

EIGHTY-FIVE MEN NOW WORKING ON THE CATHEDRAL

The pace of work at the Cathedral construction site has dramatically increased in the past week. According to our count, there are now 85 men working on the site, some employed by the general contractor and others working under a variety of subcontractors.

HMH Construction, the general contractor for the project, has 14 men on site. One of their main tasks is tying the floor and attic securely to the walls—one of the measures that will make the building earthquake proof. Meanwhile 21 men from Patent Construction are putting up scaffolding on the exterior of the building. They expect to have all four walls covered in scaffolding by mid June. And the WP Young Company has 24 men doing concrete work—putting in the slab in

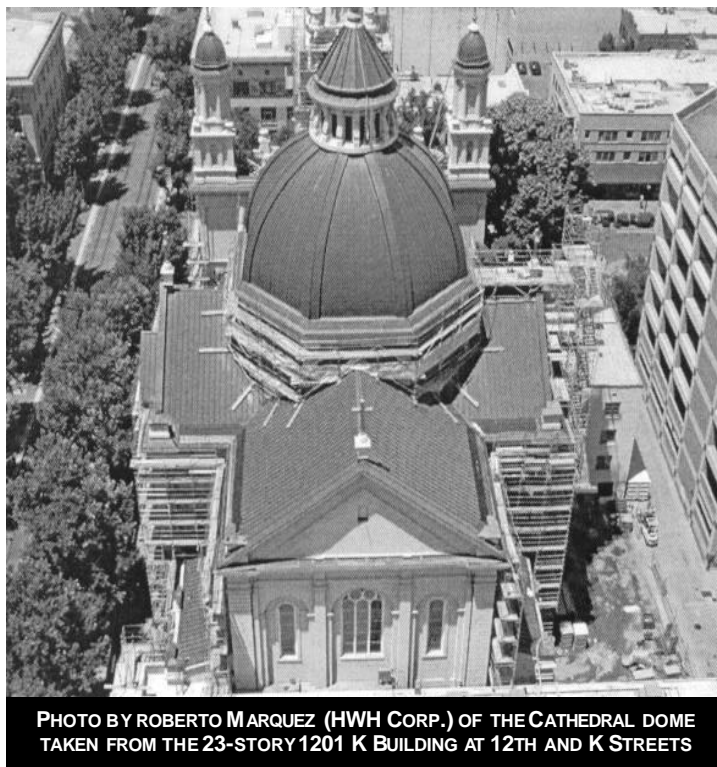


PHOTO BY ROBERTO MARQUEZ (HWH CORP.) OF THE CATHEDRAL DOME
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the basement and installing large concrete beams for earthquake proofing. Eight men from Giampolini Courtney are doing repairs to the bricks and plaster, and eight more from Parc Specialty Contractors are removing lead paint. The Van Mulder Company has four men doing repairs to the sheet metal on the exterior. Add four more for plumbing and heating from FM Booth and two from Placer Electric doing electrical work.

And that steeplejack who was on the front page of the Sacramento Bee some weeks ago? He will be back during the summer to finish his work. The

restoration of the Cathedral is expected to be complete by October 2005.

PARISH PICNIC WILL BE FRIDAY, JUNE 18, AT EAST PORTAL

Our annual parish picnic will be held on Friday, June 18, in East Portal Park at 51st and M Streets in Sacramento. This picnic is our way of saying “Thank you” to all those who have volunteered in the various ministries throughout the year, including Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, choir members, altar servers, teachers in religious education,

collection counters, St. Vincent de Paul members. Gift certificates to local restaurants and hotels will be given out during the picnic. People whose last name begins with any letter from A to M may bring salads or fruit. People whose last names begin with any letter from N to Z may bring deserts or chips and salsa. The Cathedral Parish will provide the rest.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS STRUGGLING WITH AN ABORTION?

Are you struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Or do you know someone who needs help? Experience the healing love of Jesus at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, June 25-27 in Auburn. Sponsored by the Sacramento diocese, the weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, memorial service and Mass. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. For a registration package or more information call Kathy at (916) 733-0161 or 1-888-HOPE-790, or email <kconner@diocese-sacramento.org>. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

People often carry the trauma of an abortion decision for years without ever telling anyone. If you know somebody who would benefit from this retreat, we encourage you to find a way to pass the information to that person. Rather than condemning or judging

anyone, this retreat offers the loving compassion of our Savior to people who are boking for peace and forgiveness.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Joseph Huang and Ruben Arocan who graduate from high school this year. Joseph graduated from Sheldon High on June 1. Joseph has been a faithful altarserver for over 10 years at the Cathedral. He has been accepted at the University of California at Davis. Ruben has been an altarserver for over 4 years and



RUBEN AROCAN & JOSEPH HUANG

graduates from Natomas High School on June 11. They both serve every Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass at Westminster, and, in addition, serve

Bishop Weigand at major diocesan Masses. Together, they are an inspiration to all young people of our Cathedral Parish. Both have part-time jobs, have a full student load of classes, and still manage to volunteer their time and talent to the parish. We wish them well as they move on to college.

Anthony Nebreda, another Cathedral altarserver who has been serving for at least four years, has been accepted at Jesuit High School. Anthony received 15 awards at his middle school graduation this past week including one scholarship. He joins fellow server Sean McCreight who has been attending Jesuit for two years.

CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP BARBECUE

Cathedral Youth Group meetings are every Sunday at 6:00 pm (after the 5:00 pm Mass) at St. Elizabeth's Church. This Sunday, June 6, we will have a barbecue after gathering at St. Elizabeth's Church at 6pm. Call Youth Group Leader Mary Westmark at 662-5589 for details.

HELP WANTED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

The Cathedral Religious Education Program is desperately seeking qualified teachers and teacher aides for the 2004-05 pastoral year to minister to our more than 200 students. Call Sister Jenny at 444-5364 **TODAY**. Classes begin September 18, 2004, at Immaculate Conception School at 1st Avenue and Broadway.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 6/7/2004

Rdgs: 1 Kgs 17: 1-6; Mt 5: 1-12

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: Eleanor Ebert

TUES 6/8/2004

Rdgs: 1 Kgs 17: 7-16; Mt 5: 13-16

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: Benjamin Opril

WED 6/9/2004 **St. Ephrem, deacon**

Rdgs: 1 Kgs 18: 20-39; Mt 5: 17-19

7:00 am: Bob and Pam Jones, S.I.

12:00 Noon: Jovan Dumitrov

THURS 6/10/2004

Rdgs: 1 Kgs 18: 41-46; Mt 5: 20-26

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: John Nguyen Mao

FRI 6/11/2004 **St. Barnabas, apostle**

Rdgs: Acts 11: 21b-26; 13: 1-3; Mt 5: 27-32

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: John Nguyen Mao