

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**HORAS DE OFICINA DE LA PARROQUIA**

Monday/ Lunes 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday - Friday/ Martes - Viernes 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday/ Sábado y Domingo Closed

**MASS SCHEDULE - HORARIO DE MISAS**

Daily Mass (Mon-Sat)/ Misa Diaria (Lunes-Sábado) 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil/ Vigilia Sabatina 4:30 pm

Sunday / Domingo

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 6:00 pm (in English)

10:30 am (en Español)

Holy Days/ Días de Fiesta 8:30 am, 6:00 pm (in English)

7:30 pm (en Español)

**CONFESSIONS - CONFESIONES**

Saturday/ Sábado 3:00 - 4:00 pm (in English and Spanish)

In addition to the time shown, confessions are available by appointment in English and Spanish.

Además de estos horarios, las confesiones están disponibles pidiendo cita y son en inglés o español.

**MARRIAGES - MATRIMONIOS**

Six months advance notice requested -

Please contact the parish office.

Avisar seis meses antes -

Por favor contacte la oficina de la parroquia.

**BAPTISMS - BAUTISMOS**

Please contact Rebecca Kistler (916) 726-7217

Por favor llame a Lupita Wandry (916) 489-3673

**TODAY / THIS WEEKEND**

**PARISH PHOTO SIGN-UPS**

Additional dates available - sign up online. (See Page 4.)

**BREAKFAST IS SERVED**

The Hispanic Ministry is serving breakfast today in the Community Center after the 7:30 and 9:00 am Masses and Pupusas after the 10:30 am Mass. (See page 5.)

**THIS WEEK**

**THE BREAKFAST CLUB:**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings this Summer 8:30 am  
Open to Middle and High School Youth! (See page 4.)

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

"What Makes Us Catholic?"

Wednesday June 18, 7:00 pm in the school library (See page 5.)

**TEEN DROP-IN:**

This Wednesday, June 18th, 3-7 pm in the Youth Office.  
(See page 4.)

**NEW THEOLOGY OF THE BODY SERIES**

Every Thursday evening from 7-9pm beginning June 19th  
in the Community Center (See page 5.)

**NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND**

**SPECIAL MISSIONARY COLLECTION**

Fr. Abraham will present a mission appeal on behalf of the Church in India. (See page 3.)

**YOUTH MINISTRY MINI GOLF**

Sunday, June 22, following 6:00 Mass. (See page 4.)

**FAREWELL PARTY FOR FR. RON**

A Pot Luck is planned for Saturday, June 28th. (See Page 5)



June 15, 2008 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Mt 10:8*

† Servant Leader †

## NOTES ON SPIRITUAL EXERCISES BY FR. RANIERO CANTALAMESSA GUADALAJARA, JUNE 1-6, 2008

About 50 Bishops, 150 priests and almost 500 lay leaders of Caritas (Catholic Charities in the USA), from Canada to Chile attended this fine conference, conducted in Spanish. A marvelous sight was the flags of all the countries from Canada to Chile around the flags of the Vatican and host country Mexico with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the center. What a great group of people gathered for these days -- the church in miniature! There was so much love, respect, care and peace, joy from beginning to end, a taste of Heaven. Splendid was the joy of those present with care and help for one another - easy, relational, happy and faith in action community. Some people may have grown up with fear of God, priests and the church but none of this was present as priests, sisters and lay people joked with each other, shared challenges together, as sisters and brothers gathered in Christ. A moving site was to see Cardinal Josef Paul Cordes kneeling in his priest suit with everyone during Benediction and the long meditation period giving witness of humility by an older man. Father Cantalamessa spoke beautifully in this Adoration time. We adore only God - what a privilege and joy! It was such a blessing to stay at a Retreat Center with 21 priests from all over South American which gave me total Spanish immersion for the week.

Cardinal Cordes opened with a quote from Pope Benedict XVI highlighting the work of the church as above all for the poor, disabled and disturbed. He then introduced Fr. Cantalamessa who spoke with warmth, love, humor, kindness, simplicity, vision, and joy in a realistic understanding of the world. Father Cantalamessa is 50 years a priest, in his mid-seventies, but full of life, energy and service of God and people. He structured the whole retreat on the *Veni Creator Spiritus* using a particular strophe for each conference, singing it in Latin and reading it in the languages present, English, Spanish and French. Sometimes in conferences he would ask: "are you tired?" and would sing a short song with hands elevated in joy and prayer. He spoke of his delight and joy that people listened to his "poor self" for so long. He said: "If I am not any good I can at least help people grow in the virtue of patience." He would say "a little penance is part of the retreat." He would break his talk to keep us interested and often ask for help in best expressing himself. The people felt very comfortable and many would share joyfully with him how to express something in a more correct way.

