

† Servant Leader †

BUILDING UP THE CHURCH

I hope you find this article from a recent edition of America helpful as you build up the church of Holy Family.

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The parish is a family in which each of us is called to serve with holiness and respect

I recently read an article in a well-known Catholic magazine about a couple who were so unhappy with their new pastor that they considered driving 50 miles to attend a parish more to their liking. The author never mentioned exactly what the problem was, but it seemed to me that the couple was upset because their new pastor was not on board with their idea of how things should be.

They were bitter and frustrated, and rather than following their pastor's lead, they complained and tried to force fit him into the previous pastor's mold. Needless to say, things did not work to their liking.

I certainly feel for this couple. When my wife came into the Catholic Church, I would regularly accompany her to Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes. It was many years ago, but I still remember vividly how frustrated we were with the poor quality of catechesis. We found the experience exasperating because, in our opinion, the priest didn't take seriously his responsibility to properly form those entering the Church. I recall complaining to my wife about the priest and judging him harshly.

Now, granted, Father's approach may well have been deficient, but was it right for me to simply criticize him behind his back without offering my time and talent, or even a possible solution?

To this day I regret the way I handled that situation. I could and should have pitched in to make the program better. In retrospect, I can see where my own faults came into play and how I actually made the problem worse.

Spiritual fatherhood

Falling into the temptation of criticizing our priests is a pernicious evil, with the potential to poison the very seeds of our faith. Even with vigilance, this is a great risk for lay Catholics.

A bitter and complaining spirit is, to say the least, unbecoming in light of all that Christ has done for us. Moreover, the Church is a family in which each of us is called to serve, not a political institution in which each of us seeks power. The priest, in his God-given role a spiritual father, brings Christ to his parishioners. Because of that role, he deserves our respect and filial loyalty, despite his human failings.

The great St. Francis of Assisi understood this respect and loyalty we owe to our spiritual fathers. There is a beautiful story of St. Francis in which he was challenged for his profound respect for priests. His accusers pointed out the terrible sins of a certain priest and asked Francis how he could still respect such a man. Francis responded by going to the house of the priest, kneeling before him and kissing his hands. The saint then asked how he could be critical of the hands that brought him Christ.

Such faith and humbleness of heart were characteristic of St. Francis. When Our Lord said to Francis, "Rebuild my Church," Francis took on a life of heroic sacrifice and contagious virtue. His faithful service had a profound effect on the renewal of the Church in the 12th century, and his witness was so powerful that he is one of the best-known and most beloved saints.

Respond faithfully

Make no mistake; pastors can put up spiritual stumbling blocks. Some situations are so grave that the faithful are compelled to move to another parish to protect themselves and their loved ones. The more common occurrence is when a pastor does no spiritual harm but offends his parishioners in the areas of liturgy, the faith or God's moral laws. In all cases the Catholic is called to respond faithfully. While in the right, they must respond in the right way.

The fathers of the Second Vatican council, in the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, tell us that all the lay faithful have a "special obligation" to renew the temporal order: "Led by the light of the Gospel and the mind of the Church and motivated by Christian charity, they must act directly and in a definite way in the temporal sphere."

This means that we are called to build up the church within our various spheres of influence: in parishes, hospitals, schools, homes, the workplace and anywhere else we go, using the special talents and gifts God has given us.

As Pope John Paul II explained in his letter on the role of the laity, the lay faithful have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history. But to renew the Church, the lay faithful must be saints, models of holiness and witnesses of heroic virtue. Thus any genuine desire for renewal in the Church must begin with personal interior renewal. After all, what good is it to preach the Gospel if we cannot demonstrate it with our own lives? And the holiness of the lay faithful is a sure witness and sign of encouragement for our clergy.

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Out of the darkness...into the light!

Advent, like Lent, is a time of reconciliation. The birth of Christ bridges the gap that sin creates between God and his children. It is important to make time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE – This Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7:00 pm

All members of our Holy Family community are invited to share a special evening of reflection and reconciliation. The theme for the evening is "Out of the darkness...into the Light." The assembled faithful listen to the Word of God, sing hymns, join in community prayer, make an examination of conscience, then approach a priest to confess sins individually.

