

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, AUGUST 6, 2006

ORGAN RECITAL TODAY AT 3:30 PM

Dr. Mary Beth Bennett, a recognized performer, composer and improviser will play a recital on the new Cathedral organ this coming Sunday August 6, 2006 at 3:30 pm. Dr. Bennet serves on the music faculty of the University of Richmond, and is the winner of numerous awards in performance and composition.

She has held various positions in Washington, D.C., including at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and as Ceremonial Organist for the United States Department of Defense, and holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music, Stetson University, the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik (Cologne, Germany), and the University of Southern California. As a



performing member of the Liturgical Organists Consortium she recorded three compact discs which have garnered critical acclaim. Her compositions are published by Augsburg-Fortress, Concordia, Broadman, National, and World Library Publishing Companies.

This recital is the first since the Cathedral reopened with an artist visiting from outside the area. Dr. Bennett will play a varied program of approximately an hour in length, demonstrating some of the capabilities of the new Reuter organ installed in the Cathedral last Fall.

There is no admission charge for the concert and all are welcome to attend.

BOOK SIGNING TODAY

Please join us for a book signing by Father Steve Avella, author of "*Diocese of Sacramento Journey of Faith*," a pictorial and historical view of the Diocese of Sacramento and its parishes.

Father Avella is a professor of History at Marquette University as well as a Sacramento native and author of several historical books including "*Sacramento: Indomitable City*" and "*In the Richness of the Earth: A History of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, 1843-1958*." He is well known to Cathedral Parishioners since he returns to Sacramento each summer and

during school breaks. Book signings will be held after the 11:00 am Mass on August 6th and August 13th. Additional signed copies will be available beginning August 6th after all Masses and ongoing at the Cathedral Gift Shop in the Lower Level.



SECOND COLLECTION AUG 13

On the weekend of August 12-13, the diocesan Second Collection will be taken up in support of the annual Catholic Communications Campaign. Your donation will help fund the efforts of the Church to reach out to Catholics and others through print, television, internet, and radio. The funds raised will benefit both our Diocese of Sacramento and national programs. For information on the Campaign, visit their Web site at www.usccb.org/ccc.

CONTINUING 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.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Robert and Olga Fuentes, parishioners of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at last Sunday's 7:30 a.m. Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Fuentes were married at St. Mary's Church in Los Angeles on July 28, 1956, and have three grown daughters, Diana Fuentes-Michel and Anna Fuentes-Martin, both of Sacramento, and Roberta Fuentes of Whittier.

UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO

Come visit our new University of Sacramento's graduate campus at their Open House on Thursday August 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Find out first hand about the first Catholic University in Sacramento and our Master's degree and Certificate of Catechetics Program. We are located at 1531 I Street, Suite 200. For more information, call (916) 443-4760 or E-mail kconner@universityofsacramento.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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.

1966 HIGH SCHOOLS REUNION

St. Francis High School and Christian Brothers High School (Bishop Armstrong) Class of 1966 will celebrate together their 40-year high school reunion on September 16, 2006, at St. Francis High School. For further information, please contact **Lynn Otten Spaich at 635-8789** or **Linda or Jim Luttrell at 689-5791**. St. Francis High School is located at 5900 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento 95819. Jan Millner, Director of Alumnae Relations, 452-3461.

THE TRANSFIGURATION

The nickname given to the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima from the Enola Gay, one of the B-29 bombers that flew over Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, was "Little Boy." After its release, it took about a minute for the bomb to reach the point of explosion, an altitude of 2,000 feet above the building that is today called the "A-Bomb Dome." It was a Monday morning at 8:15 a.m. People who saw the explosion often say, "We saw another sun in the sky when it exploded."



The Feast of the Transfiguration, always on August 6, occurs 40 days before the feast of the Triumph of the Cross. It was added to the Church calendar by Pope Callistus III in 1457 to celebrate, of all things, a military victory - the defeat of the Turks at Belgrade.

The people of Hiroshima did not understand. Do we understand? Has the vision of the Transfiguration helped us *at all*?

The Gospel of Mark contains three pivotal moments in Jesus' life, Mark says that at His baptism Jesus "saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This was at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Today, at the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and death, we hear God—a voice from the cloud—say, not to Jesus, but to Peter, James, and John, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." And finally, at His death and His entry in glory, we hear a centurion say, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

The experience described in Mark's Gospel today is described by a Latin word which we translate as "transfiguration." The Greek word that Mark used means "form" and is part the same as root in our "metamorphosis." However, this moment is not a transfiguration in the sense that Jesus was "changed" and then "reverted" back to His more familiar earthly form. Instead, Mark says that Peter, James, and John are granted a view of Jesus as He is in His divinity. They see His real form. It is also important to note that while Mark mentions Jesus' clothes, he never mentions Jesus' face, for no one can look on the face of God and live.

We live with all kinds of visions; some we understand, some we do not. Peter eventually came to understand the vision he had of Jesus at the Transfiguration, and this is mentioned in today's reading from Second Peter when Peter says that he had been an eyewitness of Jesus' majesty. Our understanding of this moment is being challenged today. Have we come to understand the vision of Jesus Christ as the "beloved Son"?

On Aug. 6, 1945, we were given a vision of an almost unimaginable power. It speaks of our intelligence and our ability to harness some of the forces of nature - to even create for just a moment a small sun. Judging the use of this weapon 61 years ago is difficult since few of us remember the bloody fighting in the Pacific, but what we can judge is the destructive power that human intellect has produced and that many more wish they could produce. The greatest and most overwhelming use of this power is for war and destruction.

Our peaceful use of it for lighting the world is negligible compared to our investment in its destructive uses. But we also have another vision, one of the Son of God. We have not only a glimpse of His divinity, but in His human form He chose to let us see His face. He has given us a vision of His power, one that is unimaginably beyond what the world saw in 1945. How is it, or why is it, that we still do not understand what this vision can do for us if we would only look? We can see a beautiful radiance or an awful cloud boiling up, mushrooming,

from "The Priest"

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 8/7/2006	St. Cajetan & St. Sixtus II
12:10 pm:	Rodolfo Maulino +
5:10 pm:	Leonardo De Guzman +
TUES 8/8/2006	St. Dominic, priest
12:10 pm:	Manuel T. Juan Munera +
5:10 pm:	Karen Patton +
WED 8/9/2006	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
12:10 pm:	Rodolfo Maulino +
5:10 pm:	Alfredo Pono, S.I.
THURS 8/10/2006	St. Lawrence, deacon
12:10 pm:	Ryan Lumagui +
5:10 pm:	Asteria A. Ferrer +
FRI 8/11/2006	St. Clare, virgin
12:10 pm:	Betty Titingner +
7:00 pm:	All Souls

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

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Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

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