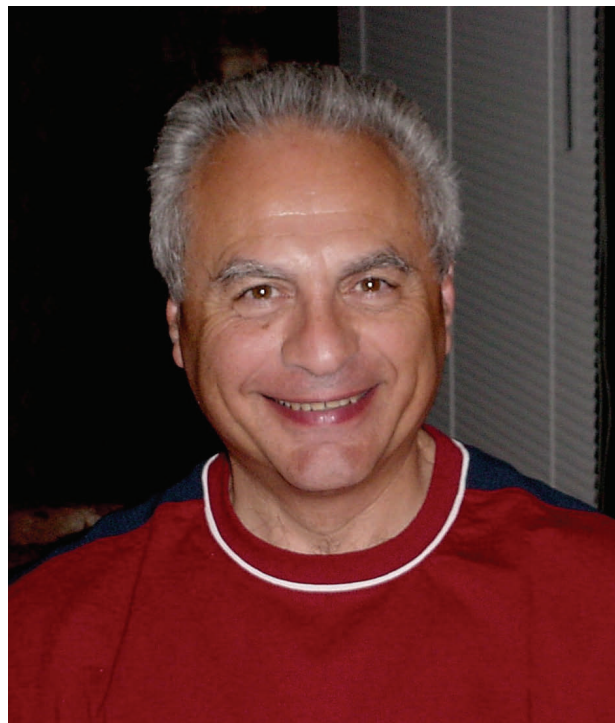


GEORGE USI ORDAINED DEACON FOR CATHEDRAL

George Usi, one of our most active parishioners, was ordained a permanent deacon this weekend. On Saturday morning Bishop William K. Weigand laid hands on George in a ceremony that included his wife Cathy and three children: Rose, Jean and George. His mother and two siblings from Mexico were also present. In all six permanent deacons were ordained and will be serving in their respective parishes throughout the diocese. All of them have completed five years of study and discernment and their wives were required to attend the full course with their husbands.

George Usi, 61, was born in Mexico City to a Lebanese father and Mexican mother. He met his wife Cathy in Mexico while she was on vacation from the US, and they spent their first year of marriage in Mexico before moving to



JORGE USI

Pennsylvania (where Cathy grew up) in 1969. Later the couple moved to the Bay Area and then to the Sacramento area. They have been parishioners of the Cathedral for 10 years. George is a facilities logistics clerk at Nordstrom Rack, and Cathy teaches at Howe Avenue Elementary School. "This is the most important event in my entire life besides my marriage," George said last week. "I love the Cathedral parish and I look forward to many years here."

The other new deacons are: Raymond Elias (Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield); Alejandro Madero (St. Vincent Parish, Vallejo); Hermenegildo Varela (St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing); Jose Luis Collazo (Holy Rosary Parish, Woodland); and Presciliano Ramirez (St Ann Parish, Sacramento).

CATHEDRAL VOLUNTEER'S PICNIC

The annual Cathedral Volunteers Picnic will be held on **Friday, July 14, 2006**, at **St. Joseph Parish in Clarksburg**. The location may seem far away, but is actually just across the river from the Pocket Area of South Sacramento. All choir members, altarservers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, ushers, teachers, St. Vincent de Paul members, and other volunteers who support the Cathedral's work and prayer are cordially invited to attend. Those with last names from A-L are asked to bring Salads, and those from M-Z, Deserts. Everything else will be provided by the Parish. One of the highlights of the picnic is the raffling away of gift certificates from local businesses.

MERCY GUILD VOLUNTEERS

Mercy General Hospital Guild is a nonprofit, volunteer group which provides services to patients, families, other visitors, and staff at Mercy General Hospital in East

Sacramento. There is a great need right now for volunteers to assist in various services, from the Gift Shop, Information Desk, Surgery Waiting Area, Emergency Room, and more. No prior experience is necessary and the Guild will provide any training you need. If you have as little as four hours a month to give, please call **Kathy Traversi at (916) 320-9001**, **Vivian Buletti at (916) 731-7131**, or the **Guild Office at (916) 731-7189** for more information and an application. The work at the hospital is rewarding and fulfilling, and you will meet and work with many great people. You will be happy you called.

