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**POPE BENEDICT'S WORLD YOUTH DAY MESSAGE – CONCLUSION**

We complete the beautiful message of Pope Benedict to the young people of the world on the occasion of the XXIII World Youth Day, 2008. This is the last of three parts. If you missed part one and/or part two, you can find previous bulletins on the parish web site at [www.holyfamilych.org](http://www.holyfamilych.org).

**6. The Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist**

You might ask, how can we allow ourselves to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and to grow in our spiritual lives? The answer, as you know, is this: we can do so by means of the Sacraments, because faith is born and is strengthened within us through the Sacraments, particularly those of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, which are complementary and inseparable (cf. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1285). This truth concerning the three Sacraments that initiate our lives as Christians is perhaps neglected in the faith life of many Christians. They view them as events that took place in the past and have no real significance for today, like roots that lack life-giving nourishment. It happens that many young people distance themselves from their life of faith after they have received Confirmation. There are also young people who have not even received this sacrament. Yet it is through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and then, in an ongoing way, the Eucharist, that the Holy Spirit makes us children of the Father, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, capable of a true witness to the Gospel, and able to savor the joy of faith.

I therefore invite you to reflect on what I am writing to you. Nowadays it is particularly necessary to rediscover the sacrament of Confirmation and its important place in our spiritual growth. Those who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation should remember that they have become "temples of the Spirit": God lives within them. Always be aware of this and strive to allow the treasure within you to bring forth fruits of holiness. Those who are baptized but have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation, prepare to receive it knowing that in this way you will become "complete" Christians, since Confirmation perfects baptismal grace (cf. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1302-1304).

Confirmation gives us special strength to witness to and glorify God with our whole lives (cf. Rom 12:1). It makes us intimately aware of our belonging to the Church, the "Body of Christ", of which we are all living members, in solidarity with one another (cf. 1 Cor 12:12-25). By allowing themselves to be guided by the Spirit, each baptized person can bring his or her own contribution to the building up of the Church because of the charisms given by the Spirit, for "to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Cor 12:7). When the Spirit acts, he brings his fruits to the soul, namely "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal 5:22). To those of you who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation, I extend

a cordial invitation to prepare to receive it, and to seek help from your priests. It is a special occasion of grace that the Lord is offering you. Do not miss this opportunity!

I would like to add a word about the Eucharist. In order to grow in our Christian life, we need to be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. In fact, we are baptized and confirmed with a view to the Eucharist (cf. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1322; *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 17). "Source and summit" of the Church's life, the Eucharist is a "perpetual Pentecost" since every time we celebrate Mass we receive the Holy Spirit who unites us more deeply with Christ and transforms us into Him. My dear young friends, if you take part frequently in the Eucharistic celebration, if you dedicate some of your time to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Source of love which is the Eucharist, you will acquire that joyful determination to dedicate your lives to following the Gospel. At the same time it will be your experience that whenever our strength is not enough, it is the Holy Spirit who transforms us, filling us with his strength and making us witnesses suffused by the missionary fervor of the risen Christ.

**7. The need and urgency of mission**

Many young people view their lives with apprehension and raise many questions about their future. They anxiously ask: How can we fit into a world marked by so many grave injustices and so much suffering? How should we react to the selfishness and violence that sometimes seem to prevail? How can we give full meaning to life? How can we help to bring it about that the fruits of the Spirit mentioned above, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (no. 6), can fill this scarred and fragile world, the world of young people most of all? On what conditions can the life-giving Spirit of the first creation and particularly of the second creation or redemption become the new soul of humanity? Let us not forget that the greater the gift of God - and the gift of the Spirit of Jesus is the greatest of all - so much the greater is the world's need to receive it and therefore the greater and the more exciting is the Church's mission to bear credible witness to it. You young people, through World Youth Day, are in a way manifesting your desire to participate in this mission. In this regard, my dear young friends, I want to remind you here of some key truths on which to meditate. Once again I repeat that only Christ can fulfill the most intimate aspirations that are in the heart of each person. Only Christ can humanize humanity and lead it to its "divinization". Through the power of his Spirit he instills divine charity within us, and this makes us capable of loving our neighbor and ready to be of service. The Holy Spirit enlightens us, revealing Christ crucified and risen, and shows us how to become more like Him so that we can be "the image and instrument of the love which flows from Christ" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 33).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon: St. Gregory: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30  
 Tue: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37  
 Wed: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44  
 Thu: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11  
 Fri: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39  
 Sat: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
 Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
 Sun: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
 Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

