

# CATHEDRAL CONFIRMATION 2005

At Pentecost, the apostles received the Holy Spirit as the Lord had promised. They also received the power of giving the Holy Spirit and so completing the work of baptism. When Saint Paul placed his hands on those who had been baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in languages and prophetic words.

Bishops are the successors of the apostles and have this power of giving the Holy Spirit to the baptized. In our day, the coming of the Holy Spirit is not usually marked by the gift of tongues, but we know his coming by faith. The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God, brings us together in one faith but in different vocations, and works within us to make the Church one and holy.

The Cathedral Parish is proud to present the following young people who will be blessed with the Holy Spirit today at the 12:30 pm Mass today. May they become active members of the Church, alive in Jesus Christ, and may they, under the

guidance of the Holy Spirit, give their lives completely in the service of all, as did Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.



## RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Alexandra Alexander, Alexis Barajas, Fernando Barajas, Andrea Carroll, Alejandro Chacon, Karina De La Cruz, Holly Gamboa, Monserrat Gamboa, Sherry Gamboa, Monica Garner, Marissa Garner, Priscilla Gutierrez, Salena Gutierrez, Erica Idefonso, Crista Jang, Daniel Krist, David Krist, Kristina Magana, Alicia Martinez, Erick Martinez, Nadine Martinez, Christina Parra, Roberto Quant, Roberto Rivera, Yztla Rivera, Tomas Rubalcava, Jacqueline Sanchez, and Shaina Sanchez.

We also thank the hard work and dedication of our Cathedral Confirmation teachers who have guided these students in the way of Christ during the year: Diane Ortiz, Nicole Vasquez, Christine Ledesma, Deena Sierras, and Mike Ognisty.

## CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

**CAMP PENDOLA**, the official Youth Ministry Summer Camp of the Diocese of Sacramento, is a residential summer camp full of outdoor fun. Camp Pendola creates an environment where Christian life and values come alive in a positive, natural, and fun filled way. Swimming, archery, camp crafts, games, campfires, and a chance to sleep out under the stars are some of the activities of each day.

Register now. Summer camp sessions begin June 19 and extend through August 13. Financial assistance for girls and boys is available for families who qualify. Camp Pendola also offers great family adventure with Family Camp on August 20-21 and September 3-5.

See Camp Pendola's Web site at <[www.Pendola.org](http://www.Pendola.org)> for more information or call (916) PEN-DOLA.

THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

## THE SOUND OF SILENCE

*Reverend Lawrence E. Mick*

It seemed like a typical Sunday Mass in a typical parish. The opening hymn was joyful, the Sprinkling Rite was effective, and the Glory to God was sung with vigor. Then the presider said, "Let us pray." The server brought the book to him, but nothing happened. Ten seconds became fifteen, then twenty. People began to look around nervously and wondered: What's Father waiting for? Did he fall asleep? Is he having a seizure?

In fact, he was simply doing what the liturgy intends. The missal says that, after the priest says "Let us pray," the priest and people "pray silently for a while." In some Masses that "while" lasts only a few seconds, but it is intended to be a brief yet significant pause for silent prayer. This is an appropriate time for each of us to recall our particular needs and hopes and present them to the Lord. Then the priest gathers our prayers into one opening prayer, sometimes called a "collect" because it collects our prayers together.

This is one of several places in the liturgy that silence is encouraged by the official books. The liturgy must always be a blend of sounds and silence. Since liturgy is communal worship, it is natural that most of the time we are together will be filled with vocal and musical prayer. Yet there is also a need for moments of silence to allow ourselves to enter more deeply into the worship we share.

The entrance rites contain two moments for silence: a brief one during the penitential rite and a bit longer one

before the opening prayer. During the Liturgy of the Word, several other moments call for times of silence. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal encourages such silences before the Liturgy of the Word itself begins (that is, before the first reading), after the first and second readings and after the homily. It calls for such silences so that "the word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared" (# 56).

Another extended time of silence in the liturgy comes after all have received communion. During the communion procession, everyone should be singing the communion song as a sign of our union in Christ. When all the movement of the procession is completed, we sit down together and spend some time in shared silent prayer.

These times of silence don't work automatically, of course. It takes a deliberate effort from every member of the assembly even to allow silence to occur. The ministers up front may be quiet, but shared silence also requires the assembly to embrace it. Sometimes we seem a bit uncomfortable with silence, because we live in a world of almost constant noise. We need to learn how to be silent together.

And in the silence, each of us must decide whether to engage in sincere prayer or just to daydream. If we embrace these times of silent prayer, however, they can do much to enrich our experience of the liturgy, drawing us closer to Christ and to one another as we worship together.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MON 5/16/2005** Ordinary Time Weekday

7:00 am: Maria Lien Lai +

12:00 noon: Eddie Re +

**TUES 5/17/2005** Ordinary Time Weekday

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 noon: All Souls

**WED 5/18/2005** St. John I, pope

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 Noon: All Souls

**THURS 5/19/2005** Ordinary Time Weekday

7:00 am: David Singh S.I.

12:00 noon: All Souls

**FRI 5/20/2005** St. Bernadin of Siena, priest

7:00 am: All Souls

12:00 Noon: All Souls

### POPE JOHN PAUL II PRAYER CARDS

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will have a limited number of Pope John Paul II commemorative cards available for parishioners today at Mass. On the back of the card is a chronology of Pope John Paul's life and special dates of his ordination, appointments, and election to the Holy See.

### DIOCESAN MARY'S HOUR

This year's celebration of "Mary's Hour" will take place on Sunday, May 22 at 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish, 1338 58th Street, Sacramento. Bishop Richard Garcia will preside in the celebration which will include a procession, the praying of the Rosary, the crowning of Mary, and Benediction. All are invited to participate!