payable to Christ the King Assembly and mail to Frank Nava, 42 Cedro Circle, Sacramento, CA 95833-1419.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

Our heartfelt congratulations go to our own Mary Bustabade who has been chosen our Woman of the Year! Mary was honored at a St. Patrick's Day luncheon held on Saturday. Thank you, Mary, for all that you do for us and for the parish.

Mary has been a member of the parish for many years. She has always helped when she can. She has been a Eucharistic Minister, helps with Feed the Needy, is part of the Angelic Dusters who clean the church, and she helped organize the picture taking for the parish directory. Whenever asked, Mary always helps with the Bereavement Ministry, as well. Mary is a great gal, and we really appreciate her!

THE 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION

Join us Sunday, March 25, 2007, for The 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION. There is a pious belief assuring ANY GRACE to be asked from our Lady Virgin Mary, to whom says TWO THOUSAND HAIL MARY'S on March 25, The Feast of the Annunciation of the Angel to the Virgin Mary. Sunday Mass Encouraged 7:30 - 8:30AM Holy Family Catholic Church, 7817 Old Auburn Rd, Citrus Heights, Ca 95610. Devotion program begins 9:00 AM Sharp, in St Joseph Hall. Prayers non-stop. Dress comfortably, tennis shoes (gym), seat pad. Sign ups food, drinks, and desserts. You/group lead round of Hail Mary's (100). Petitions from family, friends are welcome to offer Blessed Mother. RSVP - Sign up and contact Dolores at 343-4254.



SAVE THE DATE! Camp Pendola's Annual Golf 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.

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.

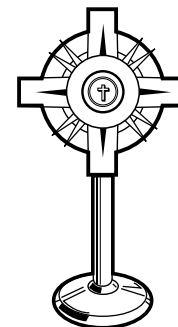
VOCATIONS CROSS



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!



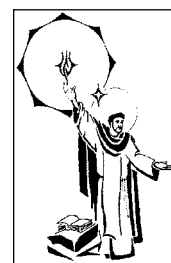
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VISITING HOURS:

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 . . .

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. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

FILIPINO NIGHT WITH THE KNIGHTS AT ST. IGNATIUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 4970 is having a dinner-dance social on Saturday March 10th at Saint Ignatius Parish Center. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and dinner will start around 7:00 p.m. Dinner will include Chicken Adobo, Pancit, (rice noodles) and Lumpia (Filipino egg roll). In addition, DJ music will be provided by Mora Entertainment for your dancing and listening pleasure. Bar for this event is hosted. The officers & members of the Council invite ALL of you to join the Knights on what we hope to be an enjoyable evening. Reservations & prepayment are required. Dinner donation cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 12 and under. For inquiries, please contact Ponce by phone, 715-2958, or by email @ (ponciano.marquez@gmail.com).

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & ITALY

My name is Father Stanislaw Zak, and I am the Pastor at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Oakland. This year I am organizing a Pilgrimage to Poland and Italy - "In the footsteps of Pope John Paul II" - April 16 - 30, 2007. I still have some room for Pilgrims. Complete Price \$ 3,495.00 includes the following services: Round Trip airline ticket: From San Francisco to Poland; Italy & to San Francisco. All accommodations (double occupancy in hotels) with 3 meals a day, all transportations within Poland & Italy, sightseeing, guide services, entrance fees to all attractions, taxes, and Cancellation insurance.

For brochure & detailed itinerary, or if you have any questions please contact Rev. Stanislaw Zak, (510) 336-0698, or Mr. Andre Sobczyk, (408) 229-1950.

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

4th Annual Alumnae Luncheon and Fashion Show - Spring Fling. Don't miss this wonderful Alumnae Association event on Sunday, April 29, 2007. Representatives from the "decades" classes of '57, '67, '77, '87, '97 and '07 will model great fashions for all ages. Members of the Class of '57 will be honored and presented with the 50-year anniversary Golden Diploma. Cost \$30.00 per person. Please R.S.V.P by April 20th, 2007. For reservations or additional information, please contact Jan Millner 452-3461, ext. 220 or jmillner@stfrancishs.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." Marriage erodes when we take each other for granted. Hear more about the choices to love that keep marriage strong. For more information or to register for the next Sacramento Weekend, April 20-22, call Raul & Gayla Ponce, 866-825-2046; Email: srsregistrar@comcast.net

RETREAT... REFLECT... RENEW... THIS LENTEN SEASON.

The Ministry of Mothers Sharing presents "MOMS as Peacemakers: Nurturing serenity within ourselves and our families." This half-day retreat will be led by Sister Paula Hagen, O.S.B., founder and director of MOMS on Saturday, March 31st from 8am-3pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. It is open to mothers of all ages and stages of life throughout the Diocese. Cost is \$25 (scholarships available). To learn more or download a registration, visit www.sacmoms.org or call Shellee 359-3674 or Nancy 772-3186.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Lawrence Parish has an opening for an Administrative Assistant/Receptionist position: full or part time, bilingual (English & Spanish), computer skills & program knowledge (Word, Excel, Access & Publisher), greet visitors, answer telephones and assist staff with office duties. Send resume to the parish office, 4325 Don Julio Blvd., North Highlands, CA 95660, to the attention of either Fr. Joe or Paula or call the office for more information (916) 332-4777.

