

HOW RELIGIOUS ARE TEENS?

In the fall of 2003 Dartmouth Medical School convened a commission to report on years of research on young people. The commission included professors and researchers at the medical schools of Harvard and UCLA, as well as experts on child-rearing like Robert Coles and Michael Resnick.

The commission concluded that young people who are religious are better off in significant ways than their secular peers. They are less likely to smoke and drink and more likely to eat well; they are less likely to commit crime, be depressed, more likely to be content with school and family. Child Trends, a research organization analyzing federal data, reports that three out of five teenagers say that religion is pretty important or very important to them—a significant increase over recent years.

Commission members said religious congregations benefit teenagers by affirming who they are, expecting a lot from them and giving them opportunities to show what they can do. Most important, they promote “a direct personal relationship with the divine.”

That last sentence vividly recalls the Easter experience of the first Christians. St. Paul tells us:

“Christ was raised on the third day. He appeared to Peter and the apostles; then he appeared to more than 500 brothers at once. After that he appeared to James, and last he appeared to me.” (1 Cor. 15: 3 – 8).

Their encounter with the Risen Christ fostered in those early Christians “a direct personal relationship with the divine.” They discovered that with his rising Christ had transformed them into the sons and daughters of God. After he had affirmed their new dignity, he went on to lay out their new responsibilities. They were to carry the Good News of God’s Kingdom to the ends of the earth.

In proclaiming God’s Kingdom, Jesus did not mean that God would reign over us but with us over all the enemies of humankind—not only sin and death but the poverty, hunger, and hopelessness that are a breeding ground for terrorism.

Christ’s rising is not a once-upon-a-time, long-ago event. It is an affirmation and a challenge for us all, but especially for the young people of the world. God has made them his children and then challenged them to join the Risen Christ in bringing justice and peace to the world.

Father George Dyer, S.T.D.

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ALL HALLOWS CONCERT SERIES

All Hallows Church will present a Mozart Concert on **Saturday May 17, 2008 at 8:00 pm.** The concert will include Mozart’s Great Mass in C Minor and Dvorak’s Cello Concert featuring Susan Lamb-Cook. Tickets available through www.ConcertofAllHallows.com or call (916) 600-7716. Ticket prices are \$15, \$20, and \$50.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION | APR. 19-20, 2008

Our collection last week was **12,202.57**. We wish to thank all those who made this collection possible. Because of the high up-keep costs at the Cathedral, our goal is to reach \$14,000 per week. The motive for this generosity is thankfulness for God’s goodness to us — an attitude of gratitude!

CRISTO REY OPEN HOUSE

In an effort to reach families that would most benefit from Cristo Rey High School, an early Open House for 7th grade students and their parents will be held on **Thursday, May 15 from 5:00p to 7:00 pm.** The school is located at 6200

McMahon Drive, Sacramento, For more information, call **(916) 733-2660 ext 1024.** Come and visit Cristo Rey High School!

“SOULJERS OF CHRIST” MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Cathedral Youth Group has taken on a new name that reflects the group’s focus. The Souljers of Christ meet on every other Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral Lower Level. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 7.** All young people are encourage to join the Youth Group.

Today’s Scripture Focus

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in the Father and you are in me and I in you.”

**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION TODAY
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

This appeal supports missions here in the United States. This Catholic Home Missions Appeal offers Catholics across our country a wonderful opportunity to help fellow Catholics practice their faith in such rugged areas as Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, the dusty Southwest, Puerto Rico, and island dioceses in the Pacific and Caribbean. The appeal is a practical way for our parish to share its faith and resources with the Mission Church here at home. Over 95 cents of every dollar donated to the appeal goes directly to the missions to keep Church doors open, to support pastors in their priestly ministry, and to provide basic pastoral services like religious education for children.

Please give generously to assist fellow Catholics here in America. It is one practical way our Cathedral Parish community can be good stewards of God's gifts and make a difference. A portion of the collection will also support the effort by the Church for Black and Native American Indians.

CATHEDRAL UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY MAY 3

12 Noon Mass—Diocesan Confirmation of Adults. Bishop Weigand.

SUNDAY MAY 4 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 am Mass—Cathedral First Communion (English)

**SUNDAY MAY 11 PENTECOST SUNDAY
(ALSO MOTHER'S DAY)**

11:00 am Mass—Cathedral Confirmation (bilingual), Bishop Weigand. Please note that this Mass will be longer than usual.

WELCOME BACK FOR EASTER

A program for non-practicing Catholic's who are considering a return to the Sacraments, and to regular church attendance, will be held on six consecutive Thursdays from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning April 3, 2008, in the Lower Level of the Cathedral. For more information, without obligation, please call **Tim Longdon at (916) 359-5540** or **Jorge Usi** or **Sister Jenny at 444-5364**.

SINGLES SUNDAY MASS AT 11:00AM TODAY

Sponsored by the Single Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento and the Catholic Alumni Club, a Singles Mass will be held at the Cathedral at 11:00 am today. Brunch follows at a local downtown restaurant. **Call MaryLee Barcena at (196) 419-9845** for reservations and details.

KNIGHT' CHILI COOK-OFF

BENEFIT FOR BISHOP GALLEGOS MATERNITY HOME & THE SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER

The Knights of Columbus Sacramento Council 953 will hold their Annual Chili Cook-Off to benefit the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home and the Sacramento Life Center on **Saturday May 3** on the lawn area of the Newman Center (across J Street from CSUS) from 12 Noon to 5:00 pm. In addition to great chili, barbecue, food and drinks, and games for kids, there will also be live entertainment. See www.kofc953.org. For more information, contact **Grand Knight Dominic Lelati at (916) 381-6855**.



CATHEDRAL DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- MON 4/28/2008** **ST. PETER CHANEL**
12:10 pm: Jose Maciel S.I.
5:10 pm: Gervasio & Fedelina & Anub +
- TUES 4/29/2008** **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**
12:10 pm: Art Naldoza S.I.
5:10 pm: Jack Schott +
- WED 4/30/2008** **ST. PIUS V, POPE**
12:10 pm: Leo Signorotti S.I.
5:10 pm: Eladia & Arturo Sanchez +
- THUR 5/1/2008** **JOSEPH THE WORKER**
12:10 p.m.: Cory Zoeller +
5:10 p.m.: James P. Cox +
- FRI 5/2/2008** **ST. ATHANASIUS**
12:10 pm: Evelyn Wisdo +

NO 5:10 PM MASS ON FRIDAYS

**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!