This great retreat centered on the Holy Spirit who was present at the dawn of creation and is in the life of the church as subject of charity and service. The Holy Spirit invites us to know and love all people so our contact with other faiths is not based on politics but to experience truth always as part of the Truth of God. He spoke of the Paraclete as the personal title of the Holy Spirit who is not something but someone. Each of

us is called to be a paraclete in the same sense as the Holy Spirit consoles, defends, encourages others. The Holy Spirit must have hands and eyes and we are these for the Spirit. We give not only things to people but the gift of God, comforting, helping, teaching people. We must have a sentiment of charity in our lives at all times. Charity is not a nice secular act but a presence of the love of Christ in the Spirit. Zacchaeus in the scriptures is saved and becomes charitable. The Virgin Mary speaks of a silent but radical revolution in the way of life brought about by Christ's coming. The poor and hungry of Jesus' time were open to change and did not fear it. Political revolutions take place at various times in history but in the church we have eternal revolution of the ways of the world in the counterculture of Christ. We are called to faith and service of others, to build a world of justice, peace and equality for all people. The greatest evil against the poor is indifference. We must not view the poor from a distance but have the care of all people in the depths of our soul. The greatest responsibility we have is to promote the good of all peoples. Pope Benedict XVI asks: "what are we to do about the scandal of poverty in our world especially among women and children? We need a hunger for justice in our world."

There are many images in the world on TV, Web, newspapers, etc. that are not reality. The church must offer a real picture of the world in the light of Christ. Fr. Cantalamessa quoted from the Apocalypse God's warning to the Church to be either hot or cold. God is knocking at the door today as in the Apocalypse. Each of us must pray to be a prophet of God to bring God's way and action to the world. The Eucharist is the great meal of God's people as all are welcome regardless of their situation whether poor or rich. The church must help in all sorts of ways--prayers, confession, religious classes, schools, parish social programs, counseling programs, indeed the faith itself. We are not just to take care of physical needs but the whole person since God is the true Healer. We are to help people know God, make good choices, avoid the evils of our times, drugs, pornography, harmful sex, internet addiction, etc. We often ask: "How is the church to help the world's problems with all the different situations and the way the world lives?" We do not have a program of politics for the world, but we must enrich the world with the life and message of Christ who is the seed and source of all that is good. We can enlighten the world if we live His way. We must never lose our faith if things are not as we want and hope. We must instead always trust, and act in Christ in our daily life to change the world. A vital part of the church life is to help seminarians and young priests to be active in social matters in the full life of the church. We must preach the Gospel in its fullness, dealing

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# Stewardship

~ a way of life ~

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Next Sunday, June 22, we will be blessed with a visit from Fr. Abraham, a missionary from India, who has worked with the people of the state of Orissa for twelve years. He will be with us for a mission appeal on behalf of the Church in India.

I am sure that you will enjoy his kind and gentle demeanor as he shares with us the hope, the joys, the sorrows and concerns of the people he has served.

The proceeds from this appeal will be used primarily for the education of the poor children of Berhampur Diocese, Orissa India. The beneficiaries will receive educational opportunities along with other benefits that will promote their overall growth. Your offering for the second collection will provide poor children benefits including tuition, school supplies, textbooks, school uniforms, nutrition and clothing.

According to the latest Statistics released by the State of Orissa, in India, where the diocese of Berhampur is situated, more than 60% of the people are illiterate. Among the children, who are not attending schools, the majority of them are girls and those from the poorest and socially excluded households.

You can make a difference in their lives. Your generous second collection will support the above mission and the students.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY THANK YOU**

The Bereavement Ministry, which provides receptions after a funeral or memorial mass, would like to thank all those who have helped with food prep, clean-up, or set-up. You truly are a blessing. We would especially like to thank Simon Sucharski, Jerry Brady, Manuel Marquez, Bob Desrochers, and Ron Schaefer for their help with the heavy tasks, and wish them Happy Father's Day.

**— 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.

**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.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

With the beginning of the new fiscal year approaching, I again humbly and deeply thank you for your great generosity to Holy Family Parish. As always, I am grateful for the dedication and hard work of our Finance Council. I hope you continue to review the stewardship report that appears in each Sunday's bulletin, and I hope you find it useful. This week's report shows that we are at just over 96% of our goal with three weekends to go, counting this one. Perhaps a little year-end push can drive us even closer to that goal!