Individual Reconciliation/Confession –

Thursday, Dec. 18th – 10–11 a.m. • Saturday, Dec. 20th – 3–4 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 22nd – 6–7 p.m. • Wednesday, Dec. 24th – 12–1 p.m.

Communal Anointing of the Sick –

Tuesday, Dec. 23rd – 10:30 a.m.

Joyful Noize

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND SINGALONG IN THE CHURCH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST:

After the 6:00 pm mass, Joyful Noize (the 6:00 Choir) presents an evening of spirit-filled songs of the season sure to fill your heart with holiday cheer! All are invited to bring a coat, blanket, pack of socks, gloves, hat or other article of warm clothing as the "price of admission."

Stewardship ~ a way of life ~

ADOPT A FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS

Many local families are in need of assistance for Christmas. Catholic Charities is seeking individuals, families or workgroups who could provide gifts and a grocery store gift card for a family who is unable to provide for themselves this year. Please call the Catholic Charities office at 733-0253 for more information or visit our website at www.diocese-sacramento.org to obtain a donor registration form or to apply online.

If you can't adopt a family this year, you can make a monetary donation on behalf of the program. Please make your check payable to Catholic Charities and include "Adopt-A-Family Program" in the memo field.

Send to us at:

Catholic Charities
2110 Broadway
Sacramento, CA 95818

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS: Holy Family Parish is now collecting food for Christmas food baskets. Just as at Thanksgiving, we will be collecting the needed items each week. We will need turkeys and canned hams, which can be delivered to the parish office on Monday, December 22. This week we would like to collect potatoes, vegetables, stuffing mix, cake mix and/or frosting, cranberry sauce or applesauce, chicken broth, gravy, and onions. These items can be placed in baskets in the sanctuary, left inside the church entrance by the chapel, or brought to the Parish Office. In these particularly trying economic times, please help us to continue to help others through the blessed seasons ahead.

WILLS

Please remember Holy Family in your will. For more information, see the Planned Giving link on the parish website: www.holyfamilych.org.

WINTER IS ON ITS WAY - HELP IS NEEDED

As we approach winter, we recognize an increased need for warm jackets and sweatshirts, socks, gloves, hats, blankets and other protection from the cold for the homeless. Since the cold weather will be upon us soon we would like to appeal to you for any gently used items (in adult sizes only) that will help. Collection will continue throughout the winter. Please leave any items you can contribute at any of the church doors for pick-up.

END-OF-THE-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Giving at Christmas and at Year's End is not only a Catholic tradition, but a special way to commemorate the Greatest Gift - God's gift of His only Son, Jesus. This time of year gives us more than a financial opportunity, but a spiritual opportunity to be good stewards of the many gifts bestowed on us this year. Visit the parish website at www.holyfamilych.org. On the home page there is a link to more detailed information on planned giving.

STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE	
GENERAL COLLECTION	
Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Nov 16.....	\$ 10,371.00
Nov 23.....	\$ 10,059.00
Nov 30.....	\$ 10,261.00
Dec 7.....	\$ 12,066.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 237,916.00
Goal-to-Date (23 Weeks)	\$ 253,000.00
% of Goal Collected	94.04 %
Annual Goal (52 Weeks)	\$ 572,000.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Catholic Faith Formation (12/7)	\$ 2,567.25
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 1,936.00

All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do? Can I say the same for myself?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tue: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wed: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Thu: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Fri: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Sat: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Sun: Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



QUESTION OF THE DAY

Children: As we get closer to Christmas, name one thing you really want for your home or the world, such as peace, friendship, or food for the poor.

Youth: What do you need to change about your life to be ready for Jesus' coming?

Adults: What are three suggestions you have for those who follow Jesus, to keep them strong in their faith?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Robert Campbell +; Victor Rodezno +;
Lizzie Kelly +
Tue: Mary Walker +;
Thanksgiving Mass for those who
prayed for Anne Chapla -Int.
Wed: Gilbert Perron +
Thu: Olga Arosemena +
Fri: Olga Arosemena +
Sat: 8:30 am Mass Joseph Bustabade +
Christina Maningo +
Sun: 9:00 am Mass Mr. & Mrs. James Scarcella +
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Weaver +
Marlene De Meyer +
Special Mass - Michael Rath -Int.
6:00 pm Mass Pro Populo

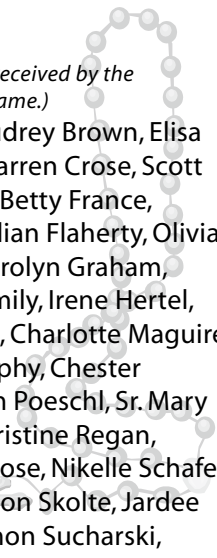


PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

(Names will appear for 2 months unless a call is received by the Parish Office to extend the time or to remove a name.)

