

July 1, 2007 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Gal 5:14

† Servant Leader †

REFLECTIONS ON DIALOGUE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

This last week I attended a gathering of about 90 Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholics, to discuss and experience more about our blessed traditions. It is sponsored by the Society of St. John Chrysostom and the Catholic Universities of America and San Diego under the patronage of the Apostles Peter and Paul.

For more than 1,000 years, the Christian world has been divided into Western and Eastern Churches. The schism was prompted by the division of the Roman Empire, between the Greek-speaking East and the Latin-speaking West. It deepened as the Churches in Rome and Constantinople became rivals for authority. Western Churches are those that either gravitate around Rome or broke away from her at the Reformation. Their traditions are Latin. The eastern Churches looked originally to Constantinople and inherited Greek ideas, or have been formed by schisms centered on Constantinople.

Among the Eastern Churches are Eastern Catholic Churches who are in full communion with Rome and express the same basic beliefs as the Western Catholic Church. These Churches hold identical teachings about sacraments, apostolic succession and the central role of the Bishop of Rome within the College of Bishops. They differ from the West in matters such as the form of liturgical worship, sacramental and canonical discipline, terminology, traditional prayers and practices of piety. East or West, these Churches derive from a common root, and today seek to establish dialogue and friendship, in pursuit of a common goal, "that they might all be one" in the One Church of Christ.

The conference took its inspiration from Pope John Paul II's letter "Orientale Lumen" (Light from the East) which emphasized the important place of Christian East in the fullness of our Catholic faith, and the many blessings the Christian East has brought to our Church's life, including theology and spirituality, liturgy, sacred art, and Monasticism to name the leading ones. As Pope John Paul said, 'the Church must breathe with both lungs.' His desire was to enhance Catholic Orthodox relations.

"This appeal calls on the Churches of the East and the West to concentrate on the essential: We cannot come before Christ, the Lord of history, as divided as we have unfortunately been in the course of the second millennium. These divisions must give way to rapprochement and harmony; the wounds on the path of Christian unity must be healed. We have deprived the world of a joint witness that could, perhaps, have avoided so many tragedies and even changed the course of history. I believe that one important way to grow in mutual understanding and unity consists precisely in improving our knowledge of one another. I feel that meeting one another regularly is very important," Pope John Paul wrote.

The conferences provide a forum for Western Christians to learn about their brothers and sisters in the Eastern

Church. The conference included presentations by scholars and theologians, liturgical celebrations of many varieties, and opportunities to participate in a dialogue of love and understanding, with time also for private prayer and quiet time. Each participant received liturgical book of all services during the conference to assist in their participation.

The "Orientale Lumen" conferences have been described as a "grass roots" approach to the Ecumenical dialogue between Catholic and Orthodox Christians and that is what I found it to be in San Diego. The various presentations allowed for discussion of various themes of Christian unity and the work involved in promoting greater understanding between Catholics of Eastern and Latin tradition with members of the Orthodox Churches. Each year a theme is designated for the conference, this year being: "Icons: Expressions of our Faith."

Church unity has been the goal of many popes and is dear to Pope Benedict XVI. All of us recognize that more still must be done before full unity among Catholic and Orthodox can take place. But all believers are encouraged to do their part and seek to understand, appreciate and form friendships which will help to break down the barriers and prejudices that often exist among Christians.

Two letters were read at the start of the conference. Cardinal Kasper of the Pontifical Council for promoting Christian unity in Rome spoke of how important it is for Catholics and Orthodox to meet for growth in communion and that it is the Holy Spirit who inspires and helps this dialogue. The Eastern Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew of Constantinople (Istanbul) spoke of the sacred intent of those who seek unity, and while the effort is made on earth it is also rooted in heaven.

Some things that struck me were: The work of Church unity is an organic part of her life, therefore not an "opinion" or "appendage" to the mission of our Christian and Catholic life. We should all possess a desire to respond to the prayer of our Lord at the Last Supper, as recorded in the Gospel of John, chapter 17:21: "That they all may be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us..." and likewise in verse 22: "So that they may be one..." and verse 23: "That they may be completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Our goal is "One Lord, one faith, one baptism" in our seeking Christianity unity between Catholics and Orthodox. Of course that is much more possible between our Churches having so much in common. The work involves official commissions, which exist between our Churches, but also by the prayer and discussion of "ordinary folk" who are capable of bringing forth unity, what has been called "a dialogue of love and understanding," leading to visible unity among the Churches.

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East/West Dialogue, continued

The unity we seek is not about "learning to get along," but cooperation mutual forgiveness and friendship, leading to true unity. "Toleration" between separated Christians is never enough, but genuine love in Jesus Christ, fulfilling his High Priestly Prayer, of real unity, as the Trinity are united, is the goal.