May God continue to bless you in your generosity, and may you and your families enjoy a blessed summer, and have an abundance for every good work in the Lord.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The theme for this year's collection echoes the theme of the Holy Father's apostolic journey to the United States in April 2008 – "Christ Our Hope." The theme reflects the message of Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical Spe Salvi: an invitation for people to encounter Jesus Christ personally. In the encyclical, Pope Benedict said that faith in Christ brings well-founded hope in eternal salvation, the "great hope" that can sustain people through the trials of this world.

The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, disease, and natural disaster. It is an opportunity for Catholics to stand in solidarity with the universal Church and to offer hope to those in need.

<b>STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE</b>	
<b>GENERAL COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 11,000.00
May 18.....	\$ 9,052.00
May 25.....	\$ 10,516.00
June 1.....	\$ 12,682.00
June 8.....	\$ 10,459.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$ 530,724.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (50 Weeks)	\$ 550,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>96.50 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal (53 Weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 583,000.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
Legacy Restoration Appeal .....	\$ TBD
<p><i>"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed," Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, "and nothing hidden that will not become known." May our stewardship of God's gifts be such that we would not be ashamed if it were seen in the clear light of day.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>See Matthew 10:26</i></p>	

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42  
Tue: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48  
Wed: 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14/Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
Thu: Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15  
Fri: 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20/Mt 6:19-23  
Sat: St. Aloysius Gonzaga: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34  
Sun: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



## QUESTION OF THE DAY

Children: What are the small ways in which you help others around you?

Youth: What have you done in the last year to serve others? How can you be more compassionate to those in need?

Adults: In what ways in which you are sent to heal, teach, and "give the gift" of faith which you have received?

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Gilbert Perron +; Mary Walker +  
Margarita Garcia -Int.  
Tue: Clarence Sikorski -Int.; Ralph Torres +  
Tony Mendoza +  
Wed: Tony Zemba -Int.; Karen Woods -Int.  
Norm De Guzman +  
Thu: Marquise Deveaux +; Rob West +  
Fri: Mrs. Lu Zemba -Int.; Frederick Kam +  
Sat: 4:30 pm Mass Margaret Hermreck +  
Sun: 7:30 am Mass Helen Enlow +  
Joan Lewis +  
9:00 am Mass Ralph Torres +  
6:00 pm Mass Pro Populo



## PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:  
Virginia Batina, Richard Blanco, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard Burke, Sandi Burton, Verna Chirco, Jordan Courtright, Marie Crane, Darren Crose, Scott Crose, Clare Curran, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Sean Ehnen, Henrietta Escovilla, Loretta Francescon, Gabbie Galdamez, Olivia Garcia, Ralph Gingrich, Emil Giusti, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Timothy Goodwin, Delia Grijalva, Max Guerra, Jason Hayes, Stanley Hayes, Michele Hock, Lila Jarvis, Kathleen Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Bill Keenan, Sheema Khan, Jonnie Kuennen, Karen Lewis, Kim Malone, Carmel Matranga, Joan McShane, Rigoberto Mendoza, Jenine Michilena, Msgr. Mistretta, Xochitl Montano, Mariah Morris, Jason Murphy, Elliott Jerome Neal, Andy Ngo, Scott Ngo, LeeAnn Parrott, Loretta Parsons, Maryanne Pelzel, Steve Phelps, Nona Piha, Jennifer Pinnow, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Bonnie Rasher, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Evangeline Romero, Suzanne Rose, Josefina Santiago, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Debra Scott, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jardee Stanley, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, Frances Thomas, I. Thompson, Laurence Thompson, Xavier Thompson, Evelyn Urbano, Jovita Vargar, Jean Villanueva, Mike Walker, Emily Walsh, Marvin Webster, Angela Williams, Sharel Wilson

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## YOUTH EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday (6/16): Breakfast Club 8:30-10:30 AM;  
Wednesday (6/18): Breakfast Club 8:30-10:30 AM, Teen Drop-In 3-7 PM;  
Friday (6/20): Breakfast Club 8:30-10:30 AM.

## HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:

Make sure you grab a permission slip from the Youth Office or e-mail Victor (hfyouthministry@yahoo.com) for our Mini Golf trip next Sunday, June 22nd, following the 6:00 PM Mass. The cost is \$15 and includes mini-golf, food, and tokens for video games... Also, grab a permission slip for our Day of Fun in the Sun with the Youth Group in Woodland on Sunday June 29th... details available on the blogspot...

