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**FIGHTING POVERTY TO BUILD PEACE**

The Gospel reminds us that the measure of our lives is how we treat the "least ones" among us (Mt. 25). The theme of Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 World Day of Peace message is "Fighting Poverty to Build Peace." In the message, the Holy Father reminds the faithful that our efforts to address poverty reflect our commitment to the dignity of the human person and to building a more just and peaceful world. Several themes and excerpts from this statement are provided below. The full text of the message can be found at: [vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/peace/index\\_en.htm](http://vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/peace/index_en.htm)

Poverty contributes to conflict. "Poverty is often a contributory factor or a compounding element in conflicts, including armed ones. In turn, these conflicts fuel further tragic situations of poverty" (#1).

Poverty is a threat to human dignity. "Every form of externally imposed poverty has at its root a lack of respect for the transcendent dignity of the human person... The poor, [Pope John Paul II] wrote, 'ask for the right to share in enjoying material goods and to make good use of their capacity for work, thus creating a world that is more just and prosperous for all'" (#2, 14).

Wealthy societies suffer from moral and spiritual poverty. "In advanced wealthy societies, there is evidence of marginalization, as well as affective, moral and spiritual poverty, seen in people whose interior lives are disoriented and who experience various forms of malaise despite their economic prosperity" (#2).

Population is not the problem. "The extermination of millions of unborn children, in the name of the fight against poverty, actually constitutes the destruction of the poorest of all human beings. And yet it remains the case

that...population is proving to be an asset, not a factor that contributes to poverty" (#3).

Pandemic diseases deserve moral responses. "First and foremost, educational campaigns are needed, aimed especially at the young, to promote a sexual ethic that fully corresponds to the dignity of the person... Then, too, the necessary medicines and treatment must be made available to poorer peoples as well" (#4).

Children are the most vulnerable victims. "To take the side of children when considering poverty means giving priority to those objectives which concern them most directly, such as caring for mothers, commitment to education, access to vaccines, medical care and drinking water, safeguarding the environment, and above all, commitment to defense of the family and the stability of relations within it" (#5).

Disarmament is necessary for development. "An excessive increase in military expenditure risks accelerating the arms race, producing pockets of underdevelopment and desperation, so that it can paradoxically become a cause of instability, tension and conflict" (#6).

Globalization must benefit all. "Globalization on its own is incapable of building peace, and in many cases, it actually creates divisions and conflicts... One of the most important ways of building peace is through a form of globalization directed towards the interests of the whole human family" (#14, 8).

Poor countries should have equal access to the global market. "Since the Second World War, international trade in goods and services has grown extraordinarily fast...yet there are other low-income countries which are still seriously

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**THE REALITY OF POVERTY IN THE U.S.**

- 37.3 million people live in poverty in the U.S. This includes 10 percent of families.
- The Federal government's poverty threshold for a family of four is \$21,200.
- The child poverty rate in the U.S. is 18%, between two and four times higher than other major industrialized nations. One in six children in the U.S. lives in poverty.
- The poverty rate for America's population over 65 stands at 9.7 percent, or one in ten seniors.
- At 16 million, the greatest number of poor persons is non-Hispanic White Americans.

**THE REALITY OF GLOBAL POVERTY**

- An estimated 1.4 billion people live in extreme poverty, on under \$1.25/day.
- Over 2.6 billion people live on \$2 a day. Countless others live just above the poverty line and remain highly vulnerable to crises.
- 40 million people were pushed into hunger in 2008 due to higher food prices.
- One quarter of all children in developing countries are at risk of experiencing long-term effects of undernourishment.
- Over 1 billion people do not have access to clean water, 2.6 billion lack access to sanitation, and over 30,000 children die of preventable diseases every day.

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*marginalized in terms of trade... I should like to renew an appeal for all countries to be given equal opportunities of access to the world market, without exclusion or marginalization" (#9).*

*Ethical approaches are needed in the market and in policy. "If the poor are to be given priority, then there has to be enough room for an ethical approach to economics on the part of those active in the international market, an ethical approach to politics on the part of those in public office, and an ethical approach to participation capable of harnessing the contributions of civil society." (#12).*

*The Church has always been committed to the poor. "The Church's social teaching has always been concerned with the poor... The Church, which is the 'sign and instrument of communion with God and of the unity of the entire human race,' will continue to offer her contribution" (#15, 8).*

