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QUESTIONS CATHOLICS ARE ASKED

We Catholics are often asked tough questions about our Catholic faith and its relationship to the Bible. Here are the ten most-asked questions, and the answers that should help you satisfy both your questioner and yourself.

10. Are your beliefs found in the Bible? All Catholic beliefs can be found in the Bible in some form, whether plainly or by an indirect indication. It is not necessary for everything to be absolutely clear in Scripture alone, because that is not a teaching of Scripture itself. Scripture also points to an authoritative Church and Tradition, as St. Paul says in his Second Letter to the Thessalonians: "Stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter" (2 Thess 2:15). When the first Christians had a significant disagreement, they didn't simply open their Bibles (which didn't even exist at that point) to decide who was right; they held a council, which made binding decrees (Acts 15:1-29). The very books of the Bible had to be determined by the Church, and that didn't happen until the late fourth century. Therefore, Sacred Tradition and authority were necessary for us to even have a Bible today.

9. Why do you obey the Pope? Catholics believe that Jesus commissioned St. Peter as the first leader of the Church. Matthew's Gospel has the most direct biblical indication of the papacy: "And I tell you, you are Peter [meaning literally "Rock"], and on this rock I will build my church... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 16:18-19). Based on this statement of Jesus himself, Peter is clearly portrayed in the New Testament as the leader of the disciples. A pope can make infallible, binding pronouncements under certain conditions. Infallibility doesn't mean that absolutely everything a pope says is free from error. All Christians believe that God protected Holy Scripture from error by means of inspiration, even though sinful, fallible men wrote it. We Catholics also believe that God the Holy Spirit protects His Church and its head from error (Jn 14:16) by means of infallibility, even though sinful, imperfect men are involved in it.

8. Why do you call your priest "Father"? "And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (Mt 23:9). In this passage, Jesus is teaching that God the Father alone is ultimately the source of all authority. But He is not speaking absolutely, because if so, that would eliminate even biological fathers, the title "Church Fathers," the founding fathers of a country or organization, and so on. Jesus himself uses the term "father" in Matthew (15:4-5; 19:5, 19, 29; 21:31), John (8:56), and several other places. In the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, Jesus actually presents Lazarus as using the address "Father Abraham" twice (Lk 16:24, 30). St. Paul also uses the term when he writes, "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (1 Cor 4:15), and refers to "our forefather Isaac" (Rom 9:10).

7. Why do you pray for the dead? The Bible clearly teaches the rightness of prayers for the dead in 2 Maccabees

(12:40, 42, 44-45): "Then under the tunic of every one of the dead they found sacred tokens of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids Jews to wear. And it became clear to all that this was why these men had fallen.... [A]nd they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out.... For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead.... [H]e made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." St. Paul teaches this in a similar way: "Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf?" (1 Cor 15:29). This indicates prayer and fasting for the dead. The word baptism often symbolically refers to penances (Mk 10:38-39; Lk 3:16, 12:50). The apostle Paul also appears to be praying for a dead person, Onesiphorus, in 2 Timothy (1:16-18).

6. Why do you pray to idols (statues)? No Catholic who knows anything about the Catholic faith has ever worshiped a statue (as in pagan idolatry). If we cherish the memory of mere political heroes with statues, and that of war heroes with monuments, then there can be no objection to honoring saints and righteous men and women: "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor" (1 Pet 2:17). Statues are simply a visual reminder of great saints and heroes of the faith (Heb 11), who are more alive than we are (2 Cor 3:18), as is evident by their praying: "O Sovereign Lord ... how long before thou wilt judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell upon the earth?" (Rev 6:10 — see also Ps 35:17). The saints in heaven were never intended by God to be cut off from the Body of Christ on earth. They are involved in intercession, just as the saints on earth are, and they are described as "so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1).

5. Why do you confess your sins to a priest? Jesus Christ gave His disciples — and by extension, priests — the power not only to "loose" sins (that is, forgive in God's name), but also to "bind" (that is, impose penances): "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Mt 18:18). "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20:23). The priest serves as the representative of God and of His mercy. Confession gives new courage, confidence, and a fresh start. One learns humility by this practice, receives additional grace in order to avoid sin, and attains a certainty of forgiveness that is superior to mere feelings. Confession is also indicated in Matthew (3:5-6), Acts (19:18), and 1 John (1:9).

