

## PARISH STATISTICS THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU

Did you know that we have almost 500 children in our religious education program at the Cathedral? This and other statistics in our parish are quite a bit higher than the average parish, and are a measure of how active our community is. The following are some of those figures that might interest you:

We have 486 children in our Religious Education Program, run by 58 teachers including two Missionary Sisters of Charity (Mother Teresa's order). In the RCIA we have 86 people preparing to join the Catholic Church, assisted by a 14-member team of instructors. We have about 15 Baptisms per month and 10 weddings per month. (In the summer we have as many as four weddings per weekend but fewer in the winter.) In our recent Stewardship Drive, our Sunday collection went up by 40 percent and some 120 volunteers signed up for

various ministries in the parish. The Cathedral Square Program, run by our St. Vincent de Paul Society, provides shelter for 10 homeless people every night. A significant number of those have been settled into stable homes and work.

We have 30 people trained to give guided tours of the Cathedral, and between 75 and 100 visitors a week take tours of the Cathedral. About 10 new parishioners sign up per month. (People can register either by using the form in this bulletin or online)

According to our last Mass attendance count, conducted in October, some 2,600 people attend our seven weekend Masses. So the work of the Lord continues. Let us give thanks.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Francis High School has an immediate opening for Capital Campaign Assistant, a full-time position. Responsibilities include all campaign administrative tasks, including scheduling, production of support materials, and information management. A Job Description and application are available on the St. Francis Web site at [www.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org). Send with resume to Pat Maier, Human Resources, St. Francis High School, 5900 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819. For questions, call (916) 452-3461, ext 290. Deadline for applications is February 9, 2007.

### ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE

St. Rose Catholic Church at 5961 Franklin Boulevard, will sponsor an All Night Vigil for Life on Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3. The vigil begins with First Friday Mass at 7:30 pm and ends on Saturday with 8:00 am Mass. Please join us for the Mass and spend an hour or more or spend the night. There will be a Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at the Wright Street Abortion Clinic following the 8:00 am Mass. If you need additional information, call June at 967-9158.

### ATTENTION PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

If you are planning to tour the Cathedral with your class or school this academic year, then this informative and meaningful workshop is for you. The Cathedral is offering a special 5-hour workshop for teachers for teachers who plan to visit the Cathedral with their class. This informative and meaningful workshop will help you prepare your class for touring the Cathedral. The workshop includes a complete unit with interactive lesson plans appropriate for grades 4-8. Come and learn background information about Cathedral while earning 5 Catechetical hours. The Workshop will be

held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.. The cost is \$15 and includes materials and a light dinner. For more information, contact Denise Fracchia at 444-3071 (Rectory).

### UNDERSTANDING ISLAM TODAY

On Thursday, February 1, at 7:30 pm, Rosalie Cuneo Amer, Professor Emeritus of Consumes River College, will present "Understanding Islam Today" at Holy Spirit Church Hall (3159 Land Park Drive & Cordano Way). Ms. Amer currently teaches a course on Global Islam. Admission is free. For more information, call Fan Vitulli at 443-7779.

### DEATH PENALTY AWARDS BANQUET

The 2nd Annual Death Penalty Focus Capitol Awards Banquet will be held on March 2 at the Radisson Hotel and feature Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking" and Mike Farrell, President of Death Penalty Focus. This year's honorees are Rev. Dr. David Thomson, Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Assembly Member Mark Leno, and Laura Magnani, American Friends Service Committee. For information and tickets, call (916) 452-3806 or visit [www.deathpenalty.org](http://www.deathpenalty.org).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DINNER FOR BISHOP QUINN

On Thursday, April 26, 2007, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will honor Bishop Francis A. Quinn for his years of devotion to the poor. The dinner will be held at the Sacramento Hilton Hotel. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the poor through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. For more information, contact Christine Cipperly at (916) 492-6396.

# MARDI GRAS DINNER/DANCE

Mark your calendars for a fun evening of dinner and dancing. The Cathedral will sponsor their first Mardi Gras Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 10, 2007, at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral Lower Level. Come mingle with your fellow parishioners, enjoy Cajun food and swing with your mate. Tickets are \$20 each and will be available after all Masses. **This event is not a fundraiser, but a time to enjoy the fellowship of others of the Cathedral Parish.**

## MERCY EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER

The mission of Mercy Education Multi-Cultural Services is to welcome new immigrants and to help them find their place in the culture of the United States. The many services and programs include English Classes for non-English-speakers, English Literacy Classes, English Tutoring, Welcoming the New Immigrant, and Inculturation Classes for New Immigrants. Mercy Education also works with the children or parents in classes by providing Homework Support, English Language Acquisition Support, and Early Education English Language Acquisition Support.

Mercy Education Center is in need of volunteers to help with the Children's Center in this Multi Cultural Services Department. Do you like to hold babies? Do you enjoy reading to toddlers. Would you like to help students with their homework? Students, do you need community hours? Want to make a difference with a child by providing tutoring? Volunteers are needed Monday through Thursday evenings from 6-9 pm. Also volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 am-12 Noon. Please contact Sr. Rosemarie at (916) 737-6026, ext 37, for more information.

## LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE 2007

The Lay Formation Institute has been designed and established as a program which provides opportunities for adults throughout the Diocese of Sacramento to become more knowledgeable about the Catholic faith, to grow spiritually, and to receive training for specific ecclesial ministries within the Catholic community. Courses maybe

taken individually or the entire institute. The cost is \$25 for each 8 hour course or \$175 for all 7 sessions. All courses are held on weekends at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2110 Broadway with Session One from 7-9:00 pm (Fri) and Session Two from 9 am-4:00 pm (Sat). For additional information, contact Kathy Wilson at (916) 733-0123 or kwilson@diocese-sacramento.org for a brochure of the whole year program. The next course begins next weekend:

- February 2/3 **Life in Christ: The Moral Life.**  
Rev. Loreto Rojas
- March 9/10 **Celebration of the Christian Mystery.**  
Jackson Schoos
- April 20/21 **Christian Prayer: What we pray.** Rev. Brian Atienza.
- May 11/12 **Nature of Catechesis/Catechetical Development.** Dr. Holly Peterson

**FAREWELL MASS FOR BISHOP  
GARCIA TODAY IN CATHEDRAL AT  
2:30 PM. RECEPTION TO FOLLOW.**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- MON 1/29/2007** **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
12:10 pm: Mary Lou Fratte +  
5:10 pm Jim McIntosh +
- TUES 1/30/2007** **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
12:10 pm: Arthur & Jessica Cardenas, S.I.  
5:10 pm Jorge Silva +
- WED 1/31/2007**  
12:10 pm: In Special Thanksgiving and  
Ambrosio Cabrera +  
5:10 pm: Michael Westmark, S.I.
- THURS 2/1/2006** **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
12:10 pm: Eric Westmark, S.I.  
5:10 pm: Moises & Everardo Vaca +
- FRI 2/2/2006** **Presentation of the Lord**  
12:10 pm: Salvador Ganzalez +& Family

### New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!*