



May 3, 2009 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." John 10:14

† Servant Leader †

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This week I am glad to provide you with information I hope you find helpful since you so generously gave to the 5th Sunday Collection.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam, a 20 year old law student in Paris. The Society, whose members are known as "Vincentians", is a Catholic lay organization with approximately 1,000,000 members in 132 countries throughout the world.

Approximately 20 million people are helped annually in the United States by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society seeks to help all who are suffering by providing assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis by visiting them in their homes. This actual contact with the poor, suffering, lonely and neglected in their homes is the distinctive character of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Home visits promote friendship with those served and enable volunteers to more fully understand the suffering of those visited and how best to assess their needs. The aid most often consists of direct financial assistance for rent, utilities, transportation, clothing food and furniture as well as consultation, referral and intervention services. The Society conducts it work while maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those served.

Just last month, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was included in a full page ad in the USA Today from the Better Business Bureau giving the names of "Wise Giving National Charities" honoring charities that meet "20 rigorous BBB Wise Giving Alliance standards."

**SVdP Sacramento Council**

The SVdP Sacramento Council serves the following 27 communities: Auburn, Benecia, Broderick, Burney, Citrus Heights, Davis, Dixon, Dunsmuir, Elk Grove, Fairfield, Folsom, Ft. Jones, Greater Sacramento, Jackson, Lincoln, Mt. Shasta, Paradise, Redding, Roseville, Suison City, Vacaville, Vallejo, Weed, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland and Yreka.

**A brief summary of the SVdP, Sacramento Council services includes the following:**

People Served	136,196
Expenditure in Services to Poor	\$1,507,767
In-Kind Value: Food, Clothing and Furniture	\$1,489,676
In-Kind Value: Professional Services	\$8,900
Estimated Value of Service Hours	\$1,695,735
Total Value of Vincentian Services	\$4,702,078

Services provided include: home visits of the poor, dining halls, transportation, prison ministry, indigent burial, budget counseling, rent assistance, food pantries, SMUD/PG&E Assistance, Information and Referral Service, Clothing, furniture and Bedding, Twinning: Foreign and Domestic, thrift stores, disaster relief.

**Thrift Store**

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 2275 Watt Avenue in Sacramento provides a place where people can find high quality, gently used household items and furniture at low prices. The store also provides employment for people who are trying to get back on their feet after falling on hard times.

You can support the store by donating:

- Usable goods and clothing.
- Car, boat or recreational vehicles (tax deductible)
- Broken and/or obsolete electronic equipment

You can help SVdP help others by making a financial donation to Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul or by volunteering your time. Please call 916.723.2494 for more information on how you can help.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.



As a reflection of the whole family of God, Members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule.

Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10  
 Tue: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30  
 Wed: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50  
 Thu: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20  
 Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6  
 Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14  
 Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

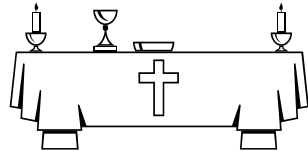


**QUESTION OF THE DAY**

Children: Jesus tells us he is the Good Shepherd – how is God guiding and protecting you?  
 Youth: How do you feel about Jesus’ being your shepherd? What does it mean to you that he lays down his life for you?  
 Adults: What qualities of God does the image of the Good Shepherd suggest? How do you experience God in this way?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon: John Chapla +  
 Lois Vierkant +  
 Tue: Filipina Twano +  
 Lyndon Valenzuela +  
 Wed: Mariann S. MacDonald +  
 Joseph Bohler +  
 Thu: Mariann S. MacDonald +  
 Fri: Julio & Maria Valenzuela –Int.  
 Mariann S. MacDonald +  
 Sat: 8:30 am Mass Robert C. Jordan –Int.  
 4:30 pm Mass Margaret Hermreck +  
 Sun: 9:00 am Mass Elvira Marquez +  
 Elva Tinsley +  
 Marlene De Meyer +  
 10:30 am Mass Pro Populo  
 12:30 pm Mass Mary McDonald +



