

FR. AVELLA BOOK SIGNING TODAY

Fr. Steve Avella will be available today to autograph copies of his recently published history of the Diocese of Sacramento entitled “*Diocese of Sacramento Journey of Faith*.”

Fr. Steve, a professor of history at Marquette University, is living at the Cathedral Rectory for the summer and celebrates Mass for us regularly.



FR. STEVE AVELLA SIGNING BOOKS ON AUGUST 6

“*Diocese of Sacramento Journey of Faith*” is 270-page coffee table book detailing the history of the Diocese of Sacramento since it was founded in 1860. Also included are brief histories of each of the 100 parishes in the diocese. The book is beautifully illustrated with photographs and other artwork. Copies will be available in the Cathedral foyer and at the Cathedral Gift Shop in the Lower Level on other Sundays.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

In the 21st century, Catholics are challenged to spread the good news of our faith by modern means as well as traditional ones. That is why there is a Second Collection this weekend to support the annual Catholic Communications Campaign. Print, radio, Internet, and television materials and programs are supported by your donations, including our local Diocese of Sacramento projects. See their Web site at www.usccb.org/ccc. Your support is both needed and appreciated. If more convenient for you than using the collection baskets this weekend, you may submit your donation to the Cathedral Parish Rectory, marked Catholic Communications Campaign.

ADULT EDUCATION

The series *From the Religious Sense to Christianity* continuing adult education series group will not be meeting during the month of August but will reconvene on Wednesday September. 6 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us on that date.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Cemeteries—Diocese of Sacramento has immediate openings in its Family and Community Service Departments. The qualified candidates must be Catholic, possess strong interpersonal communications skills and a background in direct sales. Knowledge of final expense insurance, funeral, and cemetery industries a plus but not mandatory. Must be comfortable with an incentive-based compensation plan. Fax resumes to (916) 733-2710.

TODAY THE CATHEDRAL WOULD COST \$50 MILLION!

The cost of the 2005 Cathedral restoration (almost \$35 million) may have surprised you but it would cost a lot more today. Downtown developers are reporting that construction has gone up between 30 and 50 percent in the past three years. The reason: competition from Pacific Rim countries that has raised the price of copper, concrete and steel. The amount of steel used in the Cathedral came to 320 tons.



The original estimate on the Cathedral cost was in the \$25 million range but it shot up to \$35 million because of the building boom in China. Asian competition has now gotten even stiffer. Officials from HMH (the firm that handled our Cathedral restoration) tell us that if we were launching the Cathedral project today it would cost at least \$50 million. Good thing we did it when we did!

Meanwhile, the cost of keeping the Cathedral doors open is much higher than it used to be. Our heating and lighting bill each month is around \$6,000, despite efforts to conserve energy whenever we can. Another example of the rising costs: we recently bought 20 cases of bulbs for replacing burnt out lights in the doom and elsewhere. The cost: \$8,000.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE PLANNED FOR THE FALL

A stewardship drive will be conducted in the Cathedral Parish in the fall of this year. Monsignor James Murphy, in consultation with the Parish Finance Council and the Hospitality Committee, has hired a consultant to conduct a four-week campaign in the parish that will spell out the theology of stewardship and elaborate on three major areas of parishioner involvement: *time, talent, and treasure*. Sunday homilies during part of October and November will focus on these themes, emphasizing the importance of volunteers for the various ministries in the normal life of a parish but also detailing the financial needs of the parish.

The consultant for this drive is *Mimi Scherber* who was Director of Development for the Diocese of Sacramento until three years ago, and is now Director of Development for Loretto High School in Sacramento. She and her husband Ralph recently became members of the Cathedral Parish.

“Each time I step into this beautiful and holy place I am filled with a sense of gratitude knowing so many cared enough to contribute to this project,” Mimi said recently. “I am now asking you to continue our journey together. The purpose of this is to communicate with all of you the many opportunities to grow in your faith, whether through becoming more involved in our many ministries that carry out God’s work, sharing your God given talents with others whatever they may be or perhaps the gift of treasure which assures the financial stability and future of our parish.”

FIRST DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO

You are cordially invited to our First Divine Mercy conference in Sacramento, on Saturday, October 7th 2006, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the Sacramento Convention Center. Cost is only \$10. Seating is limited, so please register early.

To register please call: **1-877-473-2484** or **916-338-7272** or go online at www.divinemercysacramento.org.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON TUESDAY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

The Solemnity of the Assumption recalls the dogma that Mary, body and soul, was taken to heaven at her death. We say that Mary was “assumed” while Jesus “ascended.” The different verbs remind us that Jesus was the God-Man while Mary was completely human. Pope Paul VI tried to stress that final point. He felt that we had allowed Mary to become “idealized,” remote from our experience and our lives.



Masses at the Cathedral for this Holy Day of Obligation are Monday, August 14, at 5:10 pm (Vigil of the Assumption), and at 12:10 pm and 5:10 pm on Tuesday, August 15.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- MON 8/14/2006** St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest
12:10 pm: Helen Gelbrash +
5:10 pm: Catherine Benson +
- TUES 8/15/2006** ASSUMPTION OF MARY
12:10 pm: Fr. Thomas Bannon +
5:10 pm: Rodolfo D. Maulino +
- WED 8/16/2006** St. Stephen of Hungary
12:10 pm: Myly Nguyen Priddle +
5:10 pm: Richard Vusstillo +
- THURS 8/17/2006**
12:10 pm: Victor Pulmano +
5:10 pm: Rodolfo D. Maulino +
- FRI 8/18/2006** St. Jane de Chantal, religious
12:10 pm: Thomas Arthur O'Brien +

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!