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**GODFORSAKENNESS: "FINDING ONE'S HEART'S DESIRE"**

The recent publication of Mother Teresa's private letters has brought her life and, more specifically, her internal struggles into the news 10 years after her death. I share with you today an article from America Magazine written by John F. Kavanaugh, S.J., a professor of philosophy at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo.

*There has been much written about Mother Teresa of Calcutta these days. Not only has the 10th anniversary of her death been observed; depths of her interior life have been inspected as well. The publication of her letters to spiritual directors in Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light, edited by Brian Kolodiejchuk, M.C., has revealed that the founder of the Missionaries of Charity herself lived in profound spiritual darkness for nearly 50 years.*

*The public revelation of Mother Teresa's interior crisis has struck some as a cruel betrayal of her desire not to have her letters published. Others were shaken by what seemed to be her loss of faith or by God's harshness with her. Some have linked her experience with the harrowing purifications of high mystical prayer.*

*The most voluble response has likely been that of Christopher Hitchens. An often brilliant polemicist and eminently readable essayist, Hitchens is perhaps the most prominent of nonbelievers to have recently published an anti-theist manifesto. His best-seller is titled God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything. But over a decade ago he wrote The Missionary Position, a searing and often mean indictment of Mother Teresa, whom he dubbed the "Ghoul of Calcutta."*

*He opined in the Time magazine cover story that she was like a die-hard, disillusioned Communist carrying on even though things were falling apart. On television news shows he attributed her perseverance to the fact that "advisors egged her on because she was a great marketing tool." Apparently the only good thing he can see in her life is what he thinks was her loss of faith. Thus, from his two-page opinion piece in Newsweek one gets the sense that Hitchens has discovered a strange sympathy for "this troubled and miserable lady." But first he must convince himself that she has really lost her faith. Thus he moves from his first paragraph's guarded "all but lost her own faith" and "for all practical purposes ceased to believe," to his ringing conclusive indictment of "a blind faith in which she herself had long ceased to believe."*

*Hitchens gave a much more accurate description of Mother Teresa's crisis during a three-hour interview on C-Span's "Book TV." Correcting himself after asserting her loss of faith he said, "If not a loss of faith, a great loss of certainty." Precisely. The problem (and Hitchens could not have suspected it) is that Mother Teresa never had certainty. At least that's what she told me.*

*In Calcutta during December 1975 and for a few days in the following March, I was doing the "long experiment of humble ministry" that Jesuits undertake during their last year of formation. On those days when I celebrated the Eucharist at the Missionaries of Charity Motherhouse and worked at the House of the Dying, I had a number of conversations with Mother Teresa. Two of them still inhabit my life. Our first talk concerned my worry that I should not go back to the comfort and riches of being a university professor in the United States. She told me to go back. "There is far greater poverty there. The greatest poverty is the absence of love."*

*Much more puzzling was a comment she made shortly before I left Calcutta. I had asked her to pray for me. She said "for what?" "For clarity," I pled. And she immediately said no, she would not pray for that. I complained that she seemed always to have clarity and certitude. "I've never had clarity and certitude," she said. "I only have trust. I'll pray that you trust."*

*So Hitchens is correct on at least one count. Mother Teresa was living with a "great loss of certainty"-about herself, about her relationship to Christ, about her fate, about her very God. The feeling of not having faith is quite different from not having faith. Otherwise it would not be so harrowing to the believer, who cries out with nothing but trust.*

*It would be good if all of us, believer and nonbeliever alike, could learn once and for all that whatever faith is, it is not a crutch. Sometimes in faith, you have nothing to lean on. Nor is the "feeling" or consolation of faith something we can conjure up on our own. If anyone had such powers of conjuring it would be Mother Teresa. So much for feel-good religion-that "opiate of the masses." Morphine is much more effective.*

*The real story, the deepest subtext, in Mother Teresa's "dark night" is not that God was purifying her. God was actually giving her her heart's desire.*

*Every Missionaries of Charity community I have visited has a large crucifix with the words "I thirst" over it. It is that broken man on the cross that Mother Teresa most wanted to identify with, the same Jesus she could see in the most bereft and seemingly unloved of her brothers and sisters on earth.*

