

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION BEGINS AUG. 10 FOR 2008-09

Registration for the 2008-09 Religious Education year begins this **Sunday, August 10**, in the Cathedral vestibule after all Masses and will continue every **Sunday until September 20**. Registration for classes in Spanish will also start today after the 1:00 pm Spanish Mass downstairs next to the Gift Shop.

Classes for English Catechism kindergarten-6th grade begin **Saturday, September 20** (10-11:30 am).

Classes for English Confirmation 7-12th grade begin **Tuesday, September 23** (6:30-8:00 pm).

Classes for Children's Catechumenate begin Sunday September 21 (9-10:30 am) All children who are not baptized and are over the age of 7 years old must attend the Children's Catechumenate classes.

Spanish classes for Kindergarten through 8th grade and for those in High School who have not been confirmed will start **Sunday, Sept. 21** at 11:15am-12:45pm in the Lower Level of the Cathedral.

The registration fee is \$40 for the first child, and \$10 for each additional child.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY DINNER AT CATHEDRAL SEPTEMBER 13

Tickets are now available for the Cathedral celebration of Mexican Independence Day sponsored by the Hispanic Community. The celebration will consist of dinner, a variety show and a raffle. Dinner will be served between 5 and 7 p.m. in the Cathedral Lower Level (Mercy Hall). *Seating is limited so get your tickets today!* Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 10. Tickets will be available after the 1:00 pm Spanish Mass on Sunday and at the Cathedral Rectory during the week. For more information, call **Deacon Raul Leon at 391-9226**.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Fr. Steve Avella, professor of history at Marquette University and well known to Cathedral parishioners will be the Spiritual Director on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **December 27 to January 5**. The pilgrims will visit Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mt. Tabor, and other sacred places. Cost of the trip from SFO is \$3,090 all inclusive. Call **Karen Chapple at (916) 652-7560** for more information.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION | Aug. 3, 2008

Our collection last week was **\$10,708.19**. We wish to thank all those who made this collection possible. Because of the high upkeep costs at the Cathedral, our goal is to reach \$14,000 per week. To achieve this goal we encourage parishioners to donate one hour's pay per week to the parish or 3% of income. The motive for this generosity is thankfulness for God's goodness to us — an attitude of gratitude!

NEW GIFT SHOP HOURS

The Cathedral is pleased to announce that the Gift Shop will be open 7 days a week (see hours below). Books, rosaries, photos, postcards, and other religious items are available.

Mon-Thurs..... 11 am - 2 pm
Sat 11 am - 4 pm
Sun 10 am - 2 pm

SOULJERS OF CHRIST (YOUTH GROUP)

The Souljers of Christ meetings will resume on **Wednesday, August 13** and meet every other week between 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Lower Level until the school year starts.

FRANCIS HOUSE BENEFIT CONCERT

An all-star night of some of America's greatest women singers performing songs from many of the best songwriters is the focus of the annual fundraiser for Francis House. Francis House in conjunction with Swell-Productions.com presents "Yes We Can! Songs of Peace and Change" on **Friday, August 22, 2008**, at 8 p.m. at the Crest Theater on "K" Street. Tickets at <http://www.tickets.com> and the Crest Theatre Box Office: \$40, \$50, \$75, and \$100.

Scripture Focus

Peter cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
Mt. 14: 32. 33

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON FRIDAY (☩ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

The Solemnity of the Assumption recalls the dogma that Mary, body and soul, was taken to heaven at her death. We say that Mary was “assumed” while Jesus “ascended.” The different verbs remind us that Jesus was the God-Man while Mary was completely human. Pope Paul VI tried to stress that final point. He felt that we had allowed Mary to become “idealized,” remote from our experience and our lives.



Masses at the Cathedral for this Holy Day of Obligation are **Thursday, August 14**, at 5:10 pm (Vigil of the Assumption), and at 12:10 pm, 5:10 pm, and 7:00 pm (Spanish) on **Friday, August 15**.

VISIT OF MEXICAN RELICS TO KICKOFF PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR VOCATIONS

Coadjutor Bishop Jaime Soto will kickoff a diocesan campaign to pray for vocations **August 15** at the 7:00 pm Spanish Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A silver cross containing the relics of six of the 25 Mexican martyrs canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000 will be at the Mass. Bishop Soto will bless a vocations cross which will travel each month to a different youth group in the diocese for use at a Mass to promote vocations.

Each of the six martyrs—Saints Pedro de Jesus Maldonado, Luis Batis Sainz, Jose Maria Robles Hurtado, Mateo Correa Megallanes, Miguel del la Mora de la Mora and Rodrigo Aguilar Aleman—was a priest and a member of the Knights of Columbus. All 25 Mexicans were martyred during the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico in the 1920s and 1930s.

The cross has traveled the past few years under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. The aim of the relics tour is to build awareness of all those who sacrificed their lives for the

Catholic faith during the Mexican persecution. During that time of oppression the church was forbidden to own property, Catholic seminaries and school were closed, and priests and laity were told to publicly denounce their faith or risk death.

The inspiration of the life of the martyrs murdered in the persecution resulted in many vocations to priestly and religious life in subsequent years.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

In this 21st century, Catholics are challenged to spread the good news of our faith by modern means as well as traditional ones. That is why there is a second collection this weekend to support the annual Catholic Communication Campaign. Print, radio, Internet, and television materials and programs are supported by your donations, including our local Sacramento Diocesan projects. Your support is both needed and appreciated. Special envelopes are available in the Cathedral vestibule. Please be generous.



CATHEDRAL DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MON 8/4/2008	ST. CLAIRE, VIRGIN
12:10 pm:	Ryan Lumagui +
5:10 pm:	Remedios A. Ferrer, S.I.
TUES 8/5/2008	
12:10 pm:	Tara Luckner, S.I.
5:10 pm:	Carlos & Josefina Garate +
WED 8/6/2008	ST. PONTIAN & ST. HIPPOLYTUS
12:10 pm:	Marven Anderson +
5:10 pm:	Francin J. Gutierrez, S.I.
THUR 8/7/2008	ST. MAXIMILIAM MARY KOLBE
12:10 pm:	Concepcion Culveaux +
5:10 pm:	Clyde R. Elliott +
FRI 8/8/2008	☩ ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
12:10 pm:	Victor Pulmano +
5:10 pm:	Alexander Trejo +

**CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY WEEK
AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES**

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!