

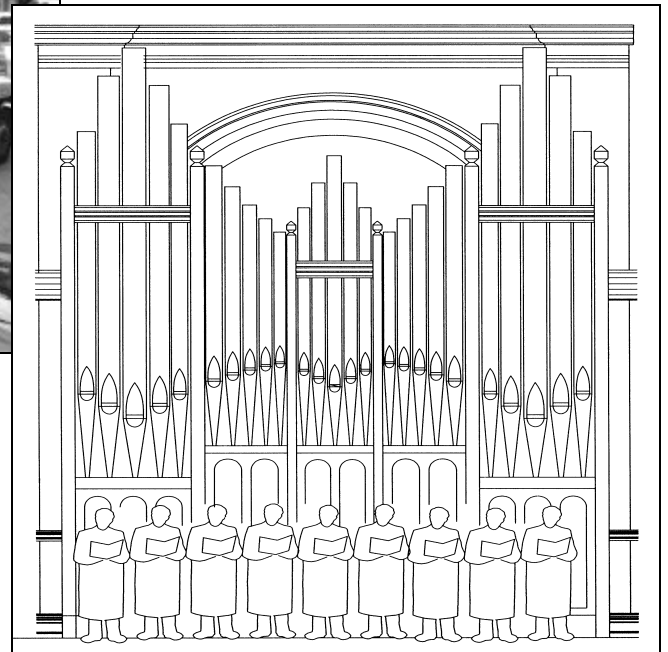
NEW ORGAN ARRIVES AT THE CATHEDRAL

The new organ was installed in the Cathedral this week and will be ready for use when the Cathedral reopens on November 20. This new instrument comprises the Schlicker organ of nine ranks that was used before the building closed with an additional 15 new ranks of pipes, thus giving it many musical and operational features that the old organ lacked. The Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas, produced this new organ.



In its 116-year-history the Cathedral has been home to three pipe organs. The first was built by the New York firm of J.C. and H.S. Odell for St. Rose of Lima Church and was moved to the Cathedral when it opened ten years later. With a variety of changes over the years, such as replacing the original manually-pumped wind system and the addition of some stops, this instrument served the Cathedral's needs until around 1970 when both the organ and the gallery that housed it were removed. That organ is still in use in a private facility in the Bay Area.

In 1977, under the direction of Bishop Alden Bell, the Schlicker Organ (made in Buffalo, New York) was installed. Primarily a practice organ for universities and music schools, it was inadequate for the musical demands of Cathedral liturgies. The instrument that was installed this week will be a welcome addition as we begin a new chapter in the Cathedral's history.



SKETCH OF NEW ORGAN IN PLACE

CHANGE IN WEB SITE ADDRESS

We will soon launch our new Cathedral Web site. Please note the change in address: www.cathedralsacramento.org. Both old and new addresses will direct you to the current Web site. The address is always posted on top of the right hand column of this bulletin.

TIME CHANGE NEXT WEEK

Daylight Savings Time ends next week, October 30. Turn clocks back one hour.

28 DAYS TO GO



Vote **YES** for Common Sense
Vote **YES** on Proposition 73

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the "family is the 'privileged community' wherein children are meant to grow in wisdom, stature, and grace. It also counsels us that public authorities should not usurp the family's prerogatives or interfere in its life."

Proposition 73 will mandate that, except for medical emergency, no abortion could be performed on a minor unless the physician notifies the minor's parents or legal guardian at least 48 hours before the procedure. Prop 73 would also allow a minor access to juvenile court if she is being coerced to have an abortion, and require the filing of reports to Department of Health Services by physicians.

California Conference of Catholic Bishops

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR MISSION SUNDAY

Today, October 23, we celebrate Mission Sunday. The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, calls every Catholic to celebrate at the Eucharist our vocation to be missionary and to help the missions. Let us pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work and offer financial help through the Propagation of the

Faith to the more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands that desperately need assistance. Please be generous with your financial support and your prayers that the great gift of Faith may be carried to every place and nation.

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

SENT FORTH TO BE CHRIST

Reverend Lawrence E. Mick

When your heart beats, it draws blood into it, and then sends it to the lungs to take on oxygen. Then the blood is pulled back into the heart and finally sent back through your body to keep you alive. If the heart only took blood in and didn't send it back out, it wouldn't do you much good.

The liturgy is something like a heart. It draws us in when we have been depleted of spiritual energy. It links us to Christ, who revives our spirits and gives us strength. Then it sends us back out into the world.

This sending forth is the final section of the Eucharist. We call it the dismissal, but that's a word that can easily be misunderstood. We might think of dismissal time at school, the time we were finally free to do what we wanted. Or we might think of soldiers dismissed from formation. Dismissal can sound like simply the end of some gathering.

The dismissal from the Eucharist is more than that. The formula of dismissal in Latin is *Ite, missa est*. That's a very difficult phrase to translate. Our current translation is, "Go, the Mass is ended," but that is a bit weak. Translated literally, the Latin means "Go, it is the sending." Perhaps a little more elegant translation into English would be "Go, you are sent." The very word we commonly use for our Sunday worship, the Mass, comes from this dismissal. The Mass is for mission; it strengthens us to send us out again.

When we are dismissed from the liturgy, we are sent forth to carry on the work of Christ in the world. We respond: "Thanks be to God." That almost sounds as if we're just grateful it's over! What it really means is that we are grateful to God for entrusting this sacred mission to us and for strengthening us through the Eucharist to be able to carry it out.

Before the actual dismissal, we hear announcements for the week. The reason they come at this point in the liturgy is that they should be telling us ways that we can carry on our mission during the week. Here we receive the information we need for our "assignments" for the Lord. Then we pray for God's blessing before we are formally sent out on mission.

Of course, in most parishes, we actually conclude with a final song that accompanies the procession of the ministers through the assembly. That means that the liturgy is not over until the song is finished. It is really scandalous in some parishes to see many people leaving early. Some leave during Communion itself. Others leave as soon as the song begins. It's time to end this disrespectful habit. Basic courtesy and respect for the Lord and for our brothers and sisters requires all of us to stay in our places singing until the final song is concluded.

Even then, we don't have to make a mad dash for the parking lot. If we care about our brothers and sisters here, some time in conversation and fellowship after Mass is certainly appropriate. Some people may have pressing obligations that require them to leave quickly, but most of us could linger a bit with one another to share our joy in the Lord. Then we go forth to bring Christ to all those we meet throughout the week.

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of 26 articles written by Father Mick to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, proclaimed by Pope John Paul II, which ends today.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 10/24/2005 **St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop**
7:00 am:
12:00 noon: Mike Vasquez, S.I.

TUES 10/25/2005
7:00 am: Joseph Binh Bui +
12:00 noon: Ilia Nash, S.I.

WED 10/26/2005
7:00 am: All Souls
12:00 Noon: Gregorio Gutierrez, S.I.

THURS 10/27/2005
7:00 am: All Souls
12:00 noon: Isiah Nash, S.I.

FRI 10/28/2004 **St. Simon & St. Jude, apostles**
7:00 am: All Souls
12:00 noon: Francine Gutierrez, S.I.