*In one of her desperate cries to Jesus she wrote, "Lord my God, who am I that you should forsake me?" Is it possible that she could not see that her very words were the same as those uttered by the man on the cross she so longed to be with? Could she not realize that she had finally found union with the man who cried, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Perhaps it is best that she did not appreciate the intensity with which her prayers were answered. Freed from her darkness, she would have left him to his cross. Such can be the paradox of finding one's heart's desire.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21  
 Tue: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-21; Lk 12:35-38  
 Wed: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48  
 Thu: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53  
 Fri: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59  
 Sat: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9  
 Sun: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Sir 35:12-14,16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14



**Questions of the Week:**

**For Adults:** In what ways is my prayer a request, and in what ways is my prayer a conversation with God who seeks me out?

**For Teens:** As you grow older, you tend to “need” God less. But today, the readings tell us to pray with great faith? Why do you suppose this is such a key teaching of Jesus?

**For Children:** When do I pray to God?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon: Jason Murphy –Int.  
 Tim Neubacher +

Tue: Joe Dietler –Int.  
 Joey Celaya +

Wed: Richard Bardwil +  
 Frank Rael +

Thu: Brian Geronimo +

Fri: Duse Zbloudila +

Sun: 9:00 am Mass Rick Gutierrez +  
 Joe Dietler –Int.  
 12:30 pm 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, Shirley Bryant, Elisa Bulhoes, Bob Cleveland, Abraham Conant, Art Connolly, Christina Cowan, Marie Crane, Darren Crose, Julie Desrochers, John Dooney, Jennifer Ford, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Timothy Goodwin, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Kathleen Hansen, Jason Hayes, Nancy Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Allison Herring, Michele Hock, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, Kathleen Johnson, 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, Dean McGinty, June McMaught, Rigoberto Mendoza, Jenine Michilena, Xochitl Montano, Mariah Morris, Jason Murphy, Elliott Jerome Neal, Andy Ngo, Scott Ngo, Eleanor Nieto, Cora Orzol, LeeAnn Parrott, Maryanne Pelzel, 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, Jean Villanueva, Emily Walsh, Marvin Webster, Robert Westbrook, Sharel Wilson

**Stewardship**  
 ~ a way of life ~

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION: THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend we will be taking up a special collection for World Mission Sunday to support the Church’s missionary activities. Offerings this Sunday provide financial assistance to about 1,150 missionary dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands. This is a practical way for us to show Christ’s love for those whose practice of our faith needs our support. We appreciate your generosity for the Missions.

**SPECIAL REQUEST FOR THE FOOD CLOSET**

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society’s Food Closet is bare. We could use your support at this time. A container will be placed by the entrances. We especially need: peanut butter, tuna, mayonnaise, spaghetti sauce, rice and pasta. Please do not drop donations off at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your always generous support. CLRS# 11

**UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Every year the workplace conducts a United Way campaign. This week is the time to sign up for United Way at your work place. Please remember **St. Patrick’s Home for Children #3183**. Your help is needed to support the foster and residential programs at St. Patrick’s Home for Children.



**STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE**

**GENERAL COLLECTION**

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$	11,000.00
Sep 23 .....	\$	8,995.00
Sep 30 .....	\$	9,824.00
Oct 7 .....	\$	11,448.00
Oct 14 .....	\$	10,454.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$	<b>166,625.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (16 Weeks)	\$	176,000.00
% of Goal Collected		<b>94.67 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal</b>	\$	572,000.00

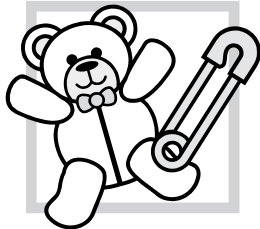
**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Legacy Restoration Appeal.....\$ TBD

*Today’s theme is perseverance - Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful steward’s of God’s gifts, we, too, must persevere in the roles to which we are called.*



**Holy Family School** students, faculty, and staff celebrated the Baptism of the newest member of the school community, **Reese Cameron Sedgwick**, on Friday, October 19. Reese, the three-month old daughter of second grade teacher Mrs. Victoria Sedgwick and her husband Rob, was baptized during the Student Body Mass, which was prepared and presented by Mrs. Sedgwick's second graders. The day was also of special significance for the third graders, who had eagerly awaited Reese's arrival all last spring!