One of the means to achieving that goal is to meet in peace with those on the same path and be encouraged by their growth, supportive in their struggles and "help carry on another's burdens" as Saint Paul exhorted his hearers.

In the course of the four-day "Orientale Lumen Conference" I met other Latin (Roman) Catholics, Romanian and various Greek-Catholics as well as Greek and Armenian Orthodox, both laity, monks and bishops.

The atmosphere was very positive, joyful and peaceful. I think all of us came away encouraged and with much insight into how we can progress in Christian faith to work for a better understanding of those who profess to follow Christ in the Catholic and Orthodox Church. It was four great days which I found helpful and challenging.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22
 Tue: St. Thomas: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
 Wed: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34
 Thu: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
 Fri: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13
 Sat: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17
 Sun: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
 Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

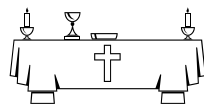


Questions of the Week:

- For Adults:** Name a time this past week that you followed Jesus even though you had many excuses.
- For Teens:** What makes it hard to be a disciple of Jesus? Why do you make the choice to follow Jesus even though it is hard?
- For Children:** Name a time this past week when you followed Jesus by doing the right thing you were asked to do without an excuse.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Michael G. Hickey -Int.
 Jenny Kam -Int.;
 Poor Souls in Purgatory +
 Wed: John Hickey -Int.; Cecelia Herkowski -Int.;
 Al Herkowski +
 Thu: Charley Steele +; Bud Phelps +
 Fri: Orville Fisher Family -Int.;
 Dorothy Sweeney +; Carol Bishoff +
 Sat: 8:30 am Mass Keirra Anabelle Quinones -Int.
 4:30 pm Mass Allen Smith -Int.
 Sun: 12:30 pm Mass Pro Populo



Stewardship

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STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Jun 3	\$ 12,717.00
Jun 10	\$ 9,646.00
Jun 17	\$ 10,638.00
Jun 24	\$ 9,176.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 551,168.00
Goal-to-Date (52 Weeks)	\$ 572,000.00
% of Goal Collected	96.36 %
Annual Goal	\$ 572,000.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Jun 3	\$ 1,222.00
Jun 10	\$ 1,377.50
Jun 17	\$ 1005.00
Jun 24	\$ 1,156.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 103,583.50
Goal-to-Date (52 Weeks)	\$ 195,000.00
% of Goal Collected	53.12 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Peter's Pence\$ Submitted

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a one-sentence summary of Christian Stewardship: Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service.

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

Michael Albin, Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Pam Bardwil, Cody Bartley, Drake Bazzeroni, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, John Boyle, Shirley Bryant, Larry Cannon, Margaret Cioffi, Abraham Conant, Art Connolly, Christina Cowan, Darren Crose, James Crutcher, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, John Dooney, Andrew Flores, Jennifer Ford, William Freeze, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Evelyn Gonsalves, Winfred Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Kathleen Hansen, Stanley Hayes, Allison Herring, Michele Hock, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, David E. Jones, Bill Keenan, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Jonnie Kuennen, Ian Larmore, Jey Lemes, Karen Lewis, Nancy Lopez, Nancy & Marty Lucas, Laura Maciej, Donald Maguire, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, Mike McCord, McElvy Family, June McMaught, Jenine Michilena, Mariah Morris, Jason Murphy, Elliott Jerome Neal, Andy Ngo, Scott Ngo, Cora Orzol, Maryanne Pelzel, Maria Perez, Gilbert Perron, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Suzanne Rose, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureen Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, Larry Thompson, X. Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Stephen Vidrine, Jean Villanueva, Emily Walsh, Lori Weaver, Marvin Webster, Sharel Wilson

HOMEMADE TAMALES & BURRITOS - TODAY!!!

The Spanish Apostolate will be serving breakfast THIS WEEKEND after the morning masses. We invite everybody to attend this breakfast.

ADULT EDUCATION

By popular demand, Fr. Sullivan will continue the Church History classes through the summer months. Remaining classes will be held July 24 and August 28 at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Hall.

PARISHIONERS NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH

A 90 year-old parishioner near Birdcage is in need of transportation assistance. She would like to find a ride on the first Sunday of each month for the 9:00 am Mass and to attend the Knights' breakfast. Please call Louisa Stein at 967-7454 if you can be of assistance.

Also, a parishioner in the Antelope area who's eyesight is failing is in need of a ride to church for the 9:00 am Mass. If you are able to be of assistance, please call 331-8910 and ask for Peter Hertel. Thank you

MASTER CALENDAR REQUEST FOR FACILITY USE

It is vital that each group that plans to use parish facilities fill in and return calendar request forms which are processed on a first come first serve basis.

