

## POST CARD CAMPAIGN TODAY (FOCA)

The Catholic Bishops of the United States have unanimously called us to prayer and action to prevent passage of the radical "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and to oppose other attempts to overturn existing pro-life laws and policies. This year, our voices are needed more than ever.

Pro-abortion groups and their allies in Congress are promoting FOCA. If this extreme measure is enacted, widely supported and constitutionally sound abortion regulations will be knocked down nationwide. FOCA will impose upon the entire country an abortion regime far worse than anything brought by Roe v. Wade. And the current level of 1.1 million abortions a year will go up, not down.

The United States Bishops note the following: FOCA eliminates regulations that

protect women from unsafe abortion clinics. FOCA forces taxpayers to fund abortions. FOCA requires all states to allow "partial birth" and other late term abortions. FOCA subjects women to abortions by nonphysicians. FOCA violates the conscience rights of nurses, doctors, and hospitals. FOCA strips parents of their rights to be involved in their minor daughter's abortion decision.

Today, Sunday, January 25, the Cathedral Parish will distribute postcards that may be mailed to our United States Senators and Representatives in Congress urging members to oppose this measure.

The postcards are available in English and Spanish.

### SAMPLE POST CARD

DEAR SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_

AT THIS TIME OF SERIOUS NATIONAL CHALLENGES, AMERICANS SHOULD UNITE TO SERVE THE GOOD OF ALL, BON AND UNBORN. THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA), THE MOST RADICAL AND DIVISIVE PRO-ABORTION BILL EVER INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS, WOULD CREATE A "FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT" TO ABORTION THAT GOVERNMENT CANNOT LIMIT BUT WOULD HAVE TO SUPPORT. FOCA WOULD OVERTURN MANY EXISTING WIDELY-SUPPORTED POLICIES, INCLUDING LAWS PROTECTING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND CONSCIENCE RIGHTS AND THOSE PREVENTING PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION AND TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTION.

PLEASE OPPOSE FOCA OR ANY SIMILAR MEASURE, AND RETAIN LAWS AGAINST FEDERAL FUNDING AND PROMOTION OF ABORTION. AS YOUR CONSTITUENT, I WOULD APPRECIATE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TELLING ME HOW YOU WOULD VOTE ON THESE MATTERS.

### RECOLLECTION SERIES AT CATHEDRAL

On the last Saturday of the month, a topical recollection series will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Lower Level to explore your calling and mission as a Catholic. The next recollection series will be held on Saturday January 31, 2009. No cost and light refreshments served. For more information, call Evelyn at (916) 372-7115 or e-mail to [If\\_solano@yahoo.com](mailto:If_solano@yahoo.com).

### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away."  
1 Cor 7: 29-31

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (JAN 17-18)

Our collection last week was \$10,150.26. 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!

### 22ND ANNUAL CRAB FEED DINNER/DANCE

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 3235 Arden Way, will host its annual Crab Feed Dinner & Dance on February 7, 2009. Menu includes all you can eat of pasta, salad, crab, ice cream and coffee. Wine included. \$35 per person. No host cocktails at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:30 pm, dancing at 9:00 pm. Call 482-9666 ext 2 for tickets.

### MEXICAN STUDENT NEEDS PLACE TO LIVE

A 26-year-old Mexican student (Marce is her name) is seeking a place to live while she perfects her English skills at a language school in Sacramento. Marce already speaks functional English but she needs a higher proficiency level before she is admitted to Princeton University. She comes from Guadalajara, Mexico. If you would like to host Marce for a semester or two, please call Msgr. James Murphy at (916) 443-6475.

### SOULJERS OF CHRIST (YOUTH GROUP)

The Souljers of Christ has lost its main adult adviser who has relocated to Fresno. Meetings are suspended until further notice. Who would like to help direct the lives of our future church? Contact Sr. Jenny in Religious Education if you are interested in today's youth (444-5364).

