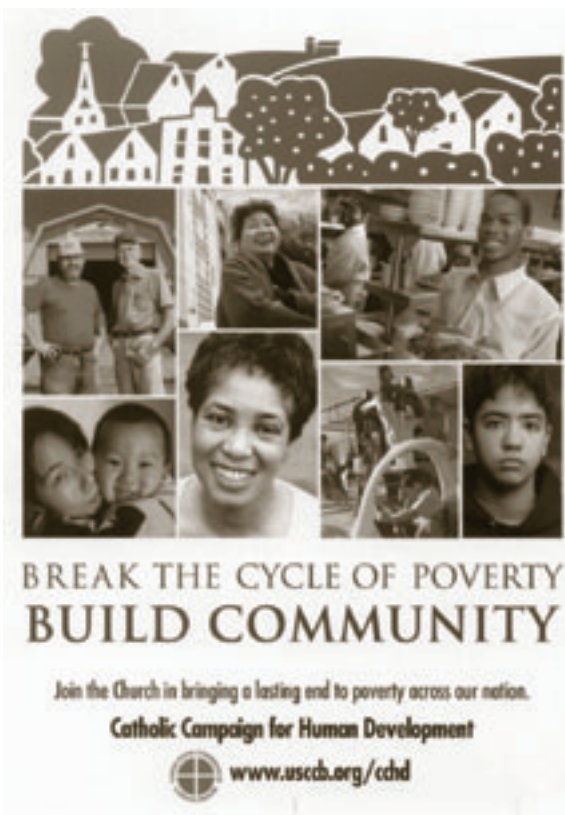


Campaign for Human Development Today

In his first encyclical letter, God is Love, Pope Benedict stated that “within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life.” In our own country, 37 million Americans struggle in poverty, many despite working full time. And many families are two paychecks away from becoming poor themselves. Are we overwhelmed or paralyzed?

Within our community of believers we can make a difference—when we support the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The campaign is



committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their communities by self-help projects and by low-income people working together.

You can break the cycle of poverty. Please give generously to the Campaign for Human Development this weekend. Visit povertyusa.org to learn more.

Special envelopes are available on the Cathedral back tables and in the pews.

FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI

The Filipino Community of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament invites all to join in celebrating Simbang Gabi (evening Mass) from December 15 through December 23 at 7:00 pm each night except on Sat. and Sun., December 16 and 17 when the time will be 5:00 pm. Let us rejoice, share, and unite as one big family and continue the Filipino tradition. For information, call [Dolly Policarpio](tel:916-419-3734) at (916) 419-3734

EXTRAORDINARY & INCORRUPTIBLE SAINTS OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER STEVEN AVELLA IN JUNE

Well known to the Cathedral Parish because of his visits to us every Christmas and summer, Fr. Steven Avella, author of many books, including “*The Diocese of Sacramento: A Journey of Faith*” will be the Spiritual Director on a pilgrimage to Italy this coming summer. The pilgrimage is 16 days long and will visit Milan, Asti, Siena, Assisi, Casia, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant’ Angelo, and Christian Rome. Please contact [Karen Chappellear of JMJ Pilgrimages](tel:916-652-7560) at (916) 652-7560. Cost of the pilgrimage is \$3175. A brochure with application and reservation form plus trip details is available from the Rectory.

NOTES FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

The members of the Amish community of Pennsylvania exhibited heroic virtue in their actions after the tragedy that occurred on October 2 when a man entered a one-room schoolhouse in West Nickel Mines, PA, and shot 10 girls before taking his own life, said Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles. Five of the girls died. In a homily, Cardinal Mahony noted that the Amish had gone the very day of the shootings to console and bring forgiveness to the killer’s wife and how they had made meals for her and her three children throughout the week. The cardinal asked, “Can you imagine yourself, can I imagine myself having that level, that degree of courage to live out Christian forgiveness in such an extraordinary manner?”

President Bush was urged to veto the Secure Fence Act in an October 10 letter from Bishop William Skylstad of Spokane WA, President of the U.S. Conference of Bishops. Legislation approved on Capitol Hill called for the construction of a fence along the U.S.—Mexican border in an effort to curb illegal immigration. But Skylstad said the fence would lead to more deaths and violence. The bishop said the U.S., the world’s greatest democracy and lone superpower, ought to be able to address the issue of illegal immigration without resorting to the construction of fences and barriers.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS



There will be one Mass on Thanksgiving Day November 23, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. (no 12 Noon Mass). Please join all in giving thanks for our many blessings.

FINE ART SHOW AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Parish at 58th and M Streets is holding a Fine Art and Craft Show on Nov. 19 in its Parish Hall. Professional artists, wine tasting, live entertainment, a kids' crafts area, and demonstrations throughout the day will be featured. Proceeds to benefit St. Mary School. Call **452-1100**.

LORETTO SHADOW DAYS

Loretto Catholic High School extends a special invitation to all 8th grade young women of the Cathedral Parish for a special Shadow Day. All current 8th grade girls who are interested in an outstanding Catholic, college preparatory high school may schedule a visit for a morning of classes, activities, and meeting students and teachers one-on-one. Call the **Director of Admissions** at **(916) 482-7793, ext. 103**, to schedule your Shadow Day from December 5 through December 18.

ENCOUNTERING LIFE ALONE

The Beginning Experience of Sacramento support group is offering its "Encountering Life Alone" program of healing, hope, and encouragement for divorced, separated, or widowed persons of all faiths. This 10-week program starts on December 7, 2006, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2140 Mission Avenue, Carmichael. The meetings are held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10 and a \$5 weekly fee. For more information, please call **(916) 835-2282** or visit www.sacramentobe.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

Join our adult class on Wednesday evenings, from 7-8 p.m. in the Cathedral Lower Level, as we continue to discuss the fascinating text *The Religious Sense*. All are welcome. For more information call **Holly** at **(916) 733-0153**.

ICE RINK ADMISSIONS TO AID CATHEDRAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Downtown Partnership will host a charity event at the Westfield Downtown Plaza Holiday Ice Rink located at St. Rose of Lima Park, 7th & K streets to benefit the Cathedral Square Homelessness Program as they have in the past few years. This program provides valuable services to our downtown homeless. On Sunday, December 10, 2006, two dollars from every ice rink admission will be donated to benefit the Cathedral Square Homeless Program. Admission is \$6 and skate rentals are \$2.

THOUGHT OF BECOMING A PRIEST?

You are invited to attend a Discernment Retreat from January 26 to January 28 at St. Patrick's Seminary to better understand if a vocation to the priesthood is for you. The weekend is designed to provide the tools needed to help you determine if God is calling you. The retreat will include prayer, presentations about the priesthood, and following the daily routine of a seminarian. For further information, contact **Msgr. Murphy** at the **Cathedral Rectory**.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 11/20/2006

12:10 pm: Thomas Arthur O'Brien +
5:10 pm: Maria del Carmen Orozco +

TUES 11/21/2006

12:10 pm: Presentation of Mary
5:10 pm: Smith Family S.I.

WED 11/22/2006

12:10 pm: Genevieve Fagan +
5:10 pm: St. Cecilia, virgin

THURS 11/23/2006

12:10 pm: THANKSGIVING DAY
10:00 am: Thomas Arthur O'Brien +
Patricia Eileen Curney S.I.

FRI 11/24/2006

12:10 pm: St. Andrew Dung Lac
& Companions
Raymundo De La Cruz S.I.

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!