**DAYCARE FOR TODDLERS DURING 9:00 MASS**

Holy Family offers daycare for pre-school aged, potty-trained children during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. This service is 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.

**ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS FOURTH DAY:**

Fourth Day will be held on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room in the Community Center. Prior to the meeting, the Cursillistas, if they wish, will meet in the Chapel for prayer at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Young Stewart at (916) 332-8732.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE AT HOLY FAMILY**

On New Year's Eve, we are getting together for a Thanksgiving Liturgy in the Church (Te Deum), followed by a Gala Dinner and Dance in Holy Family Community Centre. The contribution is \$25.00 for each person. To reserve a ticket, please, get in touch with Dina & Ruben Moreno, (916) 481-2963.

**HALLOWEEN TREATS POTLUCK**

We shall share multi-ethnic Halloween treats at St. Joseph's Hall on November 1 after the 7:30 pm bi-lingual mass.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN**

Children, 3rd grade through 7th grade who have not been baptized and/or have not received first Holy Communion may be registered for faith formation sessions by calling the Holy Family Faith Formation Office at 726-7217. The RCIA Adapted for Children is a two-year program which meets every other Tuesday evening from 5:50 to 7:15 p.m., October through May. At the end of this two-year phase of the child's faith journey, he/she may receive the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Holy Communion/Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Sessions for the FIRST YEAR begin on October 2 in the Faith Formation Room of the Community Center. Please call 726-7217 for more information.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

In honor of World Youth Day, Holy Family Youth Ministry will once again be doing a day of service on National Make a Difference Day, Saturday, October 27th from 9am-2pm. All Jr. high and High School Youth and families are invited to participate. We will divide into service teams to work throughout the local community. If interested you must sign up no later than Oct. 15th. Please call 721-8329 to leave a message or send an email to holyfamilycym@yahoo.com.

**OFFERING A HELPING HAND**

Holy Family Youth are looking to make a difference!! Do you know of a parishioner who is a shut-in or who would benefit from having a special visit from some of our youth? Are you a parishioner who is elderly or disabled and in need of some light housework done? Please call 721-8329 and leave a message so that we can connect you with one of our service teams for Saturday, October 27th.



**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 - 11:30 a.m. The book study will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m.. For those who wish to stay, we will pray the rosary at 11:00 a.m.. 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.

**CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY #11  
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE:**

**Sunday November 4th, 8:00 - 1:00**

What is a White Elephant?

A white Elephant is a wonderful gift someone has given you which may be the wrong color, scent, or just doesn't fit into your home and is nice to send to a Thrift Store. Maybe it's something you bought and you've lost the receipt or just an item purchased and never used. Come to the Knights Breakfast November 4th, and find bargains better than any discount store.

**Accepting donations: Please call, Patti Carleton @ 722-8629 after 5 P.M.**



## THE CONE ZONE

Construction continues on Old Auburn Road.

Please plan to take a little extra time for arriving and departing events at Holy Family Church and School.

God bless you in your patience and understanding!

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES - DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO**

**Diocese of Sacramento Scripture Institute.** Cycle 1 "The Old Testament" given on consecutive Tuesdays, Oct. 2 through Nov. 6, 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The fee for one class is \$10; for one cycle is \$40, and for all three cycles is \$120. To register, call 733-0123.

**Lay Formation Institute at DPC and at St. Basil Parish. Vallejo:** NEW CYCLE – Foundations of Catholicism. Fr. Jeremy Leatherby will be presenting on Oct. 26, 6:30-9pm, Oct. 27, 8:30am-4pm, \$25.00 per session or \$175; for all 7 sessions. For registration or more information call 733-0123.

**Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women.** Learn how to begin a women's fellowship in your parish. The Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women is sponsoring a workshop on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at St. Lawrence O'Toole in Oakland from 12:30-4:30pm. RSVP required. Contact Barbara (707) 863-9283 or FCCW1996@comcast.net. A \$10.00 donation to cover cost of the day is appreciated.

**Lay Formation Institute at DPC: Life in Christ: The Moral Life.** Fr. Loreto Rojas will be presenting on Nov 16, 6:30-9pm, Nov. 17, 8:30am-4pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center, \$25.00 per session. For registration / more information call 916.733.0123.

**Lay Formation Institute in Yuba City: Life in Christ: The Moral Life.** Fr. Loreto Rojas will be presenting on Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 at St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City. For more information / to register call 916-733-0123.