SISTER JENNY VACATION

Sister Jenny, Religious Education Director, will be leaving for Italy on June 13 and return about August 15 to her duties here at the Cathedral. She will be in Rome to attend, among other things, newly named Archbishop Niederauer of San Francisco receiving the pallium from Pope Benedict.

ORDINATIONS

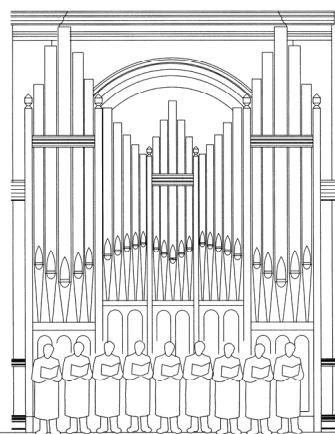


Next Sunday, June 18, at 2:30 pm Bishop Weigand will ordain to the priesthood Jeremy Leatherby, Sherwin Colaste, and Julito Orpilla. Please join in this celebration which will celebrate the continuing work of the apostolic tradition in our Diocese of Sacramento.

ORGAN PRELUDE BACKGROUND

The organ preludes at the English Masses this weekend and next weekend were composed by the French composer Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992). Messiaen was the organist at La Trinite in Paris—the facade of Blessed Sacrament is based on La Trinite. Much of Messiaen’s music is rooted in his deeply pious and spiritual faith. His only opera was “*St. Francis of Assisi*,” which had its United States premier last year in San Francisco.

He wrote at a time when composers were exploring musical ideas which are very dissonant and rough on the ears. This weekend’s prelude, “*Joy and Clarity of the Heavenly Bodies*,” comes from his collection “*The Glorified Body: 7*



Brief Visions on Life and Resurrection.” The music is based on Matthew 13:43— “Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” It is one of the most ecstatic works in the entire organ literature, but the music’s harmonies and rhythms may be a bit jarring. The melodies are based on birdsong, which he wrote down on paper himself while bird watching. The rhythms come from India—

highly syncopated with no strict meter. And being a strict Catholic, he interspersed sections that feel like chant.

Messiaen’s music may sound weird, but if you know a little about it, you’ll gain a greater appreciation of his music and hear the spiritual qualities it does contain.

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE

Lay Formation workshops for the summer months are listed below. All are to be held at the Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento. Workshop begin at 9:30am and end at 3:30pm with one hour for lunch (bring a bag lunch). The cost is \$20 per workshop.

WORKSHOP 9 JUNE 24, 2006

CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES

Facilitated by Reverend Peter Bosque. This workshop examines some current ethical controversies such as capital punishment, abortion, euthanasia, stem-cell research, physician-assisted suicide, poverty, and war in light of church teaching.

WORKSHOP 10 JULY 22, 2006

CHRISTIANITY & WORLD RELIGIONS

Facilitated by Reverend Isaac Arickappalil, CMI. Comparative inquiry into the nature of global religions. Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Judaism will be compared and contrasted to Christianity.

WORKSHOP 11 AUGUST 26, 2006

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND HEALING

Facilitated by Reverend Peter Bosque. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Healing are found on almost every page of the New Testament and an essential part of the Gospel message. Inquiry into the development of the sacrament.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON 6/12/2006

12:10 pm: Chito Rivera +
5:10 pm: Joseph Hesar, S.I.

TUES 6/13/2006

St. Anthony of Padua, priest

12:10 pm: Zeserino Gonzalez +
5:10 pm Joseph Hesar, S.I.

WED 6/14/2006

12:10 pm: Biull Rase +
5:10 pm: John Emery Pole +

THURS 6/15/2006

12:10 pm: Fr. James Kiernan, S.I.
5:10 pm Francin J. Gutierrez, S.I.

FRI 6/16/2006

12:10 pm: Aurora Sandoval +
7:00 pm: All Souls

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!