4. Why do you worship Mary? Catholics do not worship Mary. We venerate her because she is the mother of God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Veneration is completely different from the adoration of God. It is the honoring of a person, not the worship of Almighty God, our Creator. Catholics believe

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that Mary is the highest of God's creatures because of her exalted role. But of course, like any other human being, she had to be saved by the mercy of God. She herself said, "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Lk 1:47). We believe that God saved her by taking away all stain of original sin at the moment of her conception (the Immaculate Conception). The very fact that God took on flesh and became man (Jn 1:1, 14) indicates that He wished to involve human beings in His plan of salvation for mankind. Mary was a key person for this purpose, so this is why Catholics honor her so highly.

3. Why do you worship wafers? A consecrated host or wafer at a Catholic Mass is the true Body and Blood of Christ, not merely bread; so Catholics are worshipping Jesus, not a wafer. In the Gospel of John (6:51-56), Jesus states repeatedly that "he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (6:54). He is speaking literally, and He is so firm that many followers object and leave Him (6:52, 60, 66). St. Paul agrees with this interpretation and writes that those taking Communion "in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Cor 11:27). We don't sin against someone's "body and blood" by destroying a photograph (a mere symbol) of the person. Moreover, in the Last Supper passages (Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20), nothing suggests a metaphorical or symbolic interpretation. The Last Supper was the Jewish feast of Passover. This involved a sacrificial lamb, and Jesus referred to His imminent suffering (Lk 22:15-16, 18, 21-22). John the Baptist had already called Him the "Lamb of God" (Jn 1:29).

2. If you died tonight, would you go to heaven? Catholics have an assurance of salvation if they are faithful and keep God's commandments (1 Jn 2:3). If they die in that state, they are assured of heaven. But to enter heaven, one must be perfectly holy, because "nothing unclean shall enter it" (Rev 21:27). The cleansing and purifying of any remaining sin, which makes us fit for God's holy presence, is what Catholics call purgatory. This is clearly indicated in St. Paul's writings: "Each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.... If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor 3:13, 15, emphasis added). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body" (2 Cor 5:10, emphasis added).

1. Are you saved? Catholics can be as sure as anyone else that they are in God's good graces. The apostle John states that "you may know that you have eternal life" (1 Jn 5:13 — see also Jn 5:24). But this "assurance" has to be understood in light of John's other teachings in the same book: "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments" (1 Jn 5:3, emphasis added). "We know that any one born of God does not sin" (1 Jn 5:18, emphasis added). "He who loves God should love his brother also" (1 Jn 4:21, emphasis added). "He who commits sin is of the devil" (1 Jn 3:8, emphasis added — see also 1 Cor 6:9). Likewise, St. Paul does not regard salvation as a one-time event, but as a goal to be sought after, one that can be lost: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12).

Stewardship

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

When we hear that over 37 million Americans live in poverty—that many families are two paychecks away from becoming poor themselves—are we surprised? We can make a difference. We can give a hand up to people struggling to change their lives and communities.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports self-help projects of poor and low-income people working together to break the cycle of poverty. Please give generously to CCHD in today's special collection.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Catholic Charities of Sacramento is seeking individuals or families interested in 'adopting' a local family in need for Christmas. Donors are asked to provide gifts as well as a grocery store gift card. Please call the Catholic Charities office at 733-0253 for more information. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING SANDWICH DRIVE:

The Holy Family Youth Ministry and Joyful Noize Choir will once again gather the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 23rd, to make bag lunches for the homeless in and around our community. All parishioners are invited to bring donations of leftover meats from Thanksgiving Dinner, as well as bagged chips, lettuce, sliced cheese, canned sodas and bottled water, cookies, candy canes - anything to help! Donations will be accepted at the kitchen of the Fine Arts Building (the "old hall") on the morning of the 23rd from 8:30-9:30 am. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity each year and for any assistance you can offer this year. For more information, please call John Wihl at 722-7956.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$	11,000.00
Oct 21	\$	9,433.00
Oct 28	\$	10,789.00
Nov 4	\$	11,388.00
Nov 11	\$	9,598.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$	207,833.00
Goal-to-Date (20 Weeks)	\$	220,000.00
% of Goal Collected		94.47 %
Annual Goal	\$	572,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Legacy Restoration Appeal.....	\$	TBD
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Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.



Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 am

You are invited to bring the bread and wine for your Thanksgiving Meal to Mass for a special blessing.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Me 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63; Lk 18:35-43

Tue: 2 Me 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wed: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
2 Me 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thu: Thanksgiving Day:
Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1 :3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Fri: 1 Me 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

Sat: St. Andrew Dung-Lac: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Sun: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
2 Sm 5:1-3; Co11:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: "if you want to eat, you must work." How do you reconcile this with Jesus' command to love and feed the poor?