*We all have a role to play. "The Christian community [must offer]...gestures of creative solidarity, not only by 'giving from one's surplus', but above all by 'a change of life-styles, of models of production and consumption, and of the established structures of power which today govern societies'... Effective means to redress the marginalization of the world's poor through globalization will only be found if people everywhere feel personally outraged by the injustices in the world and by the concomitant violations of human rights" (#15, 8).*

**5 WAYS YOU CAN HELP COMBAT POVERTY**

1. Take part in the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)'s Poverty Awareness Month in January. Visit [povertyusa.org](http://povertyusa.org) to learn about life living in poverty in the United States – and then educate others!
2. Visit the web page of the Catholics Confront Global Poverty Campaign, a project of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services, for information about combating global poverty: [usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty](http://usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty). Visit [catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org) to learn about the Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America.
3. Call or email your federal, state, and local representatives to express your concern about poverty in the U.S. and world and its root causes. See the JPHD Take Action page at: [usccb.org/sdwp/takeaction.shtml](http://usccb.org/sdwp/takeaction.shtml)
4. Make a donation to a group funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development or to service programs such as Catholic Charities. Find out more about CCHD-funded groups that are working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities at [usccb.org/cchd](http://usccb.org/cchd).
5. Join with family, friends, or fellow parishioners to pray for solutions to poverty!

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St. Patrick's Home for Children

**NEEDED: FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENTS:** There are many children right now who are wishing and hoping for a family and a place to call home. Unfortunately that is not possible unless people are willing to open their homes and share their lives with children in need. Are you that family? ST. Patrick's Home for Children, Foster Care and Adoption Program needs parents just like you. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent please contact Cynthia @ 421-1620 ext. 230.

**NEEDED: YOUTH CARE WORKERS:** St. Patrick's Home for Children, Inc., Residential Treatment Program is in need of Youth Care Workers who are willing to provide love, nurturing and guidance to children placed out of home. Must be 21 years of age, possess a valid CDL and either a BA in Social Services related degree or 2 years experience working with at risk youth. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Melinda @ 421- 1620 ext. 212.

**CAR DONATION PROGRAM:** Your donation of a vehicle would be a huge help to our programs and is very easy to do. 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.

**WILLS**

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

<b>STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE</b>	
<b>GENERAL COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 11,000.00
Dec 7 .....	\$ 12,066.00
Dec 14 .....	\$ 9,604.00
Dec 21 .....	\$ 8,946.00
Dec 28 .....	\$ 9,641.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$ 266,107.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (26 Weeks)	\$ 286,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>93.04 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal (52 Weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 572,000.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
<b>Christmas General Collection .....</b>	<b>\$ 20,114.00</b>
Christmas Collection for the Poor .....	\$ 1,629.50

*Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.*

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon: St. John Neumann:  
1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44  
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52  
Thu: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22  
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16  
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30  
Sun: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11



## **QUESTION OF THE DAY**

Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

## **GET THE WORD!**

The January Magnificat with the full text of readings for the Masses of the month is available in the Religious Articles Store? We also have a limited number of Sunday Missals available for purchase.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon: John Sadro +; Cynthia Nedick -Int.  
Tue: Allan R. Witt +; Veronica Russo -Int.  
Vickie Trejo +  
Wed: Marlene De Meyer +; Phyllis Steele -Int.  
Thu: Karen Woods -Int.; Dewain Koch +  
Fri: Josephine Farkas +; Lazano Sisters -Int.  
Sat: 8:30 am Mass Wadsworth-Cowley Family -Int.  
Sun: 10:30 am Mass Hector Quirarte +  
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, Carl Campagna, 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, Cecilia Herkowski, 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



## *Holy Family School*

**HFS NEWS:** Classes resume on January 5, 2009. We hope that everyone had a good rest and is ready for a grand new year of learning. On Wednesday, January 7, students in grades 4-8 will compete in the National Geography Bee to demonstrate how sharp they are with their social studies skills. Finals for the top ten students in our school will be held in the Community Center on Thursday, January 8, at 2:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Finally, on Friday, January 9, we will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m. and have our normal minimum day. At 1:00 p.m. the faculty and staff will host other educators from our diocesan cluster schools as together they work on academic standards that will benefit our students.

