

## GET YOUR TICKET FOR MARDI GRAS

If you haven't yet purchased a ticket to our Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance, now is your time. The event will be held next weekend, February 10, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Cathedral. Tickets are available in the Cathedral vestibule after all Masses this weekend. You can also pick up tickets at the parish office during the week.

This event, the first of its kind that we have had at the Cathedral, is not a fundraising event. Our purpose is to cover our costs and provide a community building experience for



our parishioners. Come and mingle with your fellow parishioners and enjoy Cajun food and good music. You can also dress up and wear a mask, pretend to be somebody else for the night!

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday," the day before Ash Wednesday, when we begin our Lenten journey towards Easter. From the early medieval period, many cultures feasted on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, using up all the fats and sugar that they would not use during the fasting of Lent.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Beginning on February 20, 2007, the day before Ash Wednesday, the Cathedral Parish will provide instruction every Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Lower Level for adult Catholics who have received religious instruction in the past but for some reason have not been confirmed. Bishop William Weigand will

confirm all those who attend the classes (and candidates from throughout the diocese). Those interested in taking advantage of this opportunity should contact **Sister Jenny, Director of Religious Education, at 444-5364.**

### 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.

### 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.**

## 17TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

### 25% COMES BACK TO PARISHES

Soon you will receive information in the mail about the 17th Annual Catholic Appeal, scheduled for February 17-18,

2007. Your participation in the Appeal enables programs for needy people in northern California to operate for another year. It also provides financial resources to our parish for our own ministries. As you think

about your commitment this year, remember that older people, foster teens, children, working families, immigrants, pregnant women, and the homeless find relief and a chance for a better future through the programs supported by this Appeal. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "the Eucharist commits us to the poor." The Annual Catholic Appeal is a highly beneficial way to help others. Nine-month pledges are encouraged to spread out any donations over a longer period, but all are encouraged to participate whether their gift is large or small. Remember, 25 percent comes back to our Cathedral Parish to help our local programs like St. Vincent de Paul who provides shelter for 10 homeless persons every night.



## 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](mailto:kwilson@diocese-sacramento.org) for a brochure of the whole year program.

*Courses for the next few months are shown below:*

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| March 9/10  | <b>Celebration of the Christian Mystery</b><br><i>Jackson Schoos</i> |
| April 20/21 | <b>Christian Prayer: What we pray</b><br><i>Rev. Brian Atienza</i>   |

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>MON 2/5/2007</b><br>12:10 pm:<br>5:10 pm    | <b>St. Agatha, virgin &amp; martyr</b><br>Genevieve & Charles Fagant, S.I.<br>Phillip Fernandez +   |
| <b>TUES 2/6/2007</b><br>12:10 pm:<br>5:10 pm   | <b>St. Paul Miki, priest,<br/>&amp; Companions</b><br>Virginia Bibby, S.I.<br>Michael Boffum, S.I.  |
| <b>WED 2/7/2007</b><br>12:10 pm:<br>5:10 pm:   | <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Joseph Machado +<br>Michael Montgomery & Family, S.I.            |
| <b>THURS 2/8/2007</b><br>12:10 pm:<br>5:10 pm: | <b>St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin</b><br>Eduardo Aguirre & Family, S.I.<br>Larry & Debra Waltz, S.I. |
| <b>FRI 2/9/2007</b><br>12:10 pm:               | <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Rayn Lumagi +  |

## New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

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

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

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

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