For Teens: Do you want to work merely for the money, or do you want to also make a contribution to the human community?

For Children: What kind of work do you do during the week? How does it help you?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Jason Murphy –Int.

Tue: Dominador Rivera +; Anastacia Rivera +
Pedro Rivera +

Wed: Mr. & Mrs. Nector Prieto –Int.

Fri: Joey Celaya +

Sat: 8:30 am Mass Michael Williams –Int.

Sun: 9:00 am Mass Pro Populo



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

Mary Avila, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard Burke, Bob Cleveland, Marie Crane, Darren Crose, Julie Desrochers, John Dooney, Jennifer Ford, Olivia Garcia, Ralph Gingrich, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Jason Hayes, Nancy Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Michele Hock, Kathleen Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Keenan, Jonnie Kuennen, Karen Lewis, 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, 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



Holy Family School

Holy Family School's students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends pause at this time of the year to do something that should be done more often: THANK those who have made the school community such a successful entity for so many years! First, they thank Sister Arlene, IBVM, for her outstanding leadership! Her accomplishments are validated every year by the success of Holy Family's graduates in the community. Next, thanks go to Father Kiernan, Father John, and Father Ron for their ongoing support of the school and their active participation in the spiritual formation of the students. Ultimately, a school's success happens because of the day-by-day devotion of the teachers and of each member of the support staff. Thus a most sincere THANK YOU goes to each of these dedicated educators. Of course, Holy Family School would never have been established let alone maintained had it not been for the support of the parishioners. So to each of you, THANK YOU and may God abundantly bless you and all those you love this Thanksgiving!



~ HOLIDAY CRAB FEED ~ 5TH ANNUAL



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2007

Time: 6:00 pm – 11:30 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm)

Place: Holy Family Community Center
7817 Old Auburn Road, Citrus Heights

\$35.00 per person and after 11/21/07 \$40.00 per person

• Dinner/Dance • No Host Bar • Crab, Fettuccini Alfredo, Salad, Salami & Cheese, Bread, Coffee & Tea

Door Prizes, Silent Auction, & Raffle Prizes – Must be 21
"Complete Music" by Greg Suggs until 11:30 p.m.

Contact Chairpersons: Kathryn Peterson (916) 725-0990 or
Charlotte Johnson (916) 632-1068 for tickets.

For your convenience, there are HFS Crab Feed ticket forms with attached addressed envelopes in the chapel side entrances. You may use these to buy your tickets. Just drop them off at the school office or drop them in the mail.

DAYCARE FOR TODDLERS EXPANDED FOR TODDLERS

Holy Family offers daycare for pre-school aged children during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. Previous notices specified that the service was available for "potty-trained" children; however, to make the service available to more families, and in light of the relatively short time that the children are in their care, the care providers have agreed to extend the service to toddlers "not-quite-potty-trained" if they are brought in with a fresh diaper change.

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.

TODAY!



Come Meet & Welcome Bishop Jaime Soto

On **Sunday, November 18, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, a Vespers Service will be the first official occasion to welcome Bishop Jaime Soto to the Diocese of Sacramento. At this time, Bishop Soto will present to Bishop William Weigand his letter of appointment from Pope Benedict XVI, appointing him Coadjutor Bishop of Sacramento.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Vespers Service and take this wonderful opportunity to meet Bishop Soto. A reception will follow the Service in Mercy Memorial Hall (located in the lower level of the Cathedral).

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity - the first official occasion to welcome Bishop Jaime Soto into our Diocesan Family and show our support for him as he begins his episcopal ministry here.

CELEBRATING 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) at 8:30 p.m., followed by a Gala Dinner and Dance in Holy Family Community Center. The contribution is \$25.00 per person and includes dinner. Reservations are encouraged. To get tickets, please get in touch with Dina or Ruben Moreno 916- 481-2963,

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH WELCOME BISHOP JAIME SOTO TO THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

Join young people from across the diocese in welcoming our new coadjutor bishop, Bishop Jaime Soto, to the Diocese of Sacramento.

Saturday, December 1, 2007

4:00-7:00 PM

St. Francis High School
(5900 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento)

The evening welcome will include a vibrant Sunday Liturgy, light dinner, and a chance to meet our new Bishop! For more information, contact (916) 733-0123 or 733-0177.