**Lay Formation Institute in Vallejo: Celebration of the Christian Mystery.** Fr. Oscar Figueroa will be presenting on Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 at St. Basil Parish, Vallejo. For more information / to register call 916-733-0123.

**Lay Formation Institute in Redding: Spiritual Development of the Catechist.** For those who have completed the first cycle, this retreat will be a culminating experience. The retreat will be on Nov. 2, 6:30-9:00pm and Nov. 3, 8:30am to 4:00pm at Our Lady of Mercy, Redding. Included is a special commissioning ceremony and certificate. 916-733-0123

## Prayer Opportunities

### WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:

The World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) 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

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 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 information call Phyllis Sale at 725-5358.

### DEVOTION TO MARY:

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to Mary, the Mother of God, Mother of the Church and our spiritual mother. One the greatest ways we can express our devotion to Mary is by praying the beautiful prayer of the rosary. It is a powerful prayer for your petitions, for peace, conversions, salvation and guidance. Please join us in praying the rosary during the month of October, after the 8:30 morning mass Monday through Saturday in the chapel. Hope to see you there!



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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

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## **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, October 28th. 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.

## **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Many people these days are trying to get back to a healthier, more natural way of living. The Creighton Model Fertility Care System offers you a natural yet reliable way to achieve your family planning goals without artificial chemicals or devices. It is completely safe and scientifically proven, and it is also in harmony with the teaching of the Church. To register or obtain more information, call Mercy Women's Center at (916) 614-2200.

## **COME JOIN THE FUN**

Don't miss St. Francis High School's auction and arts extravaganza, "Revelry," on Saturday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. Get a group of your friends together and come spend an elegant evening wine tasting and dining on delicious food from notable restaurants. Enjoy live and silent auctions, entertainment and art displays. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$75. Contact 916-452-3461, ext. 610.

## **VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY CHAPLAINS**

Sacramento County's nationally-recognized community chaplain program responds with law enforcement to homicides, suicides, drownings and other daily tragedies, providing profound comfort to traumatized survivors. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer community chaplain, or if you just want to learn how to care for people in crisis, please call 916-857-1801 or visit [www.sacchaplains.com](http://www.sacchaplains.com).

## **UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO INFORMATION SESSION**

Join us for an Open House at the University of Sacramento's graduate campus on Monday, November 5th or Thursday, November 15th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Find out firsthand about the university's exciting new developments, learn about our popular Graduate Program in Catholic Faith Formation, and discover how to obtain a Basic Catechist Certificate in only 14 weeks! We are located at 1531 I Street, 2nd Floor. For more information, please call (916) 443-4760 or e-mail [lmcperson@universityofsacramento.org](mailto:lmcperson@universityofsacramento.org).

## **TRAVEL TO FRANCE**

Pilgrimage to Catholic France (Lourdes & Other Sacred Sites) with Fr. Steve Avella, May 13 thru May 28, 2008. For details contact Karen Chappelle at 916-652-7560 or [Karen@Chaoplear.com](mailto:Karen@Chaoplear.com). Leaves from SFO.

## **13TH ANNUAL ST. IGNATIUS SCHOLARSHIP DINNER**

Take a night off from cooking! Attend the 13th Annual St. Ignatius Parish & School Scholarship Dinner, sponsored and served by the 8th grade class, Sunday, October 28th. Enjoy all you can eat spaghetti & meatballs, fresh salad, rolls, beverages and dessert. Plus win great raffle prizes! Cost: Adults - \$8 per person / Children & Seniors - \$6 per person. Come when you want! Dinner runs from 4:30 - 8pm at the St. Ignatius Parish Center, 3245 Arden Way, Sacramento. For more information contact Heather at 973-0548. All proceeds will be used to provide scholarships for graduates of the class of 2008.

## **ENCOUNTERING LIFE ALONE**

The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering its "Encountering Life Alone" program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. This 10 week program starts on December 6th at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2140 Mission Ave., Carmichael. The meetings are held from 7:00-9:00 P.M. There is a onetime registration fee of \$10.00 and a \$5.00 weekly fee. For more information please call 835-2282 or visit our website at: [www.sacramentobe.org](http://www.sacramentobe.org).