Bernadette Baniecki, Marie Baniecki, Audrey Brown, Elisa Bulhoes, Bernard Burke, Elsie Correia, Darren Crose, Scott Crose, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Betty France, Gazella Erickson, Henrietta Escovilla, Lillian Flaherty, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Carolyn Graham, Joe Grom, Rita Gularte, Jason Hayes Family, Irene Hertel, Michele Hock, Rosalie Ingle, Bill Keenan, Charlotte Maguire, Kim Malone, Msgr. Mistretta, Jason Murphy, Chester Pallach, Loretta Parsons, Nona Piha, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Charlie Rasher, Michael Rath, Christine Regan, Margaret and Bob Reynolds, Suzanne Rose, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Shelley, Ron Skolte, Jardee Stanley, Jo Ster, Connie Sturdevant, Simon Sucharski, Xavier Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Sharel Wilson



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



BACK TO BACK PARISH BREAKFASTS!

The Knights will be serving breakfast after morning Masses on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 28, **AND** the usual first Sunday, January 4, 2009. Watch for more details!

FREE THROW CONTEST

The 2009 Council Basketball Free-Throw Contest will be held at the Rusch Park Gymnasium at 7801 Auburn Blvd. on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Registration will begin at 6:30 PM with the contest starting at 7:00 PM.

The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 based upon their age as of January 1, 2009. Awards will be presented to each boy and girl in each age category. The winners will advance to the District competition.

This Contest is sponsored for the twenty-third consecutive year by the Sunrise Recreation and Park District and the Infant Mary Council #4964 Knights of Columbus.

For further information contact Bob Churchill at 987-2471.

SIMBANG GABI

Novena Masses in Preparation for Christmas

The Filipino-American Community of North American River Area has organized for everyone to gather together in festive celebration of the Eucharist and agape (fraternal snack) here at Holy Family Church.

Mass Schedule:

Monday, December 15, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 17, 5:00 PM

Thursday, December 18, 7:00 PM

Friday, December 19, 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 20, 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 21, 4:00 PM

Monday, December 22, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 23, 6:00 PM

For more information, please contact the Parish Office, 723-2494, or Vicky Alonzo (916) 761-5325.

CLRS BUS TRIP CANCELLED:

The CLRS Bus Trip to San Francisco was cancelled as we could not fill the bus this year. We are planning a bus trip to South Lake Tahoe in spring/summer and next year we will go to Milpitas for Christmas.

BLOOD DRIVE THANKS!

We wish to thank the parishioners who stepped forward at our recent blood drive and gave a "gift of life"! 21 of these wonderful people registered, 3 were temporarily deferred, leaving 18 pints to help save lives. Our next drive is on Sunday, February 1st.

www.holyfamilych.org



HFS NEWS: Students in grades K-3 will perform their annual Christmas program on Tuesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. in our parish Community Center. All are invited to attend.

Friday, December 19, 2008, is our last school day before Christmas. We will celebrate the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. and dismissal will be at 12:00 p.m. May each of you have a Blessed Christmas and a peace-filled New Year. We will resume classes on January 5, 2009.

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL SCHOOL AUCTION:

Puttin' On The Ritz' Presents:



March 7, 2008.

Silent and Live Auction with entertainment.
Watch for details on this spectacular event!

Want to know what's going on at Holy Family School?
Just visit our web site at: www.ch-holyfamilyschool

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: Join us tonight (Sunday, Dec. 14th) as we deck the halls, wear green, celebrate our founding fathers, honor our veterans, and eat turkey and hot dogs! We're talking about an ALL-HOLIDAY PARTY from 7:00-8:45 PM in the Community Center...Also, bring a toy for a child in need! PS: This is the last Youth Group meeting 'til January!