**Questions of the Week:**

For Adults: Who are those near you that you find it most difficult to invite to be part of your life?  
 For Teens: What have you done for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?  
 For Children: Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who are you not nice to?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon: Michael G. Hickey –Int.; Jerry Lambirth + Evelyn Jue +  
 Tue: John Hickey –Int.; Jerry Lambirth + Dorothy Joyce +  
 Wed: Mary Ann France –Int.; Stephanie & Teko Paia–Int.  
 Fri: Dorothy Sweeney +; Fred Gonzales + Ileen Massey +  
 Sat: 4:30 pm Mass Family Of Devere + Pilar A. Vivar +  
 Sun: 7:30 am Mass Evangeline Quinones –Int. Rev. Art Herkowski +  
 12:30 am Mass Pro Populo



**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, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Timothy Goodwin, Evelyn Gonsalves, Winfred Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Kathleen Hansen, Jason Hayes, Nancy Hayes, Stanley Hayes, George Hernandez, Allison Herring, Michele Hock, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, David E. Jones, Bill Keenan, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Jonnie Kuennen, Ian Larmore, Kay LaTondre, 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, Rigoberto Mendoza, Jenine Michilena, Xochitl Montano, Mariah Morris, Jason Murphy, Elliott Jerome Neal, Dorothy Nellis, 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, Jardee Stanley, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, Larry Thompson, X. Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Stephen Vidrine, Jean Villanueva, Emily Walsh, Marvin Webster, Sharel Wilson

# Stewardship

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**STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE**

“The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

*2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

“From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.”

*Luke 12:48:*

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

*Hebrews 13:16:*

“Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining, like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.”

*1 Peter 4:8-11*

**STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE**

**GENERAL COLLECTION**

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$	11,000.00
Aug 5 .....	\$	12,412.00
Aug 12 .....	\$	9,724.00
Aug 19 .....	\$	10,099.00
Aug 26 .....	\$	9,775.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$	<b>93,521.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (9 Weeks)	\$	99,000.00
% of Goal Collected		<b>94.47 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$	572,000.00

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Current Disaster Relief Efforts.....\$ TBD

*In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and the needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!*

..... See Luke 14:14



**Holy Family School's** Fall Sports Program is in full swing with Girls' Volleyball (grades 5-8), Boys' Flag Football (grades 6-8), Co-ed Cross Country Track (grades 5-8), and Co-ed Bowling (grades 4-8) teams preparing for competition! Athletic Director Mrs. Barbara Marsolais literally keeps the balls rolling in the right directions, at the right times, and in the right places as the multiple teams pursue their various goals. Other sports teams that compete with other schools in the Parochial Athletic League throughout the year are basketball, boys' volleyball, golf, and track and field. While there might not exactly be something for everybody, Mrs. Marsoalis operates a program that comes quite close.

## PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

It's that time of year again when our parish family comes together in support of our Parish Festival. This year the festival is October 6 & 7th. Very soon every registered parishioner and school family will be receiving information on the Festival Raffle including tickets to sell or earn for free! Watch your mail for this important information - help support your parish and school and take a chance on cash prizes. You need not be present to win, but you won't want to miss out on the great fun, great food and live entertainment that make each year's festival a "can't miss" event! Good Luck and we hope to see you there!

## WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

Only one week until our Annual Pasta Dinner, next Saturday, September 8th from 5:30pm to 10:00pm. Please see the insert in today's bulletin.

### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

**Sunday morning Faith Formation sessions will begin on September 9, 2007 at 10:10-11:25 am.**

Have you registered your children for Religious Education Sessions for the fall? **Pre-registration will be held on Sunday August 25th following the 9:00 and 12:30 Masses in the community center.** Registrations forms are also located at each entrance of the church which can be mailed or dropped by the parish office. If your child attended last year, please fax your registration form that you received in the mail to 624-2731, attn: Bonnie. This helps when placing the order for student books in advance. In this way every child will have their book on the first day of sessions.

To assist us in the allocation of staff and materials for all programs, especially in preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation next spring, **it is essential that all students be registered no later than October 1, 2007.**

Please call Bonnie Johnson @ 726 -7217 for more information. Thank you!

### HISTORY OF THE CHURCH - CLASS THIS WEEK

Fr. John's series of classes on the History of the church continues this Tuesday evening, September 4th, at 7:00 pm in the Faith Formation Room. Each session is a complete lesson, so even if you haven't been to previous evenings, come join us for a wonderful experience and insight into the foundations of our faith.