## **WOMEN'S EVENING OF GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Dear ladies in Christ, this is just a reminder that the next Women's Evening of Gospel Reflection will be on Monday the 22nd of October from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The evening begins with fellowship, and you're welcome to bring an appetizer to share. The retreat will take place at the University of Sacramento. The address is 1531 I Street, 2nd Floor. There should be plenty of street parking available. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Christ, Mary Obi, 916.873.6393

## **CATHOLIC HOUSEHOLD BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS**

The USCCB publishing office has just released this revised edition of blessings and prayers for family life. Handsomely bound in bonded leather, it is hoped that this book will rest in a special place in every family's home as a resource to bring solace, celebrate joy, and petition God for his mercy and aid. Consider purchasing a copy for your home by either calling toll-free (800) 235-8722 or through the website [www.usccbpublishing.org](http://www.usccbpublishing.org).

## **MASS & TEACHING - FOCUSING ON INNER-HEALING**

Healing the emotional wounds that we all have, often wounds that go back to when we were young, wounds that affect our present behavior and our relationships with others. Jesus wants to heal these wounds.

Saturday, November 3 • 9:30 AM - 12 Noon

St. James Church, 1275 - B Street, Davis, CA

Mass to Follow Teaching

Teaching on Inner-Healing by Samia Zumout,  
an anointed teacher on inner-healing

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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SIMULTANEOUS NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN SEPTEMBER 26TH – NOVEMBER 4TH, 2007

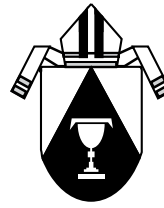
In a nation that was founded on an unalienable right to life, endowed by our Creator, more than 1,200,000 innocent children are killed by abortion each year.

40 days for life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity with the purpose of repentance to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life.

We are asking for those willing to sign up for a prayer vigil to pray at specific time(s) in front of an abortion facility in your area. If you are uncomfortable with that idea, then your much needed prayers and efforts at fasting will also be affective. The Vigil Coordinator for sign up times is Chris Jonas, @ (530) 878-0598 or e-mail: piperpilot1@juno.com. The closest clinic to Citrus Heights is the Planned Parenthood clinic in Roseville near Cirby and Sunrise. The 24 hour peaceful prayer vigil will also occur in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 29th and B Streets. Prayer and fasting for this effort can also be done at your own location during the 40 days.

Whether you choose to participate in the vigil or not, PLEASE CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED IN SOME WAY WITH THE CAMPAIGN. Your prayers and sacrifices are extremely important!

If you have any further questions please contact Sally Fisher @ 916-780-5305.



### A LETTER FROM BISHOP WEIGAND

Dear Friends,

Promoting the dignity of human life is central to Catholic teaching. From conception to natural death, human life is sacred and followers of Christ must bear witness to this truth. We do so through education, advocacy, prayer and caring for those in need. Each of us has a role to play in promoting a consistent culture of life.

A worthy endeavor along these lines is the ecumenical campaign, 40 Days for Life - a peaceful and prayerful way to bear witness to the sacredness of all human life and to work toward ending abortion in our country. I commend this effort and pray that abundant fruits flow from it.

Sincerely in Christ,



WILLIAM K , Bishop of Sacramento

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**The Sacramento Life Center**  
cordially invites you to our  
**35th Anniversary**  
**Salute to Life Dinner & Auction**  
Friday, November 16, 2007

Proudly presented by  
STADJUCHAR WEALTH STRATEGISTS  
Hyatt Regency • 1209 L Street, Sacramento

5:30p.m. Registration (no-host bar)  
7:00 p.m. Dinner, Program & Live Auction

Please call (916) 451-4357 for more  
information or to make reservations.

Deadline: October 19, 2007

Background: The mission of the Sacramento Life Center is to provide information, support and resources to enable women to choose life for their unborn children and to assist men and women suffering from the pain of a past abortion. We were founded in 1972 - which makes us the oldest, independent pregnancy resource center in northern California.

Today, we function as a nonprofit, licensed community health clinic offering counseling, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, health education and basic care for any pregnant or worried woman in need of help and support. We also sponsor a 24-hour pregnancy hotline.

We have locations in both Sacramento and in Roseville. All of our services are free to our clients. In 2006 alone, over 3,500 people contacted us with questions about a possible pregnancy.