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL: Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8), This Monday (Dec. 15th) we're having a Birthday party for Jesus and collecting diapers and formula for the Sacramento Life Center. Join us from 7-8:30 PM in the Youth Office for a truly SOCIAL Justice experience! PS: This is the last Youth Group meeting 'til January!

TEEN DROP-IN: Teens Drop-In happens each Wednesday from 3-7 PM in the Youth Office! It's a chance to do your homework, hang out, play games: air hockey, board games, video games and karaoke, etc...Please note: There will NOT be Drop-In over the Christmas break...we will resume in January.

YOUNG ADULTS: Young Adult Ministry is open to all young adults (whether in college or the workforce, whether single, married or divorced). Join us this Thursday (Dec. 18th) to watch The Nativity Story. We meet from 7-9 PM in the Community Center. The Scoop on Theology is coming up on Tuesday, January 6, 2009... Check out our Blogspot: www.holyfamilyyam.blogspot.com or contact Victor (916-721-8329) for more info...

HELP US HELP OTHERS!

The Youth of the Parish are once again collecting new or gently used coats and new toys for the needy. Please bring donations to the Youth Ministry Office or Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!

POINSETTIAS

This Christmas season, honor and remember your loved ones, help beautify and decorate the church, AND support the youth of the parish all at the same time with a beautiful Christmas poinsettia for only \$10! Please see the special insert in today's bulletin.



POSADAS BEGIN TUESDAY:

"Las posadas" are a tradition in Mexico and other Latin countries. They represent the travel and difficulties St. Joseph and St. Mary endure as they arrived in Bethlehem and couldn't find a place to stay. Posadas start on December 16th and end on December 24th. They included prayers, singing and a little something for the kids and the adults. As you all know by now, in every Hispanic celebration there is always delicious food. So, come and join us for a beautiful and heartwarming experience. Tuesdays, December 16th and 23rd, in the church, 7:30 pm. For more information PLEASE contact Esther De Leon at 962-2209. (Note: Posadas are in Spanish)

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones however we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home? As baptized, practicing Catholics we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Secondly, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Many non-practicing Catholics carry a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church so they are afraid to approach the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like them to come back home to our Church family.

Here at Holy Family we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church called Catholics Returning Home. The next series begins in January. We will meet on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm for six weeks. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, please call Jim or Beth at 479-7047.

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Building up the Church

As the president of a Catholic apostolate, I often think about how lay Catholics can most faithfully carry out the work of building up the Church. When the diocesan bishop visited our office, he addressed precisely this question. He told us that we can be most effective as an apostolate when each of us demonstrates his discipleship through service in the local church under the leadership of the bishop and his representatives.

My colleagues and I take his words seriously. We seek first to understand and embrace the goals and desires of our local pastors and to join in their efforts. When I look across our staff, I can see the good fruit this approach has brought to our diocese.

One of my colleagues, along with his wife, dedicates many hours a week teaching the faith to the children of our diocese. He is a Knight of Columbus and is always available when his pastor needs a helping hand to host programs or work efforts. Three others are youth and adult catechists in addition to participating in various other parish outreaches and programs.

What strikes me is that each of these dedicated people acts like a servant, recognizing his or her role as a participant in working for the good of all. Like St. Francis, they roll up their sleeves and do their best with the time and talents God has given them.

Sometimes it may seem like we don't make any progress when we do get involved in our parish. At such times it is helpful to remember the words of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, who said that we are called to be faithful, not successful. It is in fidelity to Christ and his Church that we can be most effective in fostering a renewal in our time.

FIVE WAYS TO MAKE YOUR PARISH A BETTER PLACE

THINK of yourself as part of your parish family. Family members don't always agree, but they do feel a strong commitment to the family.

USE your gifts and talents for the good of the parish. If you're a singer, public speaker, musician or just a friendly, helpful person, get involved as a lector, usher, greeter, extraordinary minister of holy Communion or part of the parish music ministry.

ATTEND parish events. Whether it's a mission, a lecture or a lawn fete, it's important to support the spiritual, educational and social parts of parish life. Invite family members and friends to join you!

SUPPORT your parish financially. Parishes need your help with operational expenses, energy costs, supplies and maintenance. Be generous.

PRAY. Keep your pastor, the parish staff and the parishioners in your daily prayers. Pray also for the return of Catholics who have strayed from practice of their faith.