### DAYCARE FOR TODDLERS DURING 9:00 MASS

Next Sunday, September 9th, Holy Family will begin offering daycare for toddlers during the 9:00 am Mass. This service will be provided in Holy Family School's Extended Day Care room, facilitated by a member or members of the regular extended-day staff to serve parish families with pre-school aged children during Sunday liturgy. As the program develops, more information will be available in coming bulletins.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

If you are currently a minister of communion or would like to be, please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 15th. We will have a training session on that Saturday morning beginning at 9:30am, after morning Mass. We invite everyone to gather together for 8:30 Mass, and the training will follow Mass immediately. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Deacon Mark after Mass or in the parish office.

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server training is currently scheduled for Saturday, September 29th, beginning at 9:30 am after the morning mass. Training is also scheduled for the first and second Tuesday evenings in October, October 2nd, and October 9th, at 6:00 pm. All training session will be in the church. We will try to ensure that every altar server has the opportunity to walk through the procedures. These training sessions will be required for all new and current altar servers. Although it is expected that each altar server will attend at least one training session, all servers will be more than welcome to attend as many as they need.

### ATTENTION ALL LECTORS:

New or Current Lectors ~ We invite you to join together for the 8:30 morning Mass on Saturday September 8th. There will be a brief meeting after mass for all current , as well as new readers. This meeting is required for the commissioning in November. A training session for new readers will also be presented that morning. Please take this opportunity to explore the calling to this awesome ministry of Proclaiming God's Word....Please call If you are interested or have any questions, Deacon Holt at the parish office or Bonnie Johnson at 408-5191. Thank you!

**LECTORS: Schedules for September are ready and have been emailed...copies are available in the hallway to the sacristy....Thank You**

*"All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of the field; the grass withers, and the flower wilts; but the word of the Lord remains forever." 1 Peter: 24-25*

## **WOMEN OF THE PARISH!**

The Mom and Me Prayer Group and Holy Family Mother's Ministry are inviting you to join a book study on "Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To" by Anthony DeStefano. We will be meeting in the RCIA rooms on Tuesday mornings starting September 25 from 9:45 – 11:30a.m. The book study will start at 10:00am and end at 11:00am. For those who wish to stay, we will pray the rosary at 11:00am. Children are welcome. Please call Julie Desrochers @ (916)784-7622 for more information and to reserve your book and workbook. Cost will be \$17 for the duration of the study.

## **PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF TRANSPORTATION**

An 84 year-old parishioner who lives on Mar Vista Way (near Antelope & Tupelo) is in need of a ride to the Saturday, 4:30pm Mass. Please call 560-8122 and ask for Lani or Sonia.

Parishioners from Orangevale, near Madison and Hazel, are looking for a ride to the Saturday 4:30 pm Mass or the Sunday 9:00 am Mass. They are also in need of transportation to purchase groceries. Please call the Parish office.

## **ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS FOURTH DAY:**

Fourth Day will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Hall of the Community Center. Prior to the meeting, if you desire, we will meet in the Chapel for prayer at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Young Stewart at (916) 332-8732.

## **CONSTRUCTION ZONE - OLD AUBURN ROAD**

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District and County Sanitation District I have started construction on sewer system improvements in Citrus Heights. Construction is taking place along Old Auburn Road from Sylvan to Sunrise for approximately the next six months. This schedule could be delayed for unforeseen reasons.

Construction Hours:

7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturdays  
\*Certain exceptions will apply

Two-way traffic will be maintained at most times. However, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. materials unloading operations are allowed to take place. At those times the east or west-bound available lanes may be closed for 30 minute intervals, allowing traffic both ways alternating through one lane.

The project team will work diligently to minimize disruptions. However, access to residences, businesses and schools could be impacted during construction.

Pedestrian access will be provided at all times. Pedestrians are asked to observe the sidewalk closure signs and proceed only in designated areas through the construction zones. Children should stay away from construction areas and parents, guardians and school teachers are encouraged to talk to them about the dangers of construction zones.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the construction, please call the toll-free, 24-hour project hotline at (866) 479-0600.

# 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.

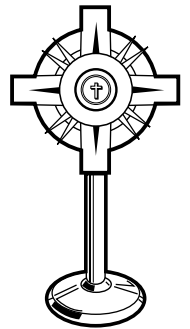
## **VOCATIONS CROSS**



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.



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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE . . .

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## **LIFE-LONG CATECHESIS: A DREAM OR A REAL POSSIBILITY?**

with Bill Huebsch

Pastors – Deacons - Pastoral Associates - Parish Council  
DRE/CRE - RCIA Coordinators - Youth Ministers

Thursday, September 27, 2007; 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding - or

Friday, September 28, 2007 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento

Questions? Call the Evangelization Department 733-0123

## **FIRST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR BISHOP GALLEGOS MATERNITY HOME**

DATE: Sunday Evening, September 30, 2007  
Reservations Close: September 19, 2007

TIME: 5:00 p.m. No-host Cocktail Hour  
6:00 p.m. Roast Chicken Dinner, including wine  
7:00 p.m. Short Program

PLACE: Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento

PRICE: \$55 per person

HONOREE: BGMH's Director Lenore Mullarkey

Any questions, call Betty Ann Lambert 485-7579 or Carol Schoner 791-1819.

## **MASS FOR SINGLE ADULTS:**

The Single Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento in conjunction with St. James Catholic Church in Davis invites all adult singles to a Mass on Saturday, September 8, at 5:30 pm at St. James Church, 1275 B Street, Davis. Mass will be followed by a brain storming session, gathering and potluck dinner. Please bring a potluck dish to share. For more information, please contact MaryLee Barcena (916) 419-9845 or email MaryLee at mbarceno@earthlink.net.

## **HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT, SEPT. 21 - 23, 2007**

Do you know someone hurting after an abortion? Still seeking peace years later? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, September 21-23rd, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento.

The weekend retreat includes sharing of stories, spiritual exercises, sacraments and a memorial service. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. 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.

## **BUS TIP TO HARVEY'S SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a Bus Trip to Harvey's South Lake Tahoe, on Sunday, September 23rd. The trip includes a stop in Apple Hill for coffee and an apple fritter. The cost is \$28 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. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the following activity notice.

## **ATTENTION ALL 6-8 GRADE GIRLS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

Loretto High School warmly invites you to our annual Open House on Sunday, October 21, 2007 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Meet current students, faculty, coaches and administrators; visit classrooms and experience outstanding student art and performances in choir, dance, and drama. For information contact the Director of Admission at 482-7793 ext. 103.

## **ATTENTION PRAYERFUL SINGLE MEN!**

Marist Fathers and Brothers in Berkeley, CA, is offering a vocational retreat weekend October 12-14th. Also, the Augustine Community in San Francisco, CA, is having a vocational retreat October 26-28th. Work and pray with the community and enjoy the vocational conversation. There is no cost but space is limited. Call toll free 1-800-221-1807.

## **INNER-HEALING MASS & SERVICE:**

On Friday, Sept. 7, at 7 pm, there will be a special service and Mass for inner-healing at Immaculate Conception Church, Sacramento. We all have emotional wounds, which often go back to when we were young. Those wounds can affect our present behavior and relationships with others. Jesus can heal those wounds. Samia Zumout, who has a gift of helping others to experience inner-healing, will give a teaching. Fr. Bill Feeser will preside at Mass. The church is located at Broadway and 32nd St. Enter the church grounds from 33rd St.

## **CATHOLIC STUDENTS ATTENDING SIERRA COLLEGE:**

September 11 and 12 are Club Days at Sierra College. Look for the new Catholic Newman Club which is just beginning. You can be a part of sharing your faith and finding resources and support while you are attending college. Another way to sign up is to contact Newmansieracol@apl.com See you there.

## **The 8th Women of Grace® Conference - September 21st – 23rd**

“The Spirit and the Bride say ‘Come.’” Rev. 22:17

Johnnette Benkovic, Founder and Director of Living His Life Abundantly® International, Inc., and Women of Grace®, invites you to attend the 8th Women of Grace® Conference “The Spirit and the Bride say ‘Come.’” (Rev/ 22:17) at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver, Colorado the weekend of September 21st – 23rd, 2007. Be encouraged and inspired by Johnnette Benkovic, Dr. Edward (Ted) Sri, Theresa Tomeo, Mary Beth Bonacci and Curtis and Michaelanne Martin! Enjoy fun and fellowship throughout the weekend. Let your soul soar with beautiful and uplifting music by Lynn Cooper. Soak up the graces with daily Eucharist and adoration. A special track for high school age young women will also be included in this conference with moderator Mary Beth Bonacci!

This is a weekend that every woman should attend.

Contact Sally Sutter at 624-5947 or at ssutter@starstream.net for more information. For registration information call 1-800-558-5452 or visit [www.womenofgrace.com](http://www.womenofgrace.com) today! Call the Adam's Mark for hotel reservations at 1-800-444-2326 and mention the Women of Grace® Conference.