## TEEN DROP-IN:

Teen Drop-In resumes this Wednesday (June 18th) from 3-7 PM for teens to drop-in, hang-out, and play games: air hockey, board games, video games and karaoke, etc... Open to Middle and High School Youth!

## THE BREAKFAST CLUB:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings this summer all teens are invited to join The Breakfast Club! We meet @ 8:30 AM for Mass in the Church, then head over to the Youth Office for Breakfast and a Bible Study/Small Faith Group... 8:30-10:30 AM... Open to Middle and High School Youth!



## CHECK US OUT ONLINE!!!

Got questions about our Summer Schedule of Youth Ministry Events??? Then Check out our Blogspot: [www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com](http://www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com) and stay in the loop...

## PARISH FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

We have added a couple more days to our portrait schedule. If you access the Lifetouch calendar through our parish web site, you will find that we have added June 10, 11, 26, 27, and 28th.

In order to make these days available we are required to meet a minimum number of portrait appointments for each day. If we don't meet the minimum for any given day, we will need to transfer the appointments for that day to another day.

If you have not already had your portrait taken please take a moment to register online, or contact Deacon Mark in the Parish office @ 723-2494, Extension 305. This truly is a wonderful opportunity to connect as a community. Once again thank you for all of your support.

# Happy Father's Day

## **NEW THEOLOGY OF THE BODY SERIES –**

Have you ever heard the phrase “Theology of the Body” but weren’t quite sure what it meant? Attend a new adult faith formation series, *Created & Redeemed*, at Holy Family Parish that will provide the answer! This series is a dynamic eight week program produced by Christopher West that focuses on God’s original plan for marriage and sexuality and how an understanding of this plan gives profound meaning to all of our lives – whether one is married, single or a consecrated celibate.

The series will run every Thursday evening from 7-9pm beginning June 19 at Holy Family Parish’s Community Center. Format is a DVD presentation followed by a question and answer period with group sharing. Cost for series is \$10 and includes a workbook.

For more information or to register, please call Tim or Julie Desrochers at 784-7622. *(Please see today’s insert.)*

## **TODAY HISPANIC MINISTRY IS SERVING BREAKFAST.**

After the 7:30 and 9:00 am Masses will serve regular breakfast. After the 10:30am Mass, they will serve pupusas, a delicate and flavorful dish typical from El Salvador.

## **FR. RON’S FAREWELL PARTY:**

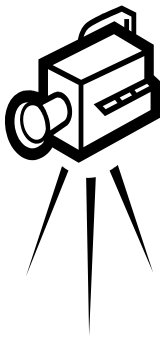
The entire community is cordially invited to a farewell party for Fr. Ron. The special event is planned for Saturday, June 28th, after the 4:30pm Mass in the Community Center.

It’s a Pot Luck, so we are all invited to bring something special to share with Fr. Ron and all our brothers and sisters in our Holy Family. To sign up for dishes, please call Nora Borja at 916-723-6309 or email pilar@apogee.us.

Mark your calendar, and look for more information in next weekend’s bulletin.

## **FIRST COMMUNION DVDS ARE AVAILABLE...**

If you would like to order one of these special DVDs to commemorate our wonderful April 26th parish celebration of First Holy Communion, please call Jen at 215-5553 as soon as possible! Cost of the DVD is \$15.



## **CONFIRMATION TOO!**

The 2008 Confirmation Video/DVD is complete and now available. Secure your copy of this timeless keepsake that captures the blessed event. Contact Jim Fullenwider at 916-479-7047 for order information.

## **THANK YOU**

Thanks to all at who helped make the Lay Dominican first reception so memorable. Gratefully,  
Mary, Mother of the Eucharist Council



# 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 information call Phyllis Sale at 725-5358.

## **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

We recently completed the initial six-week session of our Catholics Returning Home series. We have now begun to address the question of “What Makes Us Catholic?” We would like to invite anyone from the parish who would like to join us for these sessions on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. This series began last Wednesday, June, June 11th, and sessions are held in the school library. Please contact Deacon Mark in the parish office if you have any questions.

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

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## **CATHOLIC LEGISLATIVE NETWORK**

### **California Catholics in Action**

Make a difference! Join thousands of Catholics throughout California in bringing the richness of Catholic social teaching to our elected representatives in Sacramento and Washington, DC. Help raise the level of ethics, morality and civility in today's public policy debates.

