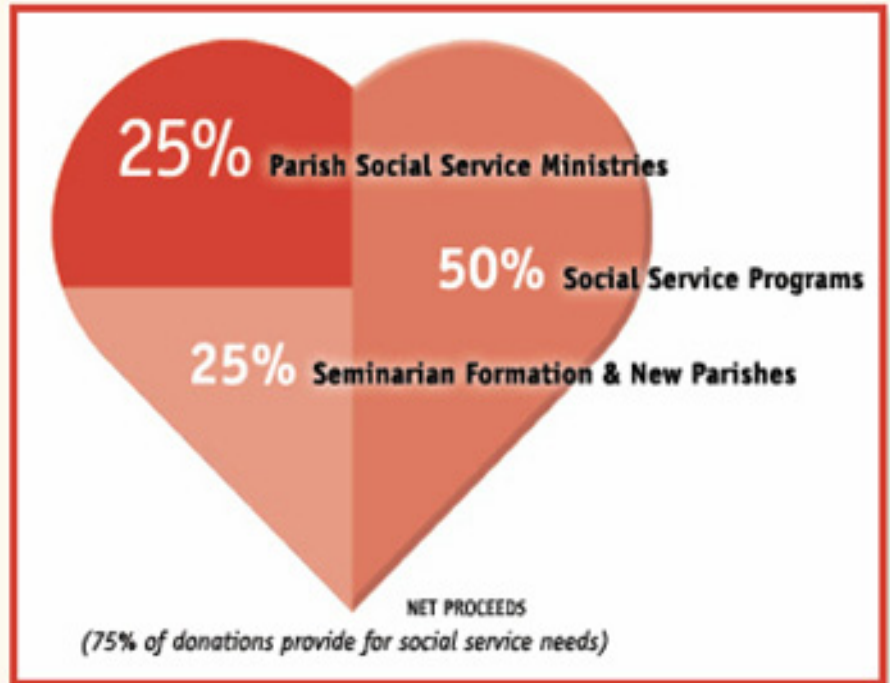


19TH CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Commitment Weekend for the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place in two weeks (Feb 14 and 15).

Through our support, we can assure a continued existence of many vital social service programs that assist tens of thousands of people in need; assist with the formation of diocesan seminarians, some local parishes, and assure the establishment of new parishes in rapidly growing areas.

Please respond generously when you are asked to make a gift. God's return to you will be even more generous.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (JAN 25)

Our collection last week was **\$10,253.11**. 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!

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you among your kin, and will put my words in his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it." Deuteronomy 18: 18

"CELEBRATE SERVICE" ESSAY CONTEST

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week and the gift of Catholic education, the Diocesan School Board and the Catholic Schools Department are pleased to announce the "Celebrate Service Contest." The contest is open to 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students who are not presently enrolled in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Sacramento. The top prize is tuition for the 2009-10 academic year at any Catholic elementary school in this diocese. The second prize is