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## ... AND BEYOND

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### **JOINT CATHOLIC-ORTHODOX CELEBRATIONS THE HOLY RELICS OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNA**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2007**

Location: Catholic Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 pm Service of Thanksgiving - Bishop Weigand

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2007**

Location: Saint Anna Greek Orthodox Church, Roseville

10:00 am Divine Liturgy - Metropolitan Gerasimos

5:00 pm Service of Supplication - Metropolitan Gerasimos,  
followed by a reception

For more information, see last week's bulletin online –  
[www.holyfamilych.org](http://www.holyfamilych.org)

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT SEPTEMBER 21- 23**

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### **POPE'S MESSAGE, continued**

*Those who allow themselves to be led by the Spirit understand that placing oneself at the service of the Gospel is not an optional extra, because they are aware of the urgency of transmitting this Good News to others. Nevertheless, we need to be reminded again that we can be witnesses of Christ only if we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit who is "the principal agent of evangelization" (cf. Evangelii Nuntiandi, 75) and "the principal agent of mission" (cf. Redemptoris Missio, 21). My dear young friends, as my venerable predecessors Paul VI and John Paul II said on several occasions, to proclaim the Gospel and bear witness to the faith is more necessary than ever today (cf. Redemptoris Missio, 1). There are those who think that to present the precious treasure of faith to people who do not share it means being intolerant towards them, but this is not the case, because to present Christ is not to impose Him (cf. Evangelii Nuntiandi, 80). Moreover, two thousand years ago twelve Apostles gave their lives to make Christ known and loved. Throughout the centuries since then, the Gospel has continued to spread by means of men and women inspired by that same missionary fervor. Today too there is a need for disciples of Christ who give unstintingly of their time and energy to serve the Gospel. There is a need for young people who will allow God's love to burn within them and who will respond generously to his urgent call, just as many young blessed and saints did in the past and also in more recent times. In particular, I assure you that the Spirit of Jesus today is inviting you young people to be bearers of the good news of Jesus to your contemporaries. The difficulty that adults undoubtedly find in approaching the sphere of youth in a comprehensible and convincing way could be a sign with which the Spirit is urging you young people to take this task upon yourselves. You know the ideals, the language, and also the wounds, the expectations, and at the same time the desire for goodness felt by your contemporaries. This opens up the vast world of young people's emotions, work, education, expectations, and suffering ... Each one of you must have the courage to promise the Holy Spirit that you will bring one young person to Jesus Christ in the way you consider best, knowing how to "give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but [to] do it with gentleness and reverence" (cf. 1 Pet 3:15).*

*In order to achieve this goal, my dear friends, you must be holy and you must be missionaries since we can never separate holiness from mission (cf. Redemptoris Missio, 90). Do not be afraid to become holy missionaries like Saint Francis Xavier who traveled through the Far East proclaiming the Good News until every ounce of his strength was used up, or like Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus who was a missionary even though she never left the Carmelite convent. Both of these are "Patrons of the Missions". Be prepared to put your life on the line in order to enlighten the world with the truth of Christ; to respond with love to hatred and disregard for life; to proclaim the hope of the risen Christ in every corner of the earth.*

### **8. Invoking a "new Pentecost" upon the world**

*My dear young friends, I hope to see very many of you in Sydney in July 2008. It will be a providential opportunity to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit's power. Come in great numbers in order to be a sign of hope and to give appreciative support to the Church community in Australia that is preparing to welcome you. For the young people of the country that will host you, it will be an exceptional opportunity to proclaim the beauty and joy of the Gospel to a society that is secularized in so many ways. Australia, like all of Oceania, needs to rediscover its Christian roots. In the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Ecclesia in Oceania, Pope John Paul II wrote: "Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Church in Oceania is preparing for a new evangelization of peoples who today are hungering for Christ... A new evangelization is the first priority for the Church in Oceania." (no. 18).*

*I invite you to give time to prayer and to your spiritual formation during this last stage of the journey leading to the XXIII World Youth Day, so that in Sydney you will be able to renew the promises made at your Baptism and Confirmation. Together we shall invoke the Holy Spirit, confidently asking God for the gift of a new Pentecost for the Church and for humanity in the third millennium.*

*May Mary, united in prayer with the Apostles in the Upper Room, accompany you throughout these months and obtain for all young Christians a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit to set their hearts on fire. Remember: the Church has confidence in you! We Pastors, especially, pray that you may love and lead others to love Jesus more and more and that you may follow Him faithfully. With these sentiments I bless you all with deep affection.*

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