DECEMBER RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale will be held in December this year-- why not consider donating some of your gently used items to support the youth ministry and faith formation! Call 721-8329 for more info!

LATIN BREAKFAST TODAY!!

All are invited as the Hispanic Ministry will be serving breakfast after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses TODAY. Join us and enjoy delicious Latin dishes like: Sopas, Enchiladas Suizas and Café de Olla (Coffee from the Pot). Don't worry, it's not spicy!



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



SENIORS APPRECIATION DINNER TODAY!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting our annual Seniors Appreciation Dinner in St. Joseph's Hall from 1:00-3:00 TODAY. All seniors of our parish and their senior friends are invited for a wonderful meal of roast beef, turkey, potatoes, veggies, and all the trimmings! This is a cherished tradition in our parish, anticipated by all who have been our guests before. They especially enjoy all the DESSERTS (pies, cakes, and all sorts of goodies!) provided by the Knights and their Ladies. There is no cost as this is our thank you to you all.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for the eighty-two (82) departed Brother Knights is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 7:00pm at Holy Family Parish, beginning with a recitation of the rosary. The Council #4964 has lost seven members since the last memorial service in November 2006. Plan to attend this service and invite your family to join - the service is open to the parish family.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The time is rapidly approaching. The Council will post, in front of the church, the standard 4' x 11' sign "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS". Please plan your Christmas activities - Greeting Cards, Decorations, family activities and at work with a "CHRIST"-MASTHEME. Let's all do our part as Catholic Gentleman. It is "CHRIST'S" Birthday.

CORPORATE COMMUNION NEWS: The next fifth Sunday is December 30, 2007. Since this is the Christmas/New Year Season, Corporate Communion will not be scheduled - NO CORPORATE COMMUNION IN DECEMBER.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to all who made our luncheon a great success! Everyone was so generous in giving groceries and monetary donations that my heart was overflowing with joy. We all had a wonderful time, and the spirit and food were just great. Thank you once again.

Our next event is our Christmas Boutique. It will be Sunday, December 2, 2007, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Fine Arts Building (the "Old Hall"). If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Anita Marsolais for information at 723-1775. It is first come first served, so if you have hand-crafted items or a small home business and you want to join us, we would love to have you there.

— NEXT WEEKEND —

COMMISSIONING OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Each year, Holy Family Parish uses the occasion of Christ the King to commission those who serve our Lord and our parish through Liturgical Ministry. At all Masses next weekend, we will recognize and pray a blessing for those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Greeters, Lectors, Music Ministers, Sacristans and Ushers, as well as those who serve on the Liturgy Council and those responsible for the Liturgical Environment of the church. Our Altar Servers will be commissioned in a special ceremony at the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, November 24th.

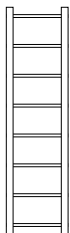
All who serve are invited to this commissioning, and those who wish to serve are encouraged, as always, to come forward and accept this blessed calling.

THANK YOU, BLOOD DONORS

Our parish responded very well to our November 4th blood drive! Thanks to 30 donors who stepped forward to save lives; they exceeded Bloodsource's expectations. Kudos, also, to an additional 5 people who wanted to donate blood but were unable to at this time. The need is still there, so donations can be made to local centers if you missed out. Call Bloodsource at 916 456-1500 for an appointment. Be sure and mention Holy Family when donating.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Dear Parishioners, Dominican Laity would like to invite you to join us for an Advent Day of Recollection on December 8, 2007, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Mass will be celebrated. Fr. Brendan McAnerny will be the retreat master. The retreat will be held in St. Mary Hall of the Community Center. If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Sale at 725-5358.



MISSING EXTENSION LADDER

The Parish is missing an extension ladder – it would be greatly appreciated if whoever borrowed the ladder could return it to the church — no questions asked! If you happen to know where it might be, please STEP up!

ROOMS FOR RENT

A local resident has two bedrooms for rent within the parish – please call Kimberly Morcan at 276-1498 for more information.

GET THE WORD!

It is a truly wonderful experience to hear the Word of God proclaimed at Mass, and the experience can be so richly enhanced when we read the scriptures ahead of time, take a little time to reflect on what we've read and come to Mass with a personal interest in the gift of the Word we are about to receive. The new church year is just two weeks away, and the Holy Family Liturgy Council encourages all parishioners to utilize one of the many great resources for upcoming lectionary readings. See next weeks bulletin for more information and some specific recommendations.

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.