CASINO NIGHT

Have fun and support a great cause! Join us for a Casino Night to benefit the Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry, hosted by Father John Healy.

Date: Saturday March 24, 2007 to begin at 6pm Location: The Newman Center, 5900 Newman Court (across from CSUS) Tickets: \$65 each or \$250 sponsorship - Name listed in program Complementary Cocktails and Appetizer Buffet Prizes for Casino Night Winners:

1st Place - 2 night stay at The Palms and \$200 Southwest Airlines gift card; 2nd Place - 1 Night at Harrah's; 3rd Place - dinner and a play.

Contact: Susan Mendez at 916-739-1840 or 916-761-7768

The Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry serves the HIV/AIDS community, irrespective of ethnicity, faith tradition, sexual orientation, or gender. We strive to meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of the people we work with in a caring and sensitive manner. 90% of our expenditures are for basic human needs like emergency shelter, help towards permanent housing, medical, food, hygiene items, utility bills, transportation, and many other needs of those suffering from this disease. We also make monthly visits to the Vacaville Correctional Medical Facility to visit the inmates to offer support. Catholic HIV/AIDS Ministry is under the legal title of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento, Corporation Sole, which is a 501 (3C) tax-exempt organization. All contributions are tax-deductible. Tax exempt number 94-127-0353.

... AND BEYOND

MARTY HAUGEN & TONY ALONSO IN CONCERT

ATTENTION: Pastoral Musicians, Liturgists, Catechists, & Youth Directors World-renowned composers MARTY HAUGEN & TONY ALONSO are presenting a concert and workshop at St. Clare Catholic Church, Roseville, on April 20 & 21. You all will want to be present at both events! The concert on Friday, April 20 begins at 7 pm. The workshop on April 21 will run from 9am to 4pm. Tickets for the workshop and concert are \$60-- for the concert only \$30-and for the workshop only \$40. Any ticket purchased before April 6th may be discounted \$5. An additional discount of \$5 per ticket may be taken if purchased in groups of 10 or more. For more information call Nina Malone at 772-4717 or e-mail scliturgy@surewest.net

BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY, RENO

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

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

March

"God, Grace & Growth-Not Guilt: our Lenten Journey" with Fr. Ben Innes, O.F.M., St. 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.

"Living Beyond Lent: living the message of Lend throughout the year" presented by Larry Castagnola. Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Sacramento. March 21 5th & 28th 7 pm. For more information call (916) 488.4626.

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.

"Christian Discipleship and its Implications in the Context of Globalization" presented by Sr. Dr. Rekha Ghennattu. Newman Center, Sacramento. March 23rd, 68 pm. For more information please call (916) 452-0296 ex. 16.

"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

April

NEW! "Debunking Revelations: a four part series on the book of Revelations " presented by Dr. Sam Mussro. Presentation Catholic Church, Sacramento, April 18th & 25th, May 2nd, & 9th. Cost: \$25 per series. For more information call 916.359.5062.

SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS – SACRAMENT OF LOVE, continued

*distinguished for their Eucharistic piety: Bishop Józef Bilczewski, Fathers Gaetano Catanoso, Zygmunt Gorazdowski and Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, and the Capuchin Fra Felice da Nicosia. Thanks to the teachings proposed by John Paul II in the Apostolic Letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (7) and to the helpful suggestions of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments,(8) many initiatives were undertaken by Dioceses and various ecclesial groups in order to reawaken and increase Eucharistic faith, to improve the quality of Eucharistic celebration, to promote Eucharistic adoration and to encourage a practical solidarity which, starting from the Eucharist, would reach out to those in need. Finally, mention should be made of the significance of my venerable Predecessor's last Encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* (9), in which he left us a sure magisterial statement of the Church's teaching on the Eucharist and a final testimony of the central place that this divine sacrament had in his own life.*

The purpose of this Exhortation

*5. This Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation seeks to take up the richness and variety of the reflections and proposals which emerged from the recent Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops – from the Lineamenta to the Propositiones, along the way of the Instrumentum Laboris, the Relationes ante and post disceptationem, the interventions of the Synod Fathers, the auditores and the fraternal delegates – and to offer some basic directions aimed at a renewed commitment to Eucharistic enthusiasm and fervour in the Church. Conscious of the immense patrimony of doctrine and discipline accumulated over the centuries with regard to this sacrament,(10) I wish here to endorse the wishes expressed by the Synod Fathers (11) by encouraging the Christian people to deepen their understanding of the relationship between the Eucharistic mystery, the liturgical action, and the new spiritual worship which derives from the Eucharist as the sacrament of charity. Consequently, I wish to set the present Exhortation alongside my first Encyclical Letter, *Deus Caritas Est*, in which I frequently mentioned the sacrament of the Eucharist and stressed its relationship to Christian love, both of God and of neighbour: "God incarnate draws us all to himself. We can thus understand how *agape* also became a term for the Eucharist: there God's own *agape* comes to us bodily, in order to continue his work in us and through us" (12).*

The remainder of the Holy Father's document consists of three main parts:

- The Eucharist, A Mystery to Be Believed
- The Eucharist, A Mystery to Be Celebrated
- The Eucharist, A Mystery to Be Lived

Sacramentum Caritatis is broken into numerous subsections, each of which addresses a key point in a succinct paragraph or two which makes it simple to ascertain what the Pope wants to emphasize on virtually any Eucharistic topic.