Prayer Opportunities

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army), 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 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 at Holy Family on the first Saturday of each month in St. Mary Hall, 12:30–3:00 pm. Come 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, 725-5358.

“Love to pray. Feel often during the day the need for prayer, and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. Ask and seek and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him”

Mother Theresa

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND...

WALK FOR LIFE-WEST COAST JANUARY 24, 2009

The Walk For Life - West Coast bus will leave the St. Rose rear parking lot, 615 Vine Street, Roseville, at 8:00 am and return at 6:30 pm. We only have 9 seats left on this bus. The cost is \$20.00 per seat. Fee must be paid at time of registration. For information, contact Paula Shortt, 773-8202.

BUS TRIP TO SILVER LEGACY, RENO

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a Bus Trip to Silver Legacy, Reno on Sunday, January 25th. The cost is \$28 per person-prepaid with approximately \$15 returned at the casino. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus #4540. Please call Sue or Dave Mirtoni for reservations and details at 782-3242. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the following activity notice.

ST. FRANCIS PLACEMENT TEST

The High School Placement Test for all students interested in applying to St. Francis High School will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at St. Francis High School, 5900 Elvas Avenue in Sacramento. The testing begins promptly at 8:00 AM and concludes at approximately 12:15 PM. All students should arrive on campus by 7:45 AM and bring two #2 pencils. Please call Moira O'Brien, Admissions Director, at 452-3461, ext 195, for information and to register.

CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER EVENTS:

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Overnight Retreat. Dec. 31 - 6:30 pm dinner to Jan 1, 2009 - 10 am Cost: \$85 Double Room! \$95. Single Room

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27: Our Hearts Are Restless: The Life and Teachings of St. Augustine Presented by: Deacon Red Cheever 7-9 pm Cost: \$10 per session (\$8 Seniors)

For further information on any/all of these programs, call Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center: 725-4720

UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO SPRING 2009 COURSES:

The University of Sacramento is excited to announce the Spring 2009 course offerings for all four 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
- Certificate in Marriage & Family

If you are interested and have questions, or would like to register for a class, please feel free to contact Lesley Luppino, Coordinator of Student Services, at 443-4760, ext. 16, or at LLuppino@universityofsacramento.org. Applications and Registration Forms may be located online at www.universityofsacramento.org.

AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

Saturday December 20, Sacramento's Academy at All Hallows, presents its outstanding roster of emerging professional musicians in a beautiful production of the Christmas Opera, Amahl and the Night Visitors Saturday, December 20 at All Hallows Parish (5500 14th Ave.),. Performances are at 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm. The staged production includes outstanding soloists, full orchestra and chorus, and beautiful near life-sized puppets. The one-hour program culminates in a festive Christmas Carol sing-along. Tickets: \$15-\$50 (children discounted) available at Ticketweb.com or 600-7716. For more information, visit www.academyatallhallows.org.

POSITION OPEN

St. Francis High School, Sacramento is now accepting applications for the position of Principal, effective July 1, 2009. Candidates must be active practicing Catholics, possess a Teaching Credential, an Administrative Credential or a Masters in Educational Leadership, and have at least three years of successful high school Catholic administration. The job description and application packet are available on the St. Francis website at www.stfrancishs.org. Application deadline is January 16.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Join us for the Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Rosary Procession and Mass, Sunday, December 28. Meet at the Cathedral at 6:30 pm and walk in procession to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for Mass at 7:30 pm. This annual March for Life commemorates the male infants of Bethlehem who were killed by decree of King Herod, and commemorates the innocent, unborn babies killed by abortion today. Candles will be provided. Carpool shuttles will return participants to their cars. Bring umbrellas if needed. Call 791-1819 for information.

COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

Sacramento County's nationally-recognized community chaplain program provides immediate on-scene personal support to people traumatized by suicides, homicides, accidents and other daily tragedies. Lay volunteers preserve a ray of hope in the darkest times of people's lives. To learn more about this unique volunteer opportunity, or if you just want to learn how to care for people in crisis, visit www.sacchaplains.com or email director@crisiscare.us.

STAY INFORMED - READ THE CATHOLIC HERALD:

The Catholic Herald

Getting The Catholic Herald is as simple as calling 452-3344 or the Parish Office at 723-2494.