## **PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ - MONOPOLY AUCTION AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL**

It's **ALMOST HERE**. MARK YOUR CALENDARS for March 7, 2009. If you have not joined us before, you don't want to miss out on this event! Puttin' on the Ritz auctions traditionally sell out. Invitations will be available in the Parish Office in late January with details.

The event consists of Live and Silent Auctions, a formal sit-down dinner, live entertainment and dancing until the nights end. So get ready to "Pass Go" and take a "Chance" with us as we fill our "Community Chest."

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

## **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

### **HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:**

Join us **TONIGHT**, Sunday, January 4th as we kick-start our Spring Semester!

### **EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

No Youth Group this week...but join us in one week (Monday, January 12th) as we kick-start our Spring Semester!

### **TEEN DROP-IN:**

Teen Drop-In resumes this week on Wednesday, January 7th from 3-7 PM in the Youth Office!

**WHAT'S UP?** Wondering what to expect in Youth Ministry this Spring? Our Spring 2009 Schedule is NOW available online @ [www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com](http://www.hfyouthministry.blogspot.com)

**YOUNG ADULTS:** No Young Adult Ministry this week... Have a Happy & Safe New Year's! Join us on Tuesday, January 6th for The Scoop on Theology, 7-9 PM at Leatherby's in Citrus Heights when our guest speaker will be Fr. Brian Atienza speaking on A Greater Understanding of Vocation! More details & Spring Schedule available on our blog: [www.holyfamilyam.blogspot.com](http://www.holyfamilyam.blogspot.com)



## NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



### PARISH BREAKFAST TODAY!

The Knights are serving breakfast after morning Masses **TODAY**, the Feast of the Epiphany, January 4, 2009. Wise men still seek HIM this Epiphany, and wise families still seek a good breakfast at a good price with great fellowship thrown in for extra measure!

### 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.

## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

### WINTER 2009 SESSION BEGINS TOMORROW!

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 **TOMORROW NIGHT**, Monday, January 5th. 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 223-2648.

## 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**

# WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2009

“That they may become one in your hand.” (Ezekiel 37:17)

## TAIZE PRAYER AT HOLY FAMILY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 7:00-8:30 PM

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Holy Family Catholic Church will celebrate our unity in Baptism with Christians from many traditions to pray in the spirit of the Taize Community. Praying in word, song and silence, the purpose of this ecumenical gathering is to pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the world. There is a place for everyone at this gathering. We leave our differences outside, and as one worshipping body in the spirit of Taize, we praise God.

### **ABOUT THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

*From January 18th through the 25th, all the churches of the Christian world will join in marking a week of unity to strengthen ties between churches and bring peace to the world.*

*The dates chosen for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, were proposed for their symbolic meaning as they encompass the days between the feasts of the Confession of St. Peter and the Conversion of St. Paul.*

*The theme this year is “That they may become one in your hand.” (Ezekiel 37:17) Here we discover God’s fervent wish for the unity of the divided tribes of Israel. Within the text we find the inspired prophetic gesture of joining together two pieces of wood as symbolic of the joining of the northern and southern kingdoms of Israel. It is Ezekiel’s mission to proclaim God’s desire to hold the tribes of Israel together in his hand. Such a change will only occur through a spiritual conversion.*

#### **A STARTING POINT**

*Of course, the search for Christian unity cannot be limited to only one week each year. We are encouraged to recognize the occasion as an invitation to find ways throughout the whole year to celebrate the level of communion the churches have already achieved, and to pray together and strive for that full unity which is Christ’s will.*

*As Christians our mission is to proclaim the message of unity in Christ nurtured by a spiritual conversion, a profound change of heart and mind that seeks the fulfillment of the high priestly prayer of Christ “that they all may be one, as you Father are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me” (John.17:21). This call to mission is put into practice each January but also throughout the year as we join our prayers to that of Christ for the reconciliation of the People of God.*

### **ABOUT TAIZE**

*The Taize Community which celebrates its sixty-ninth year in 2009, is world renowned for its message of trust, peace and reconciliation. The songs, with their distinctive style, have become popular as a source of meditation and praise even far beyond the ever growing circle of those who know Taize in France personally.*

*Taize is a village and commune in the Bourgogne region of France. Founded in 1940 by Frere Roger, the Taize Community today is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and others from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a “parable of community” that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.*

*Taize is also known as a place of pilgrimage primarily for young adults: every week, hundreds and thousands of visitors, generally between the ages of 17 and 30, visit Taize for an experience of prayer and community life.*