**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.)*  
 Kaden Alayan, Marion Amescua, Lyndon Benson, Elisa Bulhoes, Carl Campagna, Elsie Correia, Scott Crose, Claro DeAsis, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Gazella Erickson, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Madeline Greenly, Sr. Margaret Greenly, Rita Gularte, Jason Hayes Family, Bunny Herbert, Irene Hertel, Michele Hock, Bill Keenan, Tina Kemp, Kamryn Mafua, Tuesse Mafua, Charlotte Maguire, Kim Malone, Luke McCord, Msgr. Mistretta, Mary Mortensen, Roberta Murphy, Loretta Parsons, Ludo Pereira, Nona Piha, Jennifer Pinnow, Tom Poeschl, Rosanna Raines, Charlie Rasher, Michael Rath, Margaret and Bob Reynolds, Patty Root, Suzanne Rose, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Jardee Stanley, Mace Stanton, Jo Ster, Connie Sturdevant, Amy Svistoonoff, Bill Sweeney, Xavier Thompson, Alexandria Torres, Jovita Vargar, Sharel Wilson, Jeri Yarchenko

**Stewardship**  
 ~ a way of life ~

**PARISHIONERS: NEW AND NOT-SO-NEW**

Are you registered at Holy Family Parish?  
 Has your address recently changed?  
 Do you use stewardship envelopes?  
 Would you like to know more about Planned Giving?  
 Visit the “Parish Life” section of your Parish Website:  
**www.holyfamilych.org**

- Catholic Ladies Relief Society** : Joyce Schweitzer 781-8753
- Feed the Needy**: Nora Martinez 721-1176
- Loaves & Fishes**: Karen Vidor 296-1362
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul**: Bill Swars 722-0264

**LEAVING A LEGACY THROUGH PLANNED GIVING**

Your love and commitment to Holy Family Parish and School can continue with a planned gift. You can make a bequest through your will that would guarantee your commitment to our students forever.  
 Consider naming Holy Family Parish or School as a beneficiary in your estate. All bequests to Holy Family Parish or School are exempt from federal estate taxes. Feel free to contact Fr. Kiernan at 723.2494 for more information about bequests and other planned giving options.

<b>STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE</b>	
<b>GENERAL COLLECTION</b>	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 11,000.00
April 5 .....	\$ 13,495.00
April 12 .....	\$ 11,000.00 *
April 19 .....	\$ 9,236.00
April 26 .....	\$ 8,659.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$ 442,937.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (43 Weeks)	\$ 473,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>93.64 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal (52 Weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 572,000.00</b>
* Generally, Easter (and Christmas) collections are separate line items in the parish budget projections and thus are not included in averaging income or calculating goal-to-date percentages for the general collection; however, as Easter is one of the 52 Sundays of the fiscal year, we include the full amount of the weekly goal to keep the projections of our progress as accurate as possible. Thank you for your continued generosity.	
<b>TOTAL EASTER COLLECTION: \$21,102.00</b>	
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	
No second collection on 4/26 .....	\$ N/A
To be good stewards, we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, “leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.”	



### **HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**FIRST COMMUNION:** We congratulate our students who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, April 25th and thank their parents and teachers. Hopefully, this will be the beginning of a lifetime of receiving the Body of Christ and being nourished by Him who loves us so much.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** We express our gratitude to all of the teachers at Holy Family School during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-9, 2009. Because of their dedication, we as a parish are able to educate so many youngsters in the Catholic faith and give them a strong foundation on which they can rely for the rest of their lives.

### **ALUMNI BARBECUE:**

Our annual alumni barbecue will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Invitations have been sent and we are anxiously awaiting this fine gathering of students and their many stories about life after Holy Family School!

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM CHPD**

Officer Steve Jackson, Citrus Heights Police Department Community Service Officer, attended the last Meeting of the Holy Family Pastoral Council to update the parish about traffic conditions on Old Auburn Road.

Many changes and improvements have been proposed and some have been approved. Details will follow in the days and weeks ahead.

The following items are in effect **immediately** and are **now being enforced**, so they merit immediate attention from Holy Family parishioners and school families:

- **No U turn at Kadota Street** (U turns are not permitted in a business zone within 200 yards of intersecting roads)
- **No parking on roadway** (Parking is not permitted on the street in front of the church and school)

Please observe these new regulations – so far only warnings have been issued but offenders **will be cited**.



### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a program of Lectionary-based discussion groups that are held during Mass at the 9:00 am. Children are dismissed during the Readings and Homily to hear the Gospel and discuss its meaning at their own level of understanding. An adult leader and adult helper manage the groups. No special training is needed. A workbook with the readings and thought provoking discussion questions is provided. We need more leaders and helpers. We will only be able to provide this ministry twice a month until we get more help. Could you lend an hour one Sunday a month to help provide this wonderful ministry to our children. Contact Pat Hoffman 916-781-2487 for more information.

### **CALLING ALL CATHOLICS IN THEIR 20S & 30S!!!**

Whether you are in college or the workforce; single, married, divorced, or widowed; whether you attend daily Mass or haven't been to Mass lately; whether you are involved in your ministry or looking for a place to belong... We need to hear from YOU! The West Placer Deanery of the Diocese of Sacramento cordially invites YOU to a Wine & Cheese Gathering with the opportunity for you to meet with representatives of our Church leadership eager to hear your story on Sunday, June 7, 2009 from 7:00-9:00 PM at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church (4450 Granite Drive \* Rocklin, CA). For more information or to reserve your spot at the table, please contact Victor Alvarez at (916) 721-8329 or hfyouthministry@yahoo.com There will be a place at the table waiting for YOU!

### **FATHERS' DAY WITH BISHOP SOTO & THE RIVER CATS:**

Bring your dad and the whole family to celebrate Fathers' Day together on Sunday, June 21st at Raley Field in Sacramento. Event features "Father to Father" Catch on the field at 11:15am, special blessing of the Dads at 11:45am and Bishop Soto throwing out the first pitch at 1:05pm. Parishes and groups are encouraged to buy a block of tickets to the event at one time so that families from your group/parish can sit together. For tickets and information, check out the Diocese of Sacramento youth ministry website by going to [www.diocese-sacramento.org](http://www.diocese-sacramento.org) and clicking on "Youth and Young Adults" or contact us at [dec@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:dec@diocese-sacramento.org) or 916-733-0123.

### **GET THE WORD!**

The May Magnificat in English and Spanish is now available in the Religious Articles Store.

### **A SPECIAL DAY OF MINISTRY - GREETERS & USHERS**

Fr. Kiernan and the Liturgy Council are seeking to enlarge the number of those involved in the ministry of Greeters and Ushers, seeking adult women and men, and teenage girls and boys to be involved in serving as collectors, ushers and greeters. Hospitality is of great importance in our Catholic Church and is emphasized strongly by our Bishops. The arms of Jesus are always open to welcome us as we enter His Church. This is truly a ministry of service.

Tomorrow night, Monday, May 4th from 7:00-8:30 p.m., you are invited to meet with existing ministers of greeting and all those interested in becoming new members. Please come and discover a wonderful way to serve God and your brothers and sisters. It will be a joyful Easter event. We look forward to couples, single men and women, young boys and girls, all together in this great ministry. God bless you for all you will do in this new enlarged service.

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:** Join us tonight as we answer "Where in the World is the Blessed Virgin Mary?" 7-8:30 PM in the Community Center.

**EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Join us Monday (May 4th), for a Service Night! 7-8:30 PM in the Community Center.

**TEEN DROP-IN:** Teen Drop-In this Wednesday, stop by do your homework, test your Rocker skills, and hang out with your friends...3-7 PM in the Youth Office...

**FAITHFUL FATHER CONTEST FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12:** In an effort to recognize the important role a dad can play in passing on the Catholic faith to his children, the Diocese of Sacramento Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry is sponsoring a "Faithful Father Contest" for youth grades 6-12 in conjunction with our "Fathers Day With Bishop Soto" event at the River Cats game on Sunday, June 21st 2009. Contest winner will receive 4 Tickets to the Father's Day event and special recognition on the scoreboard during the game. Contestants can enter the contest by sending an email to [kstaszko@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:kstaszko@diocese-sacramento.org) with "faithful father contest" in the subject line. Email should include name, contact information, age, grade, school and parish and describe in 50 words or less how your father has been an example to you of how to live as a good Catholic Christian. The contest is open to youth grades 6-12 only. Entries are due by Friday, June 5th. Entrant must be a registered parishioner of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Sacramento to win. For more info, visit our website by going to [www.diocese-sacramento.org](http://www.diocese-sacramento.org) and clicking on "Youth and Young Adults" or contact us at [dec@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:dec@diocese-sacramento.org) or 916-733-0123.

