



† Servant Leader †

RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART

In this Lenten penitential season, and through indications of an increase of penitents, or simply a sense of renewed interest in confession, the reminders are circulating that there's no better time for a comeback than Lent. I pray that all our people, active and inactive in the church, will avail themselves of the Lenten season for confession.

Like any pastoral effort, it is the Spirit who moves hearts to conversion and who pours his forgiveness and his love into countless souls in the church. In addition, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the sacrament responds to deep human yearnings which are beautifully conveyed by its various names.

Sometimes it is called the sacrament of conversion because it "makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1423). In the voice of the Church, people hear the voice of the Father Himself saying, 'Come back home.'"

The sacrament is also called the sacrament of penance because it consecrates a person's conversion, penance and satisfaction. One of the purposes of the Church is to convey both the need and the beauty of the sacrament, as well as to catechize people on how to examine their conscience and to receive the sacrament fruitfully. In this way their steps of conversion and penance are made explicit and consecrated in the grace of the sacrament. One pastor made a memorable and warm invitation to his parishioners: "If you are still a little frightened, anxious or nervous about receiving the sacrament please do not worry; the priests will gladly walk you through the process. Come and celebrate with your parish priest the great gift of God's compassion."

One of the most common names for the sacrament is simply confession because disclosure of one's sins to a priest is an essential part of it. While this self-disclosure can be difficult, it can also be profoundly liberating as we acknowledge our sins and as we resolve out loud to avoid them, through grace, in the future. One priest remarked, "I cannot understand why people choose to walk a life that is less than alive when all it takes is the courage to say, 'Bless me Father, for I have sinned.'" Confession does take courage, but what an extraordinary reward!

Another name is the sacrament of forgiveness which refers to its greatest effect, the pardon of our sins and the gift of the Lord's peace. When a pastor narrated his own conversion story to his people, and said that in receiving this sacrament "a great burden was lifted" from his shoulders, it resonated with many of his people. We all need forgiveness since we have all sinned, and the guilt that we bear begins to accumulate and to weigh us down. The sacrament of forgiveness is the Lord's gift to "all who labor and are heavy laden" and to whom he promises rest. "Take my yoke upon you," Jesus says, "and learn from me, for I am meek and

humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Finally, the Catechism reminds us that this gift from God is also called the sacrament of reconciliation since it reconciles sinners to God and to each other in the ecclesial community. Echoing Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians, one priest simply stated that "ours is a ministry of reconciliation." To be reconciled means not only to ask for pardon; it means hearing that the pardon is given. The reconciliation which a priest is asked to mediate, both in the name of God and in the name of the Church, includes both the admission of guilt on the part of the penitent and the audible forgiveness on the part of the priest. In this sacrament we enjoy the explicit confirmation of forgiveness, suited perfectly to our own human desire for reconciliation, and an enduring proof of God's unfathomable love for each of his children.

The most important blessing of renewed attendance at confession is the spiritual healing and sacramental forgiveness of so many people. It is important to highlight the sacrament of confession in a public way and give an important witness to our neighbors about the importance of God and our need for his help and his mercy. Confession is a beautiful gift from God.

Consider a simple analogy: on the physical level we all say that we want good health. But how easily we find ourselves pulled away from the exercise and healthy eating that are needed to achieve and maintain good health! We want - and yet we do not really want - physical health. So, too, in the spiritual life: we say that we want the peace, joy, and serenity that come from communion with God and each other. Yet how easily we find ourselves pulled into attitudes and actions that destroy the possibility of genuine communion! We say that we want - and yet our actions show that we do not really want - spiritual health...

But why do we need to confess our sins out loud to a priest? Doesn't Jesus already know what we've done? Yes - he knows better than we do! We confess our sins, in words, to a priest, for the same reason that we tell all our symptoms to a physician: so that he can help us to understand the medicine we need, and what it will do for us. We confess our sins out loud to priest so that we will know all that Christ has to heal, and how he will go about doing it.