If you are a group leader or if you wish to pick up some forms for your group leader to reserve space, the request forms are at each of the exits of the church and are available through the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation.

visit www.holyfamilych.org

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located in Citrus Heights, needs volunteers to help with processing donations, customer service, and working with individuals and families in need. You do not have to be a Vincentian or member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to volunteer.

The Thrift Store is the pass-through for much of the clothing, appliances and furniture we give to those in need.

Store hours are: Monday through Wednesday and Saturday from 9:30 am - 6:00 pm, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 am - 8:00 pm, and Sunday from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm. The store is located at 6105 Sunrise Vista Drive (one and one-half blocks east of Sunrise @ Greenback).

For information on how to become involved as a volunteer, please call 729-4077.



YOUTH MINISTRY

CAR WASH A GREAT SUCCESS!

THANK YOU, WASHERS AND WASHEES!

Thank you to all the folks who trusted us with washing their vehicles for donations, and those who generously gave donations only! The car wash last Sunday was a great success as a fundraiser. The youth who participated spent some great positive energy getting the job done from 8 am until 2:30 pm. Hear these welcome words, "Well done!" ... all you beautiful young people who came out to help. (You know who you are.) A special thanks to the marvelous moms who not only brought snacks, drinks and food but who stayed all day and help keep the youth motivated; Linda, Irene, and Barbara. You are each a blessing and all of you are the hands of Jesus here at the parish.

It was an honor to work with you all,
Mrs. Barbie Meistas

CYM RIVERCATS OUTING:

Holy Family Parish Youth will be attending the Rivercats game on Saturday, July 14th at 7:05 in the evening. There will be fireworks that evening. There may be a few tickets still available so this is your last chance to sign up. Send email to holyfamilycym@yahoo.com or call the Youth Office at 721-8329.

SUMMER CAMPING TRIP

The Youth Group camping trip is July 27 -29 at Scott's Flat Lake campgrounds. Cost is \$20 per person. Don't miss the fun – sign up and pay as soon as possible to join us for a great weekend! Send email to holyfamilycym@yahoo.com or call the Youth Office at 721-8329 ASAP!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

For over two years now, we have been publishing our parish bulletin in-house and administering our own advertising program. As mentioned on previous occasions, in order to maintain quality production for the bulletin, we need to maintain the placement of advertising, filling the empty spaces on the back of the bulletin. We hope at some point to have enough participation to even place ads on an inside page.

There are a few new open spots on the back this week, and we continue to be grateful to our advertisers that have loyally supported our bulletin through the years. Advertising in the bulletin is a wonderful way to support Holy Family Parish in a direct and effective way while also supporting your business. Holy Family offers the services of an experienced graphic designer to assist you in designing your ad, complete with photos, logos and coupons. If you or your firm may be interested in advertising in the Holy Family Bulletin, please call the parish office at 723-2494. In the meantime, please support those who support us by patronizing our bulletin advertisers. Thank you!

PRO-LIFE MASS - FIRST FRIDAY, JULY 6TH, 8:30AM

Please join us for the monthly Mass for Life on first Friday at Holy Family Parish. Holy Mass at 8:30 am will be followed by recitation of the Pro-Life Rosary in the Adoration Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. Please remember to join us in praying the rosary after Mass.

"As explicitly formulated, the precept 'You shall not kill' is strongly negative: it indicates the extreme limit which can never be exceeded. Implicitly, however, it encourages a positive attitude of absolute respect for life; it leads to the promotion of life and to progress along the way of love which gives, receives and serves." *John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae*
For further inquiries about the Mass, please contact Sally Fisher at 780-5305.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE JULY 6-7, 2007

All Night Vigil for Life at St. Rose Catholic Church, 5961 Franklin Blvd, Sacramento on the first Friday, July 6th, beginning with 7:30 PM Mass and ending on the first Saturday, July 7th with 8:00 AM Mass. Please join us for Mass and spend an hour or more or spend the night. Following the Vigil we will pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy at the Abortion Clinic on Wright St. and Alta Arden. Any questions call June Schott at 916-967-9158.

CFC YOUTH FOR CHRIST CAMP, JULY 13-15 HERE AT HOLY FAMILY

There will be a 3-day youth camp at the Holy Family Parish Center in Citrus Heights to be hosted by the Couples for Christ – Youth for Christ, starting the evening of July 13 and ending in the afternoon of July 15. This retreat is open to young adults ages 13 to 21 years old. There will be a fee to cover the cost of the camp.

