

# HOW TO BUILD A DOME FROM SCRATCH!

Shown at right is a life size mock-up of one section of the interior dome of the Cathedral. This mock-up of a dome panel (the full dome has 16 panels) is sitting on the floor inside the Cathedral entrance, and enables architects and construction workers to correctly plan the real interior dome some 60 feet above the floor. The mock-up enables them to test the size of the acoustic panels (which will be pre-fabricated) to make sure they are the correct size and curvature. Workers can also test the alignment of the ribs, and the lighting on the dome.



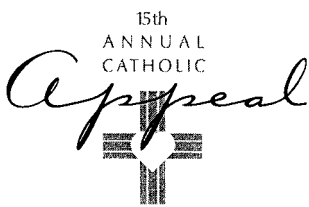
The interior dome will replace the original interior dome that was taken down in 1932. The upper and central part of this new dome will be made of colored glass that will

show the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. The wingspan of the dove will be seven feet, and the diameter of the entire colored glass section will be 24 feet. The glass will be lit partly from natural light coming from the lantern at the top of the outside dome and partly by artificial light. See below for an artist's rendering of the dove. A



section of the entire colored glass can be viewed on our Web site at <[www.blesedsaccathedral.org](http://www.blesedsaccathedral.org)>.

## 15TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL NEXT WEEK



Assisting people in need

You may have already received literature about people in our own local area who suffer the indignities of poverty. Thousands of disadvantaged older people, foster teens, children, refugees, immigrants, pregnant women, homeless, and mentally ill rely on local programs to overcome their circumstances. As you think about the gift you can afford this year,

prayerfully consider that the drastic cuts in private and public funding have left many programs in imminent peril. Please also consider that for the first time in the history of this Annual Appeal, 25 percent goes back to our local parish for our own social service activities. Pledges can be dropped in next week's Sunday Second Collection basket or sent directly to the Diocese. If you have not received a pledge envelope, please contact our Cathedral Parish office or call the Diocese at (916) 733-0266.

## THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD

**ASH WEDNESDAY***Reverend George Dyer, S.T.D.*

This coming Wednesday some of the largest crowds of the year will assemble in church to receive ashes. As they do so, they will hear the priest or minister say either: "You are dust and to dust you shall return." Or: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."

The first formula reflects an idea of Lent that goes back to the Middle Ages when the focus was on the passion and death of Christ and upon our sin and need of repentance. The ashes, reminding us of our mortality, were a powerful motive for penance.

The second formula takes us back to early Christianity. Lent began as a time of preparation for the Easter baptism of new converts. Praying and fasting, the entire church accompanied the Catechumens on their Lenten journey. When these adult converts were baptized, the entire community renewed its own baptismal vows. By the end of the first millennium, infant baptism had become the rule and the Lenten focus shifted from Baptism to the passion and death of the Lord.

Responding to the Second Vatican Council, the Church has begun to restore the baptismal character of Lent. Increasingly during the Lenten season Catholics are interacting with adults who are preparing for baptism. In this context the ashes we receive remind us that by prayer and fasting we support the new converts on their way to

Baptism. Our Lenten penance also readies us for the Easter renewal of our own Baptismal vows. Lent then is our time to "turn away from sin and to be faithful to the gospel."

The new Lenten ritual focuses on the community rather than the individual. This may present some cultural problems. Our founding fathers left us a heritage of respect for the individual person. (We hold these truths to be self evident.....) Now the individual person is indeed sacred. But we must not let this fact obscure another important reality. We need to care for the others in our society if we are to thrive politically, socially and religiously.

The Lenten focus on Baptism reminds us that this sacrament gives us a new relationship not only to Christ but to all who acknowledge him as Lord and Savior. St. Paul describes these relationships metaphorically as a living body, with Christ as head and we the members. This living reality is the whole Christ—the Church. The Church is precious because here we find our identity as the sons and daughters of God.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES****7:00 am at St. Elizabeth's Church****12 Noon at Westminster Presbyterian****5:30 pm at St. Elizabeth's Church***Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.***ST. VALENTINE DAY GIFTS TO  
HELP DOWNTOWN HOMELESS**

To raise money for the Cathedral's bag lunch program - which provides over 300 lunches a month to the downtown homeless, the St. Vincent De Paul Society is selling California grown nuts, dried fruits, chocolates and wine. They make perfect gifts for Valentine's Day! Prices range from \$15 to \$100. Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling items and taking orders after the 8:00 a.m.; 10:00; 12:30 and 5:00 Masses on Sunday, February 6th and 13th. You can also telephone 457-6719 or order the higher priced items on the Web at <[www.californiaseason.com](http://www.californiaseason.com)>.

**THANK YOU FROM BISHOP**

Bishop William K. Weigand and the Office of Social Service Ministry for the Diocese of Sacramento extend their heartfelt gratitude and thanks for the tremendous generosity and financial aid during the recent Tsunami tragedy in Southeast Asia. To date, more than \$650,000 has been given and forwarded to Catholic Relief Services. Your assistance to those in need is a genuine reflection of your commitment to live the Gospel message.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****MON 2/7/2004**

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: Girlie &amp; Federico Domingo +

**TUES 2/8/2004****St. Josephine Bakhita****St. Jerome Emiliani**

7:00 am: Ipolita Cazares +

12:00 noon: All Souls

**WED 2/9/2004****ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 Noon: Crisanto Solomon +

5:30pm: All Souls

**THURS 2/10/2004****St. Scholastica**

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: All Souls

**FRI 2/11/2004****Our Lady of Lourdes**

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: All Souls