*The brothers of the community live solely by their work. They do not accept donations. In the same way, they do not accept personal inheritances—the community gives them to the very poor. Certain brothers live in some of the disadvantaged places in the world, to be witnesses of peace there, alongside people who are suffering. These small groups of brothers, in Asia, Africa and South America, share the living conditions of the people around them. They strive to be a presence of love among the very poor, street children, prisoners, the dying, and those who are wounded by broken relationships, or who have been abandoned.*

*Church leaders also come to Taize. The community has welcomed Pope John Paul II, three Archbishops of Canterbury, Orthodox metropolitans, the fourteen Lutheran bishops of Sweden, and countless pastors from all over the world.*

### **MEN’S WEEKEND RETREAT:**

You are invited to experience rest and renewal as you grow closer to God through liturgy and prayer, silence & solitude, conversation & contemplation, sacrament & song. Join us this year on the weekend of Jan 16-18, 2009 at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights. For reservations call Chuck Rose at 725-7119 or Ed Clark at 725-3371 or the Retreat Center at 725-4720. View the Center at: [www.passionist.org/retreats/christtheKing](http://www.passionist.org/retreats/christtheKing).



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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND...

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## **RIB DINNER AND AUCTION**

Friends of Pendola are sponsoring a Rib Dinner and Auction to benefit Camp Pendola. It will be held on February 21, 2009 at St. John the Baptist in Folsom. Tickets are on sale at the Pendola Center Office in the Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. The cost is \$30 for the dinner. Contact Kim at 733-0127 if you have questions.

## **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](mailto:LLuppino@universityofsacramento.org). Applications and Registration Forms may be located online at [www.universityofsacramento.org](http://www.universityofsacramento.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](http://www.stfrancishs.org). Application deadline is January 16.

## **CREATIVE4LIFE**

Are you between the ages of 14 – 18? Do you enjoy being creative? The Sacramento Life Center invites all high school students to show us just how creative you are! "Creative4Life" offers students the opportunity to showcase your creative talents in a number of ways: writing an essay, speech, or poem; painting; photography; music; dance; dramatic presentations; or a film/DVD presentation. Use your creative talents to express why you support the mission of the Life Center: to empower pregnant women to choose LIFE for their pre-born children. First place: \$1000.00 – Second place: \$750. – Third place: \$500. Information and Commitment Forms are on our website [www.saclife.org](http://www.saclife.org), under the Coming Events link or on the In the News page. You can also contact Debby or Colleen at 916-451-4357, or Debby by email at [debbyo@saclife.org](mailto:debbyo@saclife.org). Your Commitment Form is due: February 1, 2009! The Final Project is due: March 15, 2009.

## **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.

## **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.

## **SESSIONS ON THE CATECHISM**

Divine Savior Catholic Church is presenting sessions on the U.S. Catechism of Adults. Sessions begin on January 15, 2009, and the cost is \$15 to provide for materials. Sign up sheets are available in the Parish Office or you can call Divine Savior at 989-7400.

## **HEALING OF GRIEF & LOSS - SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009**

This day is devoted to people dealing with grief and loss. It will address how grief affects us physically, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. There will be time for prayer, guided meditation, ritual and sharing. FACILITATORS: Sr. Margaret Ann Walsh, RSM-a spiritual director and former chaplaincy director; and, Barbara Freuler, member of the "Ministry to the Bereaved" at St. Teresa Parish, Auburn. TIME: 9:15 am to 3:00pm. Suggested Donation: \$35.00. For more information, call Mercy Center Auburn at 530-887-2019.

## **CATHOLIC HIGH-SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST**

The High School Placement Test for prospective students of all five Catholic High Schools in Sacramento will be on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. Registration for the exam should be done at the school you plan to attend in the Fall. For more information contact the individual school's admission's offices at:

- Christian Brothers High School: 733-3690 or [www.cbhs-sacramento.org](http://www.cbhs-sacramento.org)
- Cristo Rey High School: 733-2660 or [www.cristoreysacramento.org](http://www.cristoreysacramento.org)
- Jesuit High School: 482-6060 x 227 or [www.jhssac.org](http://www.jhssac.org)
- Loretto High School: 482-7793 x 103 or [www.loretto.net](http://www.loretto.net)
- St. Francis High School: 452-3461 x 195 or [www.stfrancishs.org](http://www.stfrancishs.org)