

## SIXTY-EIGHT CHILDREN RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION

Those of us who grew up Catholic vividly remember our First Communion. It was one of the milestones in our childhood experience. This weekend 68 children in our parish will celebrate that milestone at the 9:30 am Mass at Westminster and the 1:30 pm Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception. We congratulate these children, their parents, and the teachers who have worked all year for this joyful day under the direction of Sister Jenny. Our entire parish community gives



thanks. Twenty-six children will receive First Eucharist at the 9:30 am Mass. Their teachers are Oahn Le, Kyranisha Salunga, and Maureen Schiffer. Another 42 will receive Communion for the first time at the Spanish Mass. Their teachers are Maria Alvarado, Norma Aguirre, and Maria Gonzales. Let us give thanks that the Eucharist continues to be celebrated in this City of Sacramento--called after Christ's presence in the Mass.

## TEACHERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM

Our parish is recruiting teachers now for next year's religious education program. If you would like to help, please contact Sister Jenny at 444-5364. Qualified teachers and teacher aids are needed for pre-kindergarten, and grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, and First Communion. Also Second Year Catechumenate, and the Building Faith program. No matter what your talents, we have a place for

you in our program. Classes begin September 18 at Immaculate Conception School (First Avenue and Broadway), and they run from 9:30 am to 12 Noon on Saturdays. Recruitment of teachers is going on at this time so that Sister Jenny can plan the size of her program for the coming year. This past year over 300 children participated in the religious education program.

# DESIRE FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF

Adult Catholics want to know more about the faith. That was one of the principal issues surfaced at the “Speak up” sessions held after the 9:30 am and 12:30 pm Masses last Sunday at Westminster. About 75 people attended the two sessions and discussed the two basic themes of the upcoming diocesan synod: (1) parish community life and the universal call to holiness, and (2) how to more effectively hand on the faith to our children.

The “Speak-Up” sessions have been called for by Bishop William Weigand as part of the preparation for the synod, the first held in our diocese in 75 years. A session was held in Spanish at Immaculate Conception Parish on

April 18 and about 250 people attended. Among the other issues surfaced at the “Speak-Up” sessions: the need for a more welcoming atmosphere in church, the need to know each other better through social events, and the need to promote a more positive image of religious life.

Results of the sessions will be tabulated and sent to the diocesan Pastoral Center. Parishioners who were not able to attend the “Speak-Up” sessions may express their views in writing but they should send those reports to the rectory immediately.

## 11 PARISHIONERS CONFIRMED

At the yearly Diocesan Confirmation Mass held yesterday, May 1, at Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Carmichael, eleven Cathedral parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Greg Vitaich directed the program, which is for adults who have not been confirmed during teenage years. Bishop William Weigand confirmed: Julienne Angeles, Jessica Monica Arellano, Victoria Dominguez, Craig Allen Gamoke, Tuong-Vi Ha, Lysander George Robert, Wynne C. Simolke, Tonya Cherie Summers, Leander Terrence, Kristel Anne Villanueva, Rebecca Webb. Congratulations to those who have received the fullness of the Holy Spirit at yesterday’s ceremony.

## TODAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Today is a special day for everyone in our parish. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 5/3/2004 St. Philip & St. James

Rdgs: 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 614

7:00 am: Fedelina & Gervasio Anub Sr.

12:00 noon: Souls of Nguyen Family

TUES 5/4/2004 Easter Weekday

Rdgs: Acts 11: 19-26; Jn 10: 22-30

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: All Souls

WED 5/5/2004 Easter Weekday

Rdgs: Acts 12: 24—13: 5a; Jn 12: 44-50

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 Noon: All Souls

THURS 5/6/2004 Easter Weekday

Rdgs: Acts 13: 13-25; Jn 13: 16-20

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: All Souls

FRI 5/7/2004 Easter Weekday

Rdgs: Acts 13: 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6

7:00 am: Remedios A. Ferrer, S.I.

12:00 noon: Gabriela Mendoza, S.I.