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 25, 2009

## WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at Mass on Sunday February 8, 2009, at 11:00 am in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament to celebrate World Marriage Day. Married couples may renew their wedding vows of 10, 25, or 50 years. An informal reception for couples and their families will follow Mass. Any couple interested in attending this special occasion is asked to register their names and anniversary year with the Department of Evangelization & Catechesis at (916) 733-0123.

## CHARISMATIC WEEKEND RETREAT

Mercy Center Auburn (530-887-2019) presents a Charismatic Weekend Retreat on February 6-8, 2009. The retreat begins Friday with dinner at 6:15pm and ends Sunday after lunch at 12:00 noon. Cost: \$165 resident/\$125 commuter (\$50 non-refundable deposit). The facilitator is Sister Nancy Kellar, S.C., who has been involved in full time ministry in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal since 1971. Since beginning her work in Charisministry, she has spoken at conferences and given retreats in more than 50 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, South America and the USA.

## CAMP PENDOLA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

### HOW ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUTH?

The Diocese of Sacramento is looking for energetic young people (18 + years) to work this summer as counselors with children and youth between the age of 6 to 17 in the great outdoors, and within the Catholic spirit! Positions begin in mid June and finish in August. Applications are available now at [www.pendola.org](http://www.pendola.org) or call 916-PEN-DOLA 736-3652 for more information. Camp Pedola, the official summer camp of the Diocese of Sacramento, is now accepting registrations for the 2009 summer camp program as it celebrates 50 years of serving children and youth ages 6 to 17. Campers are encouraged to live in, understand, and respect the wonders and beauty of the world around them. For more information and registration materials, check our Web site [www.pendola.org](http://www.pendola.org) or call 916- PEN-DOLA (736-3652).

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF SACRAMENTO

The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support is offering a special weekend program of healing, hope and encouragement for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. The weekend retreat is Friday, February 20 through Sunday, February 22, 2009 at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat Center near Applegate, CA. For more information or to request an application, please call (916) 835-2282 or visit our website at: [www.sacrametobe.org](http://www.sacrametobe.org).

## COPING WITH LIFE ALONE

The "Beginning Experience of Sacramento" support group is offering its "Coping With Life Alone" program of healing, hope and encounter for divorced, separated or widowed persons of all faiths. This 10 week session program starts on February 27, 2009 at Our

Lady of the Assumption Church, 5055 Cottage Way, Carmichael. The meetings are held from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10 and a \$5 weekly fee. For information please call (916) 835-2282 or visit our website at: [www.sacrametobe.org](http://www.sacrametobe.org).

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is proud to announce that Sister Rosalind Moss will be the featured speaker at its Third Annual Dinner to Benefit the Poor on April 23, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel. Sister Moss has spoken worldwide on radio and television about the Church and has recently been granted permission by Pope Benedict to form a new religious order. For information on sponsorships, advertising, table, or single ticket purchases, please call (916) 715-8666 or (916) 455-9112.

## VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT

The Cathedral Choir, in collaboration with the Sacramento Children's Chorus, will present a Valentine's Day Concert "Feel the Spirit—Songs of Love" on Saturday February 24, 2009, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 for children/students/seniors and \$15 for adults. For ticket information, call the Sacramento Children's Chorus at (916) 454-1141.



## CATHEDRAL DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**MON 1/26/2008**

**ST. TIMOTHY AND ST. TITUS**

**12:10 pm: James Adolfo +**

**5:10 pm: Peter Chin +**

**TUES 1/20/2008**

**ST. ANGELA MERICI**

**12:10 pm: Estrella Baquiran +**

**5:10 pm: June McGahey +**

**WED 1/21/2008**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

**12:10 pm: Lorena Auguir +**

**5:10 pm: John Leon Guerrero +**

**THURS 1/22/2009**

**12:10 pm: Edward Kazmierski +**

**5:10 pm: Miria Toyama, S.I.**

**FRI 1/23/2009**

**12:10 pm: Fr. Tom Zotter, S.I.**

**NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS**

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

### GIFT SHOP HOURS

**MON-THUR 11AM-2PM, CLOSED FRIDAY,  
SAT 11AM-4PM 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!*