Do we believe that our faith, and the expression of it in outward signs, plays a vital role in the forgiveness of sins? Or do we stay away from the Sacrament of Penance because we think that God "will heal us without any sign of our consent? We must let our hearts be converted by the witness of the Gospels: our expression of faith is essential to healing, because it allows us to turn our wounds toward Jesus, the

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Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

SPECIAL NEEDS - SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

While strong support of Holy Family through regular weekly collections and the Legacy Restoration Appeal continue to be the central, critical focus of stewardship at Holy Family, many parishioners have expressed an interest in making additional personal contributions earmarked especially for specific needs that arise from time to time. The following "wish list" of current special needs presents a handful of perfect opportunities to offer such particular support:

- Our confessionals are in the process of undergoing a "Spiritual Makeover" which includes new carpet, paint, lighting, privacy curtains and beautiful wall tapestries to create an inviting, private environment for this sacred Sacrament. The total cost of these renovations will be around \$2,000.
- We are in need of additional altar server albs and replacement of rope cinctures in the colors of the liturgical seasons. The estimated cost will be around \$600 – 10 albs in various sizes at \$50 apiece and 20 cinctures at \$5 each.
- We are also in need of five additional violet priests' stoles to accommodate visiting priests for reconciliation services and various concelebrated liturgies. The estimated cost of these will be \$500, or \$100 for each stole.

If you are able to fund or help fund any of these special projects, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. For more information or to offer your support, please contact Fr. Kiernan or Deacon Mark in the Parish Office.

DIOCESAN FOOD BOWL LENT 2008

Please help those less fortunate while keeping the Lenten disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving by supporting the 31st Annual Food Bowl.

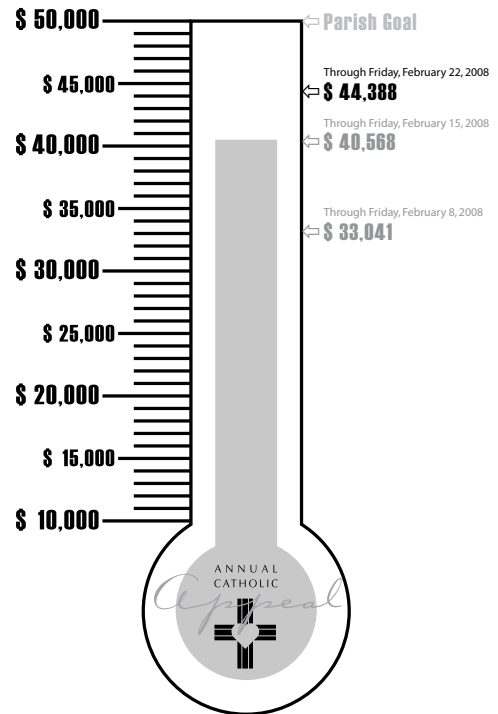
NEEDED: FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENTS

St. Patrick's Foster Care & Adoption Agency, is looking for individuals & families that are interested in becoming a Foster Parent or adopting a child. Children of all ages and ethnicities are waiting to be adopted. For more information call 421-1620 ext. 230 and ask for Cynthia, Social Service Assistant.

ST. PATRICK'S HOME FOR CHILDREN CAR DONATION PROGRAM

Your donation of a vehicle would be a huge help to our programs and is very easy to do. You simply call us and we will make all arrangements to get your vehicle handled as quickly as possible. Please call Roger Abbot at 428-1601.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL THERE'S STILL TIME TO CONTRIBUTE



Holy Family Parish
generously supports the
2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Jan 27	\$ 10,331.00
Feb 3	\$ 11,798.00
Feb 10	\$ 10,805.00
Feb 17	\$ 10,034.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 357,985.00
Goal-to-Date (34 Weeks)	\$ 374,000.00
% of Goal Collected	95.72 %
Annual Goal	\$ 572,000.00
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL	
Parish Goal	\$ 50,000.00
Collected and Pledged to Date	\$ 44,388.00
% of Goal Collected and Pledged	88.78 %
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Food Bowl	\$ 393.66
<i>When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!</i>	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thu: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sun: Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Questions of the Week:

Children: How do you experience Jesus helping and loving you?

Youth: How can you be "living water" to the outcasts of your school? Society? The world?

Adults: How do you experience Christ's power in your life: sacraments? scripture? prayer? others?

MASS INTENTIONS

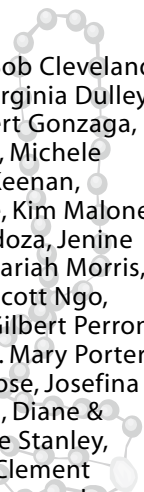
Mon: John Hickey -Int.; Michael Hickey -Int.; Stephen Vidrine -Int.
Tue: Margaret Hermreck +; Stephen Vidrine -Int.; Norma Ramirez +
Wed: Stephen Vidrine -Int.; Remo Lucchetti -Int.; Julian Padilla +
Thu: Stephen Vidrine -Int.; Dorothy T. Janis + Josefina Santiago -Int.
Fri: Stephen Vidrine -Int.; Josefina Santiago -Int.
Sat: 8:30 am Mass Kathy Soria -Int.
Sun: 9:00 am Mass Frank Gaul +



GET THE WORD! The March issue of the Magnificat is available in the religious articles store for \$4.00.