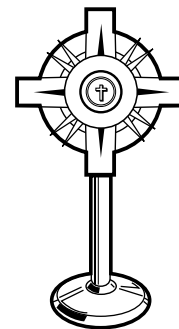


VOCATIONS CROSS

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

WELLSPRING CHRISTMAS STORE

Wellspring Women's Center will once again host its 2007 Christmas Store at a new location (St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church at 4020 12th Ave.-original church). We have increased to over 550 families and anticipate serving more this year. Needed are new unwrapped gifts so our mothers can choose for their family. Suggestions, but not limited, are: sleeping bags, blankets, hats/gloves, hand held games, and gift certificates to Safeway, Target, McDonalds, etc.

Please drop off gifts before Dec. 10th to Wellspring Women's Center at 3414 4th Ave. Drop off gifts at St. Paul's Church from Dec. 10th-18th. Also needed: Volunteers to help set up the store/shop with guests. If you can give a morning/afternoon between Dec. 10-21st, call 454-9688 Ex. 205 to help or to arrange a pick up of gifts if needed.

LOAVES & FISHES ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER DONATIONS NEEDED

DATE: Tuesday, November 20, 2007 **TIME:** 11:00 AM

PLACE: 1321 No. C Street, Sacramento

NEEDS: 200 Turkeys - Cooked/Sliced with a Jar of Drippings
300 Baked Pies - Assorted kinds
Apple Juice - Gallon size
Hot Chocolate Mix - Large size
Yams - Large cans
Green Beans - Large cans
Cranberry Sauce - Large cans
2000 New Socks - One-Size-Fits-All

DELIVERY:

Loaves & Fishes Warehouse at 1400 No. C Street
Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 17-18 from 9AM to 3PM;
Monday, November 19th from 7 AM to 4PM .

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.

UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO SPRING 2008 COURSES

The University of Sacramento is excited to announce the Spring 2008 course offerings for all three of our programs in Catholic Faith Formation:

- Master of Arts in Education with an Emphasis in Catholic Faith Formation
- Advanced Certificate in Catechetics
- Basic Certificate in Catechetics

If you are interested, or would like to attend an Open House or register for a class, please feel free to contact Lesley McPherson at 443-4760, ext. 16, or at lmcperson@universityofsacramento.org. Applications and Registration Forms for all three programs may be located online at www.universityofsacramento.org.

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.

VOCATION RETREAT IN LOOMIS: The Oblates of St. Joseph will have a special Vocation Retreat weekend on November 30th - December 2nd at Mount St Joseph in Loomis for any young man 16 and older who may be interested in finding out more about the priesthood and religious life. Please call: Father Phil (916) 652-6336 or cell: (916) 276-1129.

NEW MUSIC PROGRAM AT CRISTO REY

Cristo Rey High School, in its second year, is beginning a music program for its students. We are seeking donations of guitars, stands, or any musical instruments. Call for more info or pick-up and TAX ID information. Contact Elsa or Jade @ Cristo Rey High School, 733-2660.

IMAGINE THE DIFFERENCE YOU CAN MAKE!!

Immaculate Heart Radio's Fall Pledge Drive will be on the air Wednesday, November 28th through Friday, November 30th - from 6 am to 6 pm each day. Please join us if you can to help answer phone calls, run errands, or help with hospitality. If you can help for an hour or two for one day or a couple of hours each day, please call Debora Heinrichs at 535-0500 Ext. 221 or email her at dheinrichs@lhradio.org.

WHERE NO BELIEVER HAS GONE BEFORE...

The first Sunday of Advent signals the start of a new liturgical year, with the focus on the Gospel of Matthew. To help us prepare, scripture scholar Ann Denham will present an introduction to the Gospel of Matthew: Matthew's Vision: Boldly Going Where No Believer Has Gone Before. Wednesday, Nov 14, 6:30-8:45 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Sacramento, in Brunsman Hall. Dinner is at 6:30 pm; the presentation is at 7:00 pm; \$8 donation in advance/ \$10 at the door.

SCRIPTURE INSTITUTE

The 2007-2008 Diocesan Scripture Institute is underway with presentations on the Bible being given every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (2110 Broadway, Sacramento). These presentations are digitally video recorded and available for viewing over the Internet free of charge. How to view the video presentations: (1) Visit <http://diocese-sacramento.org>, (2) Hover your mouse cursor over "Evangelization & Catechesis" on the left main menu, (3) Click on "Scripture Institute", (4) Choose the topic you wish to learn about and click "View Streaming Video" next to that topic.