This is a great opportunity for each of us. Join with thousands of other fellow Catholics around the state in making a difference in our communities and advancing the common good.

Please visit [www.capwiz.com/cacatholic/home](http://www.capwiz.com/cacatholic/home) for all instructions of how to join. It will be wonderful to have you and many other Catholics have input on the issues of our times.

### **SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 18**

#### **RALLY TO OPPOSE PLANNED PARENTHOOD FUNDING**

California faces a looming state deficit and massive cuts to Medi-Cal and Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) programs that support children and mothers. Yet abortion services - particularly those offered through Planned Parenthood - remain fully funded. Advocates from around the state will gather in Sacramento on Wednesday, June 18, to ask lawmakers why. A coalition of respect life groups is organizing a Rally for Life on the west steps of the Capitol. The event is scheduled to start at 11:30, with legislative visits following in the afternoon. Contact Carol Hogan, [chogan@cacatholic.org](mailto:chogan@cacatholic.org), for more information and information on groups involved in the event.

### **ULTREYA MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL:**

Saturday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m.

A Shared Ultreya Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament - The Cursillo movements of the Sacramento Diocese are coming together to celebrate their common ministry. We invite the Cursillo communities of all languages to attend. If you are new to Sacramento and have already made your Cursillo, come and introduce yourself. If you have not yet made a weekend and want to know more come and ask. For more information visit our web site [www.sacramentocursillo.org](http://www.sacramentocursillo.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 July 10, 2008 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church 2140 Mission Ave., Carmichael.

The meetings are held from 7:00-9:00 P.M. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10.00 and a \$5.00 weekly fee. For more information please call (916) 835-2282 or visit our website at: [www.sacramentobe.org](http://www.sacramentobe.org).

## **JOB OPENING IN BENICIA**

A full-time Director of Religious Education is needed for the coming school year at St. Dominic's in Benicia. Job description includes directing a total parish catechetical program for about 400 families for Religious Education and coordinating the Sacramental programs for elementary and high school students. Interested applicants may fax a resume to (707) 745-5642 or call (707) 7477220.

## **16TH SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL MARIAN CONFERENCE**

July 4-6, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Conference Center of Foster City - Theme: "Mary Queen of Apostles"

Six International Speakers, Marian, Eucharistic & Charismatic Devotions, Youth & Children's Programs, Healing Service.

Information and Registration call 800-456-4197

E-Mail: [srm.inc@juno.com](mailto:srm.inc@juno.com)

[www.sraphael.com](http://www.sraphael.com) or [www.straphaelministries.org](http://www.straphaelministries.org)

### **EXCELLENT   GOOD   AVERAGE   SO SO**

How do you rate your marriage? If you've checked any of the above, you're a great candidate for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! It's a beautiful weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds. It will take you from where you are to another level! Make this autumn special by devoting one weekend to the most important relationship in your life. The next local Marriage Encounter Weekends are: June 20th to 22nd, August 15th to 17th and September 26th to 28th, 2008. For more information or to register, contact Raul & Gayla Ponce, 866-825-2046 or Email: [srsregistrar@comcast.net](mailto:srsregistrar@comcast.net).

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING**

The Department of Evangelization & Catechesis at the Diocesan Pastoral Center has an opening for a full-time (35 hours per week) Administrative Assistant to begin mid-July. The successful applicant must be proficient in Word and Excel and be comfortable working with databases. Bilingual skills a plus but not required. To apply, please email resume to [personnel@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:personnel@diocese-sacramento.org). Deadline for resumes is Wednesday, June 25.

### **FORTY HOURS**

7:00 pm - June 27, 2008 to June 29, 2008 - 1:00 pm

[Ending on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul]

For renewal of our Church and St. Philomene Parish Celebration begins in Church on Friday with evening prayer and Benediction, followed by Procession to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Silent adoration will then proceed for 40 HOURS.

Celebration will end on Sunday with solemn Procession back to Church, beginning at 1:00 pm and ending with Benediction. Call Margaret Allison: (916) 539-0271

## † Servant Leader † SPIRITUAL EXERCISES (continued from page 2)

with life situations showing people how to live life by Christ's standards. The Gospel has the power to heal and change lives as Christ is the Life. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are always given for the edification and upbuilding of the community never the glory of the individual. Our work for Christ is a charism, a gift of the Holy Spirit. How do we see this in humility? Do we recognize and rejoice in the different gifts in different persons for the upbuilding of the church? Each person must pray for the gifts of the spirit that God works in her or him. God calls us to peace, harmony, tranquility as Christ himself is peace - the plenitude of messianic fulfillment.

