

SERVANT LEADER



FR. MICHAEL KIERNAN

Following my brief introduction of myself on the weekend of July 4/5, a number of people have asked me if I would share a little more about myself, my family, and my ministry as a priest of the Diocese of Sacramento.

My mother was Josephine Whelan (died June 29, 1983, age 72) and my father was Michael Kiernan (died January 23, 2001, age 87). My mother was a frugal, stay at home type. She was close to her farm where she was born and would advise us to “care for home and home will care for you.” Mother was tall and beautiful, very loving, serious, reserved, a committed hard-working strong woman who loved and did all she could for us children. I have the most pleasant memories of her reading fireside stories to us (especially of Bach and Mozart) sharing treats (little as they were in the poor fifties in Ireland) and her joy in success in the little things of life.

My dad was very skilled in providing for us and would say, “you sometimes have to spend money to make money,” “keep a cool head,” (when you are in a situation with little control). “It’s no hell so we’ll get out of this (a short term very difficult situation). “We are only here for a vacation” (not too take life too seriously and see the eternal picture). Dad was of average height, very handsome, of soft complexion even in old age, a man of great humor, outgoing, at ease in any situation, had a quick native intelligence with little formal schooling, loved life, was moderate and gentle, sentimental for faith and country, lighthearted, a wonderful dancer even late in life, fun to be around and a great friend to me. I was blessed to be at both of their bedsides when they passed to the Lord and celebrate their funeral Mass.

I was born in Longford, Ireland, on February 11, 1949. I have an older sister, Alice, older brother, Sean, and a younger sister, Martha (with whom I am especially close). I am close to all of them, their home is my home when I can visit, and they love me, as I am—warts and all. All of them are married with children I know well, and for whom I have performed baptisms and weddings.

I studied at St. John’s College, Waterford, Ireland and was ordained for the Diocese of Sacramento, arriving in California in 1973. I have served as a Parochial Vicar, Pastor, Dean, Chair of the Priests’ Personnel Board and member of the Priests’ Personnel Board for a number of 3-year terms and many terms as Chair of the Priests’ Council for the Diocese of Sacramento. I have chaired the XI Priests’ Councils in California, the Combined Council of Priests of the twelve dioceses of the State of California which I represented at the National Conference of Bishops. Over the years I have been deeply involved in working with Spanish-speaking people. I was co-founding pastor of Northern Valley Catholic Social Service in Redding in 1986 and have been involved with various social service efforts in my ministry. Since March 1, 2001, I have been Director of Social Service Ministry for the Sacramento Diocese, where I also have responsibility for Catholic Charities of Sacramento, Inc. This busy office also includes Restorative Justice Ministry and Social Action Ministry. I am involved with justice issues on a day-to-day basis. I am glad to also serve as Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese and Director of St. Patrick’s Home for Children, Inc.

My work style has been described as consultative, trusting and confident in Councils, Boards and with ministry-colleagues (paid and voluntary), having high expectations for self and others, positive, good humored, at ease with most people and situations, always assuming the best about persons and situations, and knowing God will provide. I live with the belief that people will always want to help rather than hurt me. I enjoy people, nature, reading and solitude.

My great first pastor told me before he died, “Michael, you will never want for wonderful people who will support you, protect you and enrich your service for the Lord. They will always be there to make up for your weaknesses and failings as you will be open and trust in them.”

I hope you find this of some help as we live and love in the community of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish. I ask your prayers, help, wisdom, time, treasure and talent as we serve God together. Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever.

Fr. Michael F. Kiernan

STEWARDSHIP GIFT TO OUR PARISH JUL 19

Our collection last week was \$9,847.21 and our goal is \$14,000 per week. I pray that parishioners make a generous sacrifice in thankfulness for God's goodness as we give back to God some of what we have been given. Many find donating one hour's pay per week to the parish or 3% of income a very good guideline. This is a joyful action as we build up our parish for Christ. I ask you to pray with me at Mass that each of us can do our best even in these challenging times. I know God will bless our giving and return it one hundred fold. I am glad to serve with you. Thank you and God bless you for what you do for the Cathedral Parish.