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
Richard Blanco, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard Burke, Bob Cleveland, Marie Crane, Darren Crose, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Olivia Garcia, Ralph Gingrich, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Timothy Goodwin, Jason Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Michele Hock, Kathleen Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Keenan, Jonnie Kuennen, Karen Lewis, Donald Maguire, Kim Malone, Earl Mattingly, Joan McShane, Rigoberto Mendoza, Jenine Michilena, Msgr. Mistretta, Xochitl Montano, Mariah Morris, Jason Murphy, Elliott Jerome Neal, Andy Ngo, Scott Ngo, Cora Orzol, LeeAnn Parrott, Maryanne Pelzel, Gilbert Perron, Steve Phelps, Jennifer Pinnow, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Suzanne Rose, Josefina Santiago, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jardee Stanley, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, Larry Thompson, X. Thompson, Evelyn Urbano, Jovita Vargar, Jean Villanueva, Mike Walker, Emily Walsh, Marvin Webster, Sharel Wilson



WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT: It's almost time for our annual women's retreat weekend. Sign up now for the weekend of Feb 29-Mar 2, 2008 at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. For reservations call Chyrl Marquez at 723-1468 or Barbie Meistas at 725-5973 or the Retreat Center at (916) 725-4720.



Holy Family School

Holy Family School teachers and students are anticipating an exciting week of unique learning experiences, enjoyable activities, and the formal beginning of the sentimental journey to graduation for the Class of 2008. Seventh graders will see medieval history come to life Tuesday afternoon when the traveling Medieval Tournament performs in the Parish Community Center. This follows the eighth graders' march in graduation gowns to the same location Tuesday morning for graduation pictures. Fifth graders are focusing on the Wednesday deadline for the Jackson-Hewitt sponsored essay contest which addresses patriotic themes, and the whole student body will be involved in the Student Council's Career Day on Friday. The winter doldrums simply do not exist at Holy Family!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Email: hfyouthministry@yahoo.com

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

Are you tough enough to take on the Holy Family Gladiators??? Join us next Sunday, March 2nd for the NEW High School Youth Group following the 6:00 PM Mass (7:15-8:45 PM) in the Community Center for your chance to take on the Gladiators to win prizes.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: ARE YOU READY FOR THE EDGE?

A Youth Group just for teens in grades 6-8 is coming to Holy Family and will kick off on Monday, March 17th (7-8:30 PM). More details to follow...

BLOOD DRIVE REMINDER:

A reminder that our next blood drive will be on Sunday March 2. Those wishing to make an appointment can call Larry Larsen in the evenings at 961-1036. Early donors are appreciated. Everyone of course is welcome!



CALLING ALL PYXES

All of the pyxes for communion to the sick that belong to the parish are out. If you have one which you are no longer using, it would be greatly appreciated if you would return it to the sacristy so that others may make use of it, as well.

SPRING - LENTEN 2008 "40 DAYS FOR LIFE"

It's official--we have been given the go ahead by Bishop Weigand. Sacramento is registered for the Spring (Lenten) "40 Days for Life," February 6th (Ash Wednesday) through March 16th. All churches are invited to participate. Spend some of your Lenten fasting, penance and prayer time in front of a clinic. Pray to end the scourge of abortion and speak out for the unborn baby who has no voice. Those who participated last year truly felt God's graces. Please call Sally Fisher at 780-5305.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES

The refrigerator and freezer in St. Joseph Hall will be cleaned monthly. Please label all foods and keep in sealed containers. All outdated items will be removed during cleaning. The next scheduled cleaning will be April 2, 2008.

ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS FOURTH DAY:

Fourth Day will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the back room of the Parish Office. Prior to the meeting, if you desire, we will meet in the Chapel for Adoration at 7:00 pm. For more information, please call Young Stewart at 332-8732.

