

SERVANT LEADER

For the first time since I came to the Cathedral, I am away attending two important events this weekend.

First is the Catholic Charities USA's Annual Gathering, September 23-25, 2009 in Portland, Oregon. For 99 years, members of Catholic Charities USA have gathered to share ideas and reconfirm a commitment to reduce poverty. To start our centennial year, Catholic Charities is inviting members and ALL people of good will to join in on the Journey to Reduce Poverty in America.

The Catholic Charities gathering's opening session will be the first of a series of Centennial Leadership Summits across the country, where we will have the opportunity to participate in discussions with national leaders and experts in poverty reduction.

This will help shape landmark legislation that will guide our work for another 100 years and beyond.

We will have Networking, Professional Development, and Special Events. There will be opportunities to interact with CNN's David Gergen, trusted adviser to four U.S. Presidents, connect with hundreds of colleagues and share best practices, challenges and success stories, discover innovative ways to serve in a troubled economy, participate in workshops covering subjects essential for Catholic Charities and social service professionals. At the conclusion, we will celebrate Mass with Archbishop Vlazny who wrote as follows: *"It is my hope and prayer that your time in the City of Roses will provide you with opportunities to nurture your faith, deepen your commitment to ministry and service, and enrich your mutual support of each other, while finding time to relax and celebrate amidst the beauty of God's creation that is all around us in this wonderful city."*

I look forward to the outstanding hospitality in one of the "greenest" cities in America in September which is a perfect time to visit.

Second, is the Annual Meeting of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem on September 25-27, 2009 in Boise, Idaho.

The weekend's events will give us the opportunity to renew our dedication to the important mission of supporting the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Jim and Helene Paharik, current volunteers at the

Benedictines of the Dormition Abbey on Mt. Sion, will be participating in the Holy Land Education Panel. They will present information on the Beit Benedict Peace Academy on Saturday, September 26. Jim is the author of the recently published, *"The Long Journey: The Search for Peace and Justice in Jerusalem."*

We are honored to welcome as our special guest, His beatitude Michel Sabbah, retired Patriarch of Jerusalem, known for his tireless advocacy for the rights of the Church in the Holy Land. He now lives on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem and continues to serve the Church as a teacher and pastor. His latest book is, *"Faithful Witness: On Reconciliation and Peace in the Holy Land."*

We will be celebrating Vespers, Memorial, Promotions and Investiture Masses at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

These two blessed events are special areas in which I can serve and are a splendid part of our Catholic Church.

This weekend at our parish, I am delighted that Deacon Jorge Usi will preach on our many ministries of charity. The work of the parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society, our program to help five people at a time get off the streets to reconstruct their lives, our meals for the hungry, our support of Nora's Place, and the fine Festival of Trees and Lights, which helps pay for these, will all be presented by Jorge. I know you will be blessed by this sharing, giving you a clear insight into the needs that exist and how we can help in the future. The second collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be a big help and like many parishes we will have this collection whenever there is a 5th Sunday going forward. Thanks for all you do to support the work of Christ.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

1 Corinthians 7:8 "Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am, but if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion."

~ CATHEDRAL CHOIR AUDITIONS ~

Rex Rallanka, Cathedral Choir Director, will conduct auditions for the 2009-2010 Cathedral Choir season. For inquiries, call Rex Rallanka at 444-3070, ext. 38 or email rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org

~ STEWARDSHIP GIVING ~

In each bulletin I provide a report on how we did the previous weekend. I hope soon to have a more detailed way of showing our income versus what we have budgeted. Eventually we hope to develop a stewardship page in the bulletin. It is vital every parishioner know what is happening and so can commit to help as generously as possible. People tell me they like the prayer before the collection which gives it a spiritual meaning not just paying money. This last weekend was low probably due to Labor Day weekend and the second collection for Auburn fire victims. The parish collection was \$9,643.29. Thank you and please God it will get better as we go forward.

~ NICHE FOR SALE ~

We have been asked to inform parishioners that a niche for cremated remains in the indoor mausoleum at Sacramento Memorial Lawn, 6100 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento is for sale. Please call Fr. Kiernan at 444-3071 ext. 19 for further details.

~ RED MASS OCTOBER 8 ~

The annual Red Mass for attorneys, judges, elected and appointed officials, and all those working in the legal system or involved in the process of government will be held at the Cathedral on Wednesday, October 7 at 5:00 pm. Bishop Jaime Soto will preside and be the homilist. The Red Mass is the popular name for the Mass of the Holy Spirit, in which God's blessings are invoked upon all those working in civil or canon law. The liturgy's red vestments symbolize the tongues of fire and gave the name to this 800-year-old Catholic tradition which gathers together all members of the legal community, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. In the United States, the Red Mass is traditionally celebrated the Sunday before the Supreme Court session begins, which is always the second Tuesday in October. Following Mass, the St. Thomas More Award Dinner will be held at the Sutter Club. Tickets are \$75. Call (916) 753-1300 for reservations.

~ BISHOP QUINN TO RECEIVE AWARD ~

Archbishop of Lucca, Italy, Italo Castellani will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Emeritus Francis A. Quinn at the 12:10 Mass on Friday, October 9. After the Mass, the Giovanni Marinelli Award will be presented by the Mayor of Lucca to Bishop Francis Quinn for his social and humanitarian work. St. Francis High School Italian classes will provide the worship aid. The Archbishop will be escorted after Mass to a private tour of the Capitol.

~ REMINDER ~

TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM CONCERT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3: 8 PM

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

Featuring the Orchestra, Chorus and Soloists of the Academy at All Hallows with the choirs of Jesuit, St Francis and Sacramento Adventist Academy High Schools. www.AcademyAtAllHallows.org
 Tickets \$10-\$100 at Ticketweb.com or 916 486 8538

~ LIFE CHAIN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 ~

The Sacramento Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 2:00pm-3:30pm at one of 10 locations throughout the greater Sacramento area. Please come and give public witness through silent prayer for the conversion of minds and hearts for an end to abortion in our nations. For a list of locations, view www.LifeChain.net or call Jan England at (916) 749-6719 or by email at janengland09@gmail.com

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

- MON 9/28/2009** **ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ**
 12:10 pm: Ricardo & Jamie De La Cruz, S.I.
 5:10 pm: Ascencion Parra +
- TUES 9/29/2009** **ST. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**
 12:10 pm: Sue Edmiston, S.I.
 5:10 pm: Luis Raul Rodriguez +
- WED 9/30/2009** **ST. JEROME, PRIEST**
 12:10 pm: Toan Nguyen +
 5:10 pm: Apolinar Lopez—102nd Birthday
- THU 10/1/2009** **ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS**
 12:10 pm: Juanita Perez Ruiz +
 5:10 pm: Jeannette Da Lomba, S.I.
- FRI 10/2/2009** **GUARDIAN ANGELS**
 12:10 pm: Bernard & Helen Wajda +

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

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!