

SERVANT LEADER

Greetings to you on this beautiful August weekend. I hope all is well, and I thank you for all you do for our beloved Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish.

A great opportunity presents itself this year to help our parish and offer many people a chance to return to Church. By now many of you are aware of Catholics Come Home, which creates and broadcasts television commercials and directs viewers to an interactive



website www.CatholicsComeHome.org. These efforts have been extremely effective and have received significant national acclaim, as they have helped tens of thousands of inactive Catholics return to

faith practice. Next Sunday additional information will be provided in the bulletin.

This initiative is an outreach dear to the heart of Bishop Soto, and this fine program is becoming a great blessing for the whole Church. However, it will be very costly to purchase the necessary television time for these excellent commercials for the Catholic Church. The actual Catholic Come Home T.V. campaign in our diocese will be from December 18 to January 31, 2010. We must get it financed right away.

I am a member of the committee for Catholics Come Home, and we are working hard to generate the \$380,000 needed to broadcast these commercials. As you might expect, each parish is expected to provide substantial financial support for this huge endeavor.

After viewing these commercials, I believe this will be a wonderful way to invite all who have fallen away from the Church to come home. Based on your Christian love and support, I am hopeful that \$10,000 will come from the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish.

I know that all parishioners will appreciate the opportunity to promote this special cause. If we can work together to reach our goal, in conjunction with all the parishes in the diocese doing their part relative to their size and resources, the money needed will be collected.

Next weekend, August 15 & 16, the weekend on which we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a most appropriate time to invite people back

to church. A brief video presentation on Catholics Come Home will be incorporated into the homily, and additional information will be placed in the bulletin and envelopes will be provided in the pews. People will have a chance to donate there and then or on the following weekend or they may send it in the mail later if need be.

Please do what you can to support this great endeavor. Rejoicing in your love for our Lord and His Church and your desire to reach out to those in need, I look forward, with great anticipation, to generous donations so we can help this vital effort.

As you consider the level of your participation, be assured that your generous sacrifice will truly sow the seeds of faith in the lives of thousands of Catholics in our Diocese—both active and inactive. I know you will rise to the occasion as we pool our resources for resounding success. It will be a great achievement and much good will come of this effort to welcome Home our Catholic brothers and sisters as we extend an invitation to all Catholics Come Home.

Please be as generous as you can. Pray for a rich harvest of renewal and grace. May God's blessings always abide in your heart and home.

~ BRINGING OUR FAMILY HOME ~

Returning Catholics Prayer

Dear Lord, may our hearts and minds be nourished by your sustaining love, may our words and actions be guided by your ever present grace,

That all who seek to know you; encounter you here,

That all who seek to serve you; be welcomed to the vineyard

That all who seek to love you; know that they are loved.

That all who seek to return to their Catholic faith may be welcomed and received.

Fr. Michael F. Kiernan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Religious education classes for children start September 19, 2009. Register your child today. Applications will be available after all masses. Also, volunteers are desperately needed to teach religious Education on Sundays. Must be bilingual Spanish/English. Call Sister Jenny at 444-5364.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

[Please note that the Second Collection will be taken up immediately following our regular Cathedral Parish Collection, instead of after Communion.]

Today's Second Collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel message in our community and all over the world. CCC funds the development of traditional and new media programs that inspire and minister to their audiences. Half of the collection from our diocese stays here to support local communication efforts, while the other half supports national Catholic media initiatives. Please give generously to help us spread the Good News. To find out more about the work of CCC, please visit [www.CatholicCommunication Campaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org).

SALUTE TO LIFE DINNER AND AUCTION

Annually, more than 600 people attend the Sacramento Life Center Dinner and Auction where "Life is saluted" and money raised. Founded in 1972, the Sacramento Life Center empowers women to choose life for their preborn children by providing free, compassionate counseling and clinical services to abortion vulnerable women. For more information visit www.saclife.org. or (916) 451-4357 The dinner and auction will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center on November 14, 2009.



PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

The Helper's of God's Precious Infants of Sacramento invite you to a Prayer Vigil for Life on Saturday August 22, 2009 at 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception Parish (3263 1st Ave). Bishop Soto will celebrate Mass followed by Benediction before leading a Rosary procession to Planned Parenthood at 29th and B Streets. To view a video introducing the Helpers, visit www.diocese-sacramento.org/helpers.html and for additional information contact Elizabeth and Ed Pierini at (916) 806-3101 or visit sacramentohelpers.org

UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO

The University of Sacramento is excited to announce the fall 2009 course offerings in various Catholic Faith Formation programs. Course include: Foundations of the Catholic Faith; Marriage & Family; Passing on the Faith in the Modern Age; Scriptural Foundations; and Introduction to the RCIA. Information and Applications and Registration forms for these programs can be downloaded from www.universityofsacramento.org Contact DeAnna at 916-443-4760 ext. 16 or dmartinez@universityofsacramento.org

CATHEDRAL PARISH SUPPORT AUGUST 2

Last Sunday's Collection was **\$11,886.34** which is the best since I came here as Rector. Of course, it is the first Sunday of the month which is always good, but still I am encouraged by this generosity. Soon you will receive a complete statement on Income/Expense and Budget so that we can all see how we are doing as a Parish family. Thank you for all you do and God Bless you always.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Need some quiet time away from the noise and distractions of life? Spend time in silent Adoration to Adore Christ, truly present, to thank him for his love for us and the whole world. Wednesday and Thursday 12:40 to 4:45pm and Friday 12:40 to 3:45pm. To sign up call Isabella Cazares @ 391-1760 or 883-1948 or becaz96@sbcglobal.net.



CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

- MON 8/10/2009** **ST. LAWRENCE, MARTYR**
12:10 p.m.: Ryan Lumagui +
5:10 p.m.: Carmen Rodriguez +
- TUES 8/11/2009** **ST. CLARE, VIRGIN**
12:10 p.m.: Diacomio Bozziani +
5:10 p.m.: Felicipas I. Dio +
- WED 8/12/2009** **ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL**
12:10 p.m.: Prudencio Aban, S.I.
5:10 p.m.: Manuel & Isabel Gomes +
- THUR 8/13/2009** **ST. PONTIAN & ST. HIPPOLYTUS**
12:10 p.m.: Alan & Nicole Alvaradot +
5:10 p.m.: Dorothy Frontczak +
- FRI 8/14/2009** **ST. MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE**
12:10 pm: Alexander Trejo +

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

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CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY SUNDAY

AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES

GIFT SHOP HOURS

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