KNIGHTS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

ALL CHILDREN of the Parish and friends are invited to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by our Knights of Columbus! This fun event will be held on Saturday March 22 at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. One child in each age group who finds the "golden egg" will win a prize basket! Age groups are: 4 & under; 5, 6, 7; and 8, 9, 10. Bring a basket, and please be in front of the Community Center before 1:00 sharp, as we always start on time, and all 1,000 candy-filled eggs will be found quickly! This event has been an annual Holy Family event for over 20 years! Gather your children and grandchildren and enjoy the fun! For more information, contact Chris Ornelas at 601-4989.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you to all of you who came to the auditions for our Variety Show. What wonderful talent you all have. I'm sure that this year's show will be a success once again. Keep March 15, 2008, open on your calendar for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking up a wonderful meal of corned beef and cabbage as always. There will be entertainment, a raffle and door prizes. What a great way to get the family together while honoring one of our great saints. Happy Hour is at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$12.00 per person. If you would like to make reservations, please call Anita Marsolais at 723-1775 – and if you need more details, she will be glad to help. Thanks for your support and hope to see you there!

STATIONS of the CROSS

THIS WEEK,
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29
7:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY
SOUP & BREAD
MEAL

Lent — Begin the Journey . . .

Are you or someone you know contemplating a **journey of faith** into the **Catholic Church**? How long have you thought about it? Now is the time to take that first step.

You are invited to ask questions and begin a journey that will guide the rest of your life.

Are you a Catholic who has resolved to learn more about your Catholic faith?

Join with others on a journey that will guide the rest of your life. For more information, please call Deacon Mark in the Parish Office at 723-2494, extension 305.

You are invited to **visit us Wednesday evenings at 7:30** in our faith formation classroom in the **Community Center** on the East side of the parking lot, across from the church...



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divine physician, and accept the healing he offers. Believing this, let us be drawn to the Sacrament of Penance as a sacrament of healing, a sacrament in which we exercise our faith in Jesus' desire to heal us, and allow him to perform mighty deeds in our own lives.

By whatever name one wishes to call it - Confession, Penance, Reconciliation - and in all the varying forms it has assumed through the ages, the underlying reality of this sacrament remains the same: it is the privileged way in which our desire to be healed meets God's desire to heal us.

Therefore, I want to issue this invitation to the people of Holy Family where we will have extra hours of confession as needed in this Lenten season: come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, of Penance, of Confession. Come to know the particularity and depth of God's healing love for you. Come to meet Christ, the Divine Physician, and receive the healing love he offers.

Next week's bulletin will have full details of our Lenten Reconciliation Service and the confession schedule for the remainder of Lent and Holy Week - Don't miss it!

SPECIAL EVENT

WATTSON-KIDDER LECTURE SERIES - ECUMENISM

The Holy Father encourages the entire Church to pray for the unity of all Christian faiths. Christ prayed, "...that they all may be one." On February 26, the North State Ecumenical Conference will sponsor the Paul Wattson-Marie Kidder Lecture Series, featuring a talk on ecumenism by Fr. James Puglisi, Minister General of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, and Director of the Center for Unity in Rome. Fr. Puglisi's presentation is at 7:00 pm this Tuesday, February 26 at Jesuit High School. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, please call the Diocesan Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, 733-0253; or email John Gisla at: jfgisla@surewest.net.

CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY:

Once again the Catholic Ladies Relief Society #11 of Holy Family Parish is welcoming all the women in our parish to become members.

We serve the needy with food from our closet on a daily basis. We provide the preparations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. We provide monetary assistance each month to the " Feed The Needy meal" that is served each Wednesday.

To earn the money to provide this help we have a white elephant sale the 1st Sunday of November and a garage sale following for the remaining items not sold. We serve at the K of C breakfast on the same Sunday and receive a portion of their profits. We have a bus trip to San Francisco the first Saturday of December. In the future we are planning on selling used books at the K of C Breakfasts each month.

We depend on our very generous parishioners and the school children for a good portion of our canned goods and monetary assistance.

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month except July and August. Please give me a call if you are interested. Or contact any member you may already know.

Thank You, Joyce Schweitzer, President 781-8753

LENTEN ROSARY DEVOTION:

The church asks us to increase our prayer during Lent, and the Blessed Mother calls us to especially include recitation of the rosary. In the 15th Century, Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, presented to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche a list of 15 promises for those who have a true devotion to the recitation of the rosary. You can find this powerful list of promises at the entrances of the church. The people of Holy Family have a wonderful opportunity to respond to her call by joining in the community rosary that is recited in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel daily (except Sunday) after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Pray the rosary. We all shall benefit by it!

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.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

Learn to establish a closer relationship with the Lord. In this 15 week Workshop you will learn different methods of prayer, different ways of speaking with the Lord. In the process you will become more Christ-like: You will become more loving, more forgiving, more humble. The Workshop is held on Wednesday evening 7-9 PM in the School Math Room. For more information call Irene Cervantes, 972-8585.

