

TWO CARTOUCHES IN CATHEDRAL

Shown here is one of two cartouches, each one over seven feet in height, that will dominate the vestibule of the Cathedral when it reopens. This cartouche depicts Fr. Peter Anderson, the priest who celebrated the first Mass in Sacramento on August 10, 1850. The other one depicts Gabriel Moraga, the Spanish sea captain who gave the Sacramento River its name, long before a city appeared on its banks. The cartouche of Fr. Anderson is painted in heraldic style, depicting him in the clothes of a gold miner. But there are also indications of his clerical vocation: collar, Rosary and Bible.

Also shown is a stylized image of the church he built—St Rose of Lima—and the shield of the Dominican Order to which he belonged.

It all began in a private home on 5th and L Streets when Fr. Anderson celebrated the first Mass in this city.



Present in the congregation that day was the Honorable Peter Burnett, the first governor of California and a Catholic. Eager to help this missionary priest (and two fellow priests about whom we know little) establish something permanent, Burnett gave Fr. Anderson a plot of land at 7th and K Streets to build a church, which the priest did as best he could. The first attempt at building, however, was so flimsy it blew down one night in a storm. Fr. Anderson didn't last long in the unsanitary conditions of those days. Cholera took his life less than six months after he arrived in Sacramento.

The plot of land at 7th and K Streets is a mini park today, but still bears the name of that first little church, St. Rose of Lima.

NEW BRIEFS:

A Divine Mercy Healing event is scheduled for Saturday August 20 at St John the Evangelist church in Carmichael. Father Michael Barry, noted for his healing charism, will individually pray for and "lay hands on" those who desire it. Holy mass, the Divine Mercy chaplet and additional presentations will be part of this free event. This in the inaugural activity of the Divine Mercy Support Network of Sacramento; help make it a success by attending. For more information call John at (530) 677-2805 or Marjorie at (916) 524-8591. The church is located at 5771 Locust Ave in Carmichael, CA (off Manzanita Ave between Winding Way and Fair Oaks Blvd)

The Diocesan Second Collection for in support of the annual Catholic Communications Campaign will be taken up next week, August 14. Your donation will help fund the efforts of the Church to reach out to Catholics and others through print, television, internet, and radio materials. The funds raised will benefit both our Diocese of Sacramento and national programs. For more information on this Campaign, visit <www.usccb.org.ccc>.

105 DAYS To Go!

RCIA GUIDELINES FOR DIOCESE

A presentation and overview of the newly published RCIA Guidelines will be presented on Saturday, August 20 at St. James Parish in Davis from 9am-12:30pm. It will be repeated at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Rocklin on August 27. \$15

EUCHARIST WORKSHOP

Dr. Gil Bailie will facilitate a workshop on "Becoming a Sacramental Person at the Eucharistic Table" from 9:30-4:30 pm on Sunday, August 21 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Contact the Department of Catholic Faith Formation to register at 733-0138. Cost: \$20. Bring a bag lunch.

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

WE ALL GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE

Reverend Lawrence E. Mick

How many of you know when the Eucharistic Prayer begins? The first part of this central prayer of the Mass is a variable section called the Preface. That term does not mean that it is a preliminary section like the preface of a book; it comes from a Latin word that simply means a proclamation. In the preface we proclaim our praise of God, focusing on one or several aspects of God's wondrous works on our behalf.

The Preface itself begins with that standard dialogue that we all can recite in our sleep: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

This simple ritual dialogue tells us a couple of very important things about the Eucharistic Prayer. The first is that the prayer involves us all. Though the priest proclaims most of the prayer alone, right at the beginning we are reminded that we have a part to play. Notice the plural terms: We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

This is not a private prayer of the priest but a communal prayer that he proclaims in our name. As we move through the prayer, we continue to respond to what the priest proclaims. We sing the Holy, Holy, Holy at the end of the Preface. We sing the Memorial Acclamation after the account of the Last Supper. And we affirm and conclude the whole prayer with our Great Amen. This is a prayer that belongs to us all. We offer it to the Father together, united with Christ our head.

The second thing the preface dialogue reminds us is that the Eucharistic Prayer is a prayer of thanks and praise. "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise." This is also reflected in the very name of the prayer; the word Eucharist, you may recall, comes from the Latin for thanksgiving. We gather every week to thank God

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Sacramento's volunteer community chaplain program responds with law enforcement to homicides, suicides, child deaths, and other traumatic events providing comfort to victims' families and friends. The U.S. Department of Justice has recognized it as the model program of its kind. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, from 7:00-9:00 pm. If you are called to this type of ministry, call (916) 857-1801 or visit our Web site at <www.sacchaplains.com>.

for all the gifts we have received from the hand of the Lord. We praise God for God's goodness and love, revealed to us through Jesus Christ.

This central prayer of the Mass, then, calls for our full attention and participation. We need to listen carefully to the words of the Eucharistic Prayer and make them our own prayer by responding with the sung acclamations. We need to truly lift up our hearts and give thanks and praise to God.

This will be easier if we take a few moments before we come to Mass to recall some of the reasons we have to be grateful to God. We always give thanks for our salvation through Christ, but we should also be thankful for the many blessings we receive each week. Perhaps we should take a few moments each night to reflect on the blessings of the day. If we give God thanks each day, then we might be better prepared to do that together here on Sunday.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 8/8/2005

St. Dominic

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: All Souls

TUES 8/9/2005

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: Patti Cruz +

WED 8/10/2005

St. Lawrence

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 Noon: Alfred & Helen Elow, anniversary

THURS 8/11/2005

St. Clare

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 Noon: Florence Davidson +

FRI 8/12/2005

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 Noon: Silvia Frazier