He stated there cannot be peace between nations without peace within the religions and that dialogue between the religions is essential. The Holy Spirit as creator of the world is involved in every aspect of life. If we live poor like Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us we will see the worth of each person through God's eyes and that all life has value and beauty. Tolerance is at the heart of the Gospel and intolerance is not found in the Gospel. We are all called to be poor ourselves realizing that we depend totally on God for all things.

This retreat was a great experience of faith with simple trust in God. At one point we lost power and sound. Father Cantalamessa just sat there in silent prayer and joked when it came back that the light and microphone are like the Holy Spirit in the Church without which our light and power as persons are lost.

Our retreat was to help us know God, the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the beauty of our lives in Christ, experience the gift of peace, live in the joy of service, and see the dignity of each person. It was not a how to on Charities but an inspiration to each of us to see the call of the Holy Spirit and answer the call in the concrete, ordinary situations of our lives. We are indeed called not to material victory but to spiritual victory, not to material things but the spiritual blessing of God. We are called to think globally and act locally.

The millions of people in our world who are not at peace, cannot create peace without God's help. We must seek peace in our hearts, in the family, parish, diocese, workplace, community. We are called to be instruments of Christ's peace. Our retreat was to form our hearts not just get ideas or points of view. It was to help us understand our faith, learn more about it, and be able to live it in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit touches and forms the whole person, healing us spiritually, physically and psychologically. It is vital we allow the Holy Spirit to form our minds according to Christ and the Gospel. Much of the time in our world we are drinking in the opposite of the Gospel so we need healing of this hurtful action in our lives.

In calling for charity, Father Cantalamessa spoke of how the good Samaritan abandoned his own plans and projects going out of his way to help the other and made it his only consideration. He put aside work, family and all else for a time to do what needed to be done. He made an immediate intervention to help in a practical way, loving with deeds and words. If Jesus is asked who is my neighbor, he would

say it is not only the people of our own country, Catholics or other religions, but all people. There are many great people, Samaritans, in our world and we know them personally. God never obligates us but always invites. In the story of Christ inviting people to the great banquet it was important that they responded to the call as it was the only thing. We must do so in our time putting God before all else. It is easy to get caught up with the non-essential and passing things of the world.

In the Reconciliation Service, Father Cantalamessa spoke of how a person is not enslaved in confessing but is freed and dignified in admitting sin against God and others saying: "I sinned and need to be forgiven." We are to localize the sin that is in our heart and realize that God is justice. He spoke of the Devil and that the great proof of the Devil's existence is his temptation against Christ Himself and the Saints. However, we must always be clear that Christ has overcome the Devil. Satan can stand anything except when we declare "Jesus is Lord" as it drives him crazy. He knows better than anyone that Jesus is Lord but just can't give in to it. Jesus indeed is Lord raised by the power of God.

God is love. God as One is important for Jews, Muslims and Christians. However, we have the beauty of love in the three persons in one God--God the Father as Creator, God the Son as Savior, God the Holy Spirit as love and fellowship. The Trinity is not something abstract but the Love in which we live.

Jesus is the new law. Charity is the fullness of the law of Christ. The exterior law is of obligation. The interior law is of the heart and intention led by the Holy Spirit. We follow the law not in obligation but in response to God's love. The law of Christ always calls us to be positive and the Church always promotes the positive as Christ is joy, hope and peace for all people.

St. Paul was not interested in charity works only as helping but as a love that is deep and true, sincere, non-violent and from the heart. Those who do works of charity (all are called, it is not only a special few) must do so from their heart and soul in faith and love of God and the person they serve. All we do must come from a heart of love. When we do acts of love from our heart in faith, it is Christ himself who is acting in the situation. If we act in Christ we can as St. Augustine said "Love and do what you will."

At the end of the retreat, we were called to expect nothing less than to be filled with the Holy Spirit in a new Pentecost for each of us. We were called to renounce sin, be newly washed clean and ready for the work of Christ in all areas but especially in the work of charity.

All in all, this was a marvelous event and I was slow to leave the joyful scene as we concluded with a beautiful Mass and lunch on the final day. Each day we had a Cardinal, Archbishop or Nuncio preside at the Mass which was celebrated with great dignity, and had a long and wonderful homily by Father Cantalamessa. Many of us saw this as a life changing event. Thanks be to God in Christ in the light and life of the Holy Spirit.