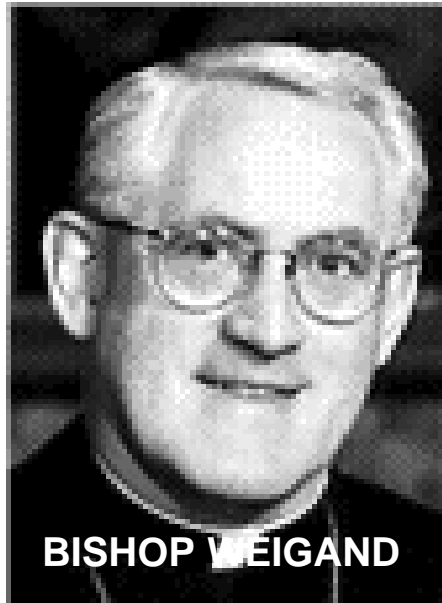


BISHOP RELEASES FIGURES ON SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS

Bishop William Weigand has released a report to the people of the diocese detailing the extent of the sexual abuse problem locally over the past 54 years. Of the 1,215 priests who served in the Diocese of Sacramento since 1950, his letter says, 17 have been subject to unresolved allegations. That figure comes to 1.4 percent. "Whether or not it was legally required," the bishop says, "the diocese reported all complaints pertaining to priest who were still alive to law enforcement and cooperated fully in the investigations of such complaints."

The figures published by the bishop are contained in an upcoming study of sexual abuse



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commissioned by the U.S. bishops around the country from 1950 until 2002. The nationwide results of that study are due out this spring. The bishop's letter also reports on an audit commissioned by the U.S. bishops to determine how well the dioceses of the United States were complying with the Charter for the Protection of Young People. In that audit, Sacramento was found to be in full compliance.

The full text of the bishop's letter is enclosed in this bulletin. Extra copies are available at the back of the church.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE MASS AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE THIS YEAR

Bishop Richard Garcia will be celebrating the Annual Pro-Life Mass on Thursday, January 22, to mark the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision of the United States Supreme Court on abortion laws. The Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 711 T Street, beginning at 10:30am. Bishop Garcia will lead a pro-life Rosary before the Mass at 10am. For information call the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Sacramento at (916) 733-0140. The Mass will be followed by a rally at the State Capitol. Participating in the rally will be a large group of Protestants from Southern California who in the past used the Cathedral basement as a staging area. Because the Cathedral is closed they will use St. Elizabeth's Church and the Cathedral Rectory. Since the *Roe v. Wade* decision, the annual number

of abortions in the United States has nearly doubled. For every 1,000 live births there are 306 abortions annually. There are more than 140,000 second and third trimester abortions each year. In November President George Bush signed the partial-birth abortion ban act into law, vowing that his administration would "vigorously defend this law against any who would overturn it in court." Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver, chairman of the United States Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said in a statement that the signing "marks the first time in three decades that our nation has placed any restrictions on an abortion procedure."

TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL OFFERED

Tours of the Cathedral construction site are available to parishioners after all Masses on Sunday, January 25. Newly trained docents will assist Roberto Marquez, Superintendent of Construction, in showing parishioners the Cathedral interior which has been closed since August 4. Visitors will see the partially removed dome and a large hole in the sanctuary area where the floor has been removed. Roberto will explain how engineers plan to retrofit the 114-year-old building for seismic safety.

Also open on that day will be the new museum which is in the Manogue Building next to the Cathedral on K Street. A 10-minute video on the Cathedral project will be shown in the museum for those interested. More information next

week on the exact times of the tours.

THANKS FOR PAINTING THE RECTORY KITCHEN

We wish to thank Steve and Marianna Rose for their generous donation to the parish rectory. The Steve Rose Painting Company painted the kitchen and laundry room of the rectory over Christmas at no charge to the parish. Thanks also to James Mulderrig who fixed a hole in the ceiling of the kitchen before the painting crew started. One more thing remains to be done in the kitchen. We need to replace the linoleum floor. If you know how to install linoleum on floors we could use your help.

SANTO NINO NOVENA AT ST ELIZABETH'S

A nine-day novena is being held at St Elizabeth's Church January 8 -16, in preparation for the annual Santo Nino de Cebu celebrations January 17. The novena, which is held at 7.30 PM every night, will culminate in a noon Mass at St Elizabeth's on Saturday, January 17. All are welcome to this novena and Mass. For information call Dave and Cita Basco (419-7198) or Klint and Lenie Robins (372-3882) or Rod and Yolie Maulina (419-7358).

ADULT CATHOLICS MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY
Attention young adults, married or single! You are invited to our meeting every Wednesday at 7:00pm in St. Elizabeth's Hall, 12th and S Streets. This is a great opportunity for those in their 20's and 30's to grow in their faith and socialize. For information visit or call Chris McFadden at (916) 374-9216.

PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS TO SPEAK

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will present a conference with Dr. Michael McMahan, the president of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, at St. Anthony Parish at 7:00pm, Sunday, January 18, 2004. No cost or registration necessary. All musicians, liturgical ministers, and interested persons are welcome.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 1/12/2003

Rdgs: 1 Sm 1: 1-8; Mk 1: 14-20

7:00 am: Julie & Rodger Sedlachek

12:00 noon: Ariana Uriz & Francis J., S.I.

TUES 1/13/2003 **St. Hilary, bishop**

Rdgs: 1 Sm 1: 9-20; Mk 1: 21-28

7:00 am: Francis & Elliott

12:00 noon: Silvestre Libres

WED 1/14/2003

Rdgs: 1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20; Mk 1: 29-39

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 Noon: Damon Garnett

THURS 1/15/2003

Rdgs: 1 Sm 4: 1-11; Mk 1: 40-45

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: Myczek Anthony

FRI 1/16/2003

Rdgs: 1 Sm 8: 4-77, 10-22a; Mk 2: 1-12

7:00 am: Carolina Santiago

12:00 noon: Julie & Rodger Sedlachek