**INSTALLATION MASS OF FR. KIERNAN AS
RECTOR/PASTOR OF CATHEDRAL**

Bishop Jaime Soto will formally install Fr. Michael F. Kiernan as Rector/Pastor of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday August 9 at the 11:00 am Mass. That same day, fortunately, has previously been set aside for the presence of the Handicapped group who visit various parishes on occasion. A simple reception will be held in Mercy Hall (Cathedral Lower Level) after Mass and all are welcome.

ROME WITH CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Reservations can still be made to join our Cathedral Choir on their pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Pompei, Amalfi, and Vatican City. Tour dates are November 5 to November 15. Cost is \$3,395.00 + \$400 in departure and fuel surcharges. Contact Choir Director Rex Rallanka at 916-444-3070 or email at rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org for further information. Any parishioner may join this tour.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are desperately needed to teach religious Education on Sundays. Must be bilingual Spanish/English. Call Sister Jenny at 444-5364.

JOB OPENING

The Office of the Bishop at the Diocesan Pastoral Center has an immediate opening for a full-time (35 hours per week) **Executive Administrative Assistant**. This position serves as a member of the Bishop's secretarial pool and provides administrative support to the Bishop, Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy and Chancellor. The successful applicant must be proficient in Microsoft Office products (Access, Word, Excel, Publisher) with excellent phone and organizational skills. Bilingual skills a plus but not required. For more information and a complete job description, visit the diocesan website www.diocese-sacramento.org and look under employment. **To apply, please email resume to personnel@diocese-sacramento.org by August 3, 2009.**

FRANCIS HOUSE

We really need your help at this time of unprecedented increases in demand for our vital services. This year we are seeing over 25%

more individuals than last year. We are exceptionally low on many of the bathroom toiletries that we normally include in our hygiene kits. We are providing around 400 hygiene kits monthly to our clients. The most needed hygiene items are shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, disposable razors, deodorant, and lotion. We suggest that travel sizes are the most appropriate for our client's needs. We could also embrace more volunteers to help as resource counselors. We have open spots on many of our shifts weekdays (9:15 am-11:30 am & 12:45pm - 3:00pm). **Contact Forrest Reed at Francis House (916) 443-2646.**

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

ALERT: Congress is working on health care reform, but unless abortion funding is explicitly excluded, this bill could mean the biggest expansion of abortion in decades. Please call your Representatives and Senators at **1-202-224-3121** and tell them that you do not want the health care reform bill to fund abortions. For more information online, visit www.priestsforlife.org/legislation.

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

MON 7/27/2009	17TH WEEKDAY
12:10 p.m.:	Oscar Omar Gamboa, S.I.
5:10 p.m.:	Donald Waterhouse +
TUES 7/28/2009	17TH WEEKDAY
12:10 p.m.:	In Thanksgiving
5:10 p.m.:	Andrew Chico +
WED 7/29/2009	ST. MARTHA
12:10 pm:	Lucille Ballew +
5:10 p.m.:	Luis Raul Rodriguez +
THUR 7/30/2009	ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS
12:10 pm:	Neil Black +
5:10 p.m.:	Sherie Usi +
FRI 7/31/2009	ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
12:10 pm:	Oscar & Cristina Gamboa, S.I.

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WED & THUR 12:40PM-4:45PM FRI 12:40PM-3:45PM
TO SIGN UP CALL ISABELLA CAZARES 391-1760 OR 833-1948,
OR E-MAIL BECAZ96@SBCGLOBAL.NET

CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY SUNDAY
AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES

GIFT SHOP HOURS
MON-FRI 11AM-2PM (CLOSED SAT) SUN 10AM-2PM

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!