CFC-Youth for Christ is one of the family ministries of Couples for Christ, and one of its purposes is to help spread the Good News to the youth by creating a Christ-centered environment in our community that is life-giving to young adults. The youth is taught how to live and propagate the Catholic Christian faith. For more information about this camp, please contact any of these: Val/Elna Discipulo at 916-682-9287; Neal/Margie Torres at 916-224-9343; Ding/Josie Tamondong at 916-300-1656; Mikey Joaquin at 916-717-5126; or e-mail to rosevillecfc@yahoo.com.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAIRFIELD

A full-time Director of Religious Education is needed for the coming school year at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Fairfield. Job description includes directing a total parish catechetical program for about 250 families for Religious Education and coordinating the Sacramental programs for elementary and junior high students. Interested applicants may call Fr. Sebastian Meyer at 707-422-7767 or send a resume to OLMC, 2700 Dover Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533.

NEED BRICKS?

For Sale – Approximately 400 bricks, 16" X 8" X 4", A-shaped; 25 cents each. See Fr. John Sullivan.

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.

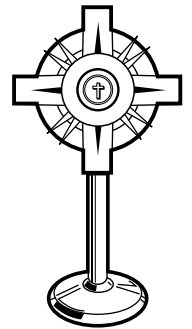
VOCATIONS CROSS



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

GOSPEL OF LUKE:

- For Basic or Renewal of Catechetical Certification
- 9 Hours of credit granted in the doctrinal area of Christian Prayer
- Excellent course for lay men and women interested in learning more about the Catholic approach to the Gospels, for Neophytes recently received into the Catholic Church, catechumens and candidates, those going through the RCIA process, those teaching RCIA, and Youth Ministers
- Time given for instruction, breaking open the Word and group discussion
- Convenient time for teachers and administrators; central location; light hospitality and the Colledgeville Commentary on Luke's Gospel included

Sr. Kathryn Doyle, R.S.M

July 24, 25, & 26 – 9 AM -12 Noon

Pastoral Center, Diocese of Sacramento

\$25 fee for the three-class series

For more information, please contact Kathy at 733-0139.

15TH SAN FRANCISCO INT'L MARIAN CONFERENCE

June 29,30 - July 1, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Conference Center of Foster City. **Theme: "Behold your Mother".** Six International Speakers, Marian, Eucharistic & Charismatic Devotions, Youth Program & Children's Program, Healing Service. For information and registration call 800-456-4197 www.sraphael.com or www.straphaelministries.org. E-Mail: srm.inc@juno.com.

FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: "MEN IN THE FIRE"

Oct. 19-21, Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville

Many excellent speakers will focus on developing spiritual and life enhancement skills that help men live more effective and nurturing lives. Sponsored by National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, Society of Divine Word, Bowman Francis Ministry Team, Diocese of Nashville and St. Vincent Catholic Church. Adult advance registration \$125; youth advance registration \$75. For more information, call 317-632-9349, ext. 114, e-mail bowmanfrancisministry@yahoo.com or visit www.bowmanfrancisministry.com.

JOB OPENING - CLERICAL SUPPORT:

The Department of Evangelization & Catechesis has an immediate opening for a full-time clerical support person. Applicants must possess bi-lingual Spanish and English language skills and have excellent phone & computer skills. For more information, or if you are interested in applying, please contact Karen Filipich at 916-733-0239.

WHERE THERE IS NEED, THERE IS MERCY

Commemorating the Sisters of Mercy's 150th Anniversary in Sacramento

The Discovery Museum Gold Rush History Center presents an exhibit celebrating the history behind the Sisters of Mercy's 150-year legacy of caring for the community...

... YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW.

On October 2, 1857, Mary Baptist Russell led the Sisters of Mercy to Sacramento to minister to the sick, poor and uneducated. They started schools, established hospitals, began Sacramento's first free public library, and developed housing for the homeless.

Come to the museum to see:

- Hand-painted tiles from California missions
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- Visitation books
- Dishes from early Mercy hospitals
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- And more!

Exhibit runs from June 16, 2007 to February 9, 2008

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Start stretching your smiling muscles if you are an adult (21 years or older) and are ready to become a Guide (mentor). You'll need about 8 hours a month for one year to lead a child on excursions in music, the arts, sports, volunteer service, dining out and nature. You'll also need enthusiasm, patience, and an unwavering commitment to encourage, engage and enrich a young person's life.

We'll provide the training to prepare you for your journey, a well-stocked website full of age-appropriate ideas for planning activities in each category, ongoing support and supervision for each Guide/Explorer team, and free tickets and discounted admissions to some of Sacramento's hottest attractions.

Wonder, Inc. is now recruiting Guides for Summer 2007. If you would like more information, please call Brian Snow at (916) 779-2454 or send an email to bsnow@wonderinc.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - PASTORAL CENTER

The Pastoral Center has an immediate opening for a full-time Administrative Assistant who will divide their time between being the receptionist for the Tribunal Department and processing the fingerprinting and background checks for the Safe Environment Office. Bi-lingual Spanish and English language skills preferred. For a full job description please visit our website at www.diocese-sacramento.org. If you are interested in applying for this position, please email your resume to personnel@diocese-sacramento.org.