UPCOMING RETREATS AT CHRIST THE KING

**Lenten Mid-Week Retreat for both Men and Women
March 11-13, 2008**

Theme: I Am Who AM ... Delighting in the River of Grace

Rooms available after 4 :00 pm. Retreat begins Tuesday at 6:30 pm with dinner and concludes with lunch on Thursday. For reservations please call: Margaret at 725-4720

**Easter Triduum Retreat for Men and Women
March 20 - 23, 2008**

Begins with dinner at 6:30 pm. and ends on Easter Sunday at 10:00 am after Brunch

Cost: \$70 per night, with room and meals.

For reservations please call: Margaret at 725-4720



**Christ the King
Passionist Retreat Center**

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT APRIL 11-13

Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, April 11-13 in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie @ (916)733-0161 or send email to dkanderson@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

HELP WANTED IN THE SACRAMENTO DIOCESE SCHOOLS FINANCIAL SERVICES COORDINATOR

The Diocese has an immediate opening for an experienced accountant to perform school financial operations reviews, analysis of annual school financial reports and give advice and counsel to clients regarding financial administration. The position is temporary but may work into a regular full time position with benefits. Salary based on qualifications. Desired qualifications: bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in business, preferably in accounting or financial management; excellent oral and written communication skills; and strong attention to detail. Resumes only to Diocesan Office of Lay Personnel, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818-2541 or e-mail: personnel@diocese-sacramento.org

JOB OPENING AT THE PASTORAL CENTER:

The Department of Evangelization & Catechesis has an immediate opening for a full-time (35 hours) clerical support person. Applicants must possess excellent phone & computer skills. For more information, or if you are interested in applying, please call 916-733-0123.

BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY

The Roseville Knights Of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a Bus Trip to Silver Legacy, Reno on Sunday, March 16th. The cost is \$28 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.

MASS FOR SINGLE ADULTS

The Single Adult Ministry of the Diocese (S.A.M.), invites adult singles to a Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2008, to be hosted at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1951 North Avenue, Sacramento. Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner with a special appearance and talk by Bishop Jaime Soto at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Contact MaryLee Barcena at 419-9845 or e-mail MaryLee at mbarcena@earthlink.net.

KNIGHTS INDEPENDENT LIVING RETIREMENT FACILITY

The California Knights of Columbus own and operate an independent living retirement facility for seniors in historic Marysville, California. The two-story, garden style building, located across the street from St. Joseph's Catholic Church is designed like a luxury hotel, except that it has the friendliness and warmth of your own private home. The rates are reasonable. Each room has a private bath. Three delicious, well-balanced meals are served daily. Housekeeping, linens, laundry facilities, 24 hour medical emergency monitoring, chapel, library, elevator, lounge, patio and garden area, are included in one low price. If you would like to visit us at 230 8th St. Marysville, CA 95901, or would like more information, please call us at (530) 743-7542 or visit us on-line at www.columbianretirementhome.org.

SACRAMENTO CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND PLANNED

Do you want to enrich your faith? If so, you may want to consider attending the Sacramento Cursillo Men's Weekend, taking place March 27-30, 2008. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. There are talks, discussions, fellowship, sharing, singing, laughter, and prayer. For those with children in Catholic High Schools, Cursillo is the "adult version" of Kairos. The weekend will take place at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center in Applegate, CA. For more information, please visit www.sacramentocursillo.org or contact Wendy Raemaeker at 972-1794 or Young Stewart at 332-8732.

MARRIED COUPLES:

One of the greatest gifts you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Renew your love at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. Call Raul and Gayla Ponce at 530-532-0842 or srsregistrar@comcast.net for more information. Next area-WWME Weekend: April 18-20, Sacramento.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sponsored by The Diocesan Women's Commission

- First Annual Event -

"On the Dignity and Vocation of Women"

Sunday, March 2, 2008 Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Diocesan Pastoral Center 2110 Broadway Sacramento

Reflection on the Apostolic Letter of John Paul II

"On the Dignity and Vocation of Women"

Followed by a panel of three speakers who will address
Current Realities that Violate Human Dignity

Space is limited. Please reserve your space early.

E-mail to: m.girard@diocese-sacramento.org or fax to:

Women's Commission, 733-0195

or call 684-0182 or 392-2796

\$5 Donation (door) benefits Wellsprings Women's Center