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!!** Are You Graduating from 8th Grade? High School? College? If You are, we cordially invite You to take part in the BACCALAUREATE MASS on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 6:00 PM! Following the Mass will be a Frosh Welcome BBQ; a chance for the High School Youth Ministry to welcome all incoming Freshmen to High School Youth Ministry. Please contact Victor Alvarez to SECURE Your spot at the Baccalaureate Mass (916-721-8329; [hfyouthministry@yahoo.com](mailto:hfyouthministry@yahoo.com)).

**YOUNG ADULTS:** No meeting this Thursday, instead join us Tuesday for the Scoop on Theology! Starting in June, Young Adult Ministry will be moving to Sunday evenings and tackling Faith Development and Spirituality for those in their 20s & 30s...More details available on our blog: [www.holyfamilyam.blogspot.com](http://www.holyfamilyam.blogspot.com)

**SCOOP ON THEOLOGY:** Join us this Tuesday, May 5th from 7-9 PM at the Leatherby's in Citrus Heights. Victor Alvarez, MPS will be speaking on Dr. Gary Chapman's FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES! More details & Spring Schedule available on our blog: [www.holyfamilyam.blogspot.com](http://www.holyfamilyam.blogspot.com)

**No Coffee Cart this week...!**

# 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 THE KNIGHTS



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4964

#### PARISH BREAKFAST

The monthly Parish breakfast is being served by the Knights today after morning Masses in the Community Center. Join us for good food and great fellowship!

#### BLOOD DRIVE!

**TODAY** is our second BLOOD DRIVE of the year. Please come to our Community Center and "SAVE A LIFE!" Registration is between 9 AM and 12:30 PM.



#### CELEBRATING NEW LIFE IN THE CHURCH

As we celebrate this blessed Easter Season, we rejoice in Christ's Resurrection. Alleluia! There are a number of adults and children amongst us who have experienced this year's celebration in a very special way. They have become members of the Body of Christ in His Holy Catholic Church. Some have been baptized and all have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. As these adults and children celebrate this most wonderful culmination of their faith journey, please keep them in your prayers.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children:

Summer Chase • Dylan James Decoteau  
Abigail Gallardo • David Muro-Gallardo  
George Gallardo • Rudy Gallardo  
Philip Andrew Pansoy Hernandez • Jordan Fielis  
Nina Huson • Socorro Perez • Raul Perez  
Juan Carlos Quezada • Luis Luna • Adriana Rodarte  
Jordan Sanchez • John Turberville • Ieann Vasquez  
Joshua Vogel

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

John Armitage • Nena Edwards

#### MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

On May 9 and 10, the Sacramento Life Center is sponsoring its annual Mother's Day Rose Sale. Beautiful, long-stemmed roses, individually packaged, will be available for a \$5.00 donation after all services. Please consider honoring a mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, and/or friend and celebrating the sanctity of life by purchasing a rose on Mother's Day weekend. Thank You!



#### DEVOTION TO MARY;

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, the mother of God, mother of the church and our spiritual mother. One of the greatest ways we can express our devotion to Mary is by praying the beautiful prayer of the rosary to her and with her. It is a powerful prayer for your petitions, for peace, conversion, salvation and guidance. Please join us in praying the rosary during the month of May after the 8:30 morning mass, Monday through Saturday in the chapel. Hope to see you there!



#### ROSARY ON SUNDAYS IN MAY

In addition to our weekday devotion to Mary, we will pray the rosary prior to the 12:30 pm Mass each Sunday during the month of May. Please join us for this opportunity to express our love and gratitude to the Blessed Mother who is the very model of faith, love and devotion!

#### TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

Come and help us celebrate the Dominican Laity's Reception and Profession on Sunday, May 3, at the 12:30 pm Mass with celebration to follow in the Community Center.

#### THE CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY IS HEADED TO SOUTH LAKE TAHOE MAY 26

Come join us for fun and games. The bus will leave Tuesday morning at 7:30am to Harvey's. Please be at the church parking lot by 7:15 am as we want to leave on time. The cost is \$25.00 and we will get \$10 back in cash and \$5 in food coupons. To make reservations, call Roz Shafer at 338-4626 or June Bechler at 771-3494 no later than May 16. We hope you join in the fun.

## The Easter Season is upon us — Begin the Journey!

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

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

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

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

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



**Visit your parish website at [www.holyfamilych.org](http://www.holyfamilych.org)**

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

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Please join us for a free screening of

## **AT THE DEATH HOUSE DOOR**

Monday, May 11 - 6:30pm

Newman Catholic Center

5900 Newman Ct., Sacramento, CA 95819

Coffee & cookies provided! • Free parking available!

Fr. Michael F. Kiernan will attend and be part of a Q & A afterwards regarding the church's teaching on the death penalty.

**At the Death House Door** is a personal intimate look at the death penalty in the state of Texas through the eyes of Pastor Carroll Pickett, who served 15 years as the death house chaplain and accompanied 95 men to their executions.

*"An impassioned portrait of a quest for truth." -  
Chicago Tribune*

Sponsored by CSUS Newman Center  
JustFaith and Death Penalty Focus.

For more info, visit: [www.deathpenalty.org](http://www.deathpenalty.org)  
or <http://www.usccb.org/deathpenalty/>

### **LVN NEEDED**

A night Nurse/LVN position is available at the Sisters of Mercy, Auburn Retirement Center. This is 56 hours every 2 weeks, a benefitted position. If interested, please call Sr. Elaine at 530-887-2031.

### **PASTORAL CARE RETREATS FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE OR VIOLENCE**

We invite all who have been touched or affected by childhood abuse or violence to join us for these special retreats. We will focus on healing and turning to God for strength, guidance and hope as we journey to heal the wounds in our lives.

Friday October 2, 2009 - Healing the Mind, Body and Spirit  
Both Retreats will be held from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Christ the King Retreat Center. No Fee-Lunch Included-Participants may attend one or both retreats. For More Information & Registration Please Contact Esther Castillo at 733-0142

### **UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO SUMMER COURSES**

The University of Sacramento is excited to announce the Summer 2009 course offerings for our programs in Catholic Faith Formation:

- Master of Arts in Education with an Emphasis in Catholic Faith Formation
- 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 at 443-4760, extension 16, or at [LLuppino@universityofsacramento.org](mailto:LLuppino@universityofsacramento.org).

### **HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT JUNE 12 - 14**

Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, June 12-14 in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. The weekend retreat is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. There are many exercises to help you grieve your loss and an opportunity to understand and release the deep feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This process is extremely helpful for those who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, call Debbie @ 733-0161 or send email to [projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org). Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

### **CAMP PENDOLA 51ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Returning to Del Paso Country Club on May 11, and we need your help. This event is the only fund raiser that Camp Pendola has to provide funds to send children to camp who otherwise would not be able to attend. You can support this event by playing or providing a sponsorship. For more information please call Lori at 733-0141.

### **PARENT INFORMATION MEETING FOR CAMP PENDOLA**

If you are interested in learning more about Camp Pendola before you sign up, OR you have already registered your child for camp but would like more information, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!!! You are invited to a Special Meeting for New Parents on April 29 at the Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento at 6:30 p.m. Parents of returning campers are also welcome. If you have questions about this event, please call Kim at 733-0127.

### **2ND ANNUAL SENIOR HEALTH FAIR**

You are invited to attend the 2nd annual Senior Health Fair on Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fountain Square Rose Garden, 6237 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights. There will be 75 exhibits dedicated to senior issues and concerns including presentations & demos, screenings, exhibit give-aways, musical entertainment and door prizes - free ... free ... free ... free! For more information, please call Dr. Jayna Karpinski-Costa at 722-8647.

### **SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM**

Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Sacramento has recently launched a "school chaplain" program in partnership with local school districts. Through this program, trained volunteers will be available to students on school campuses. To learn more about this new ministry, contact our training coordinator Angela Kellogg at [lectraining@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lectraining@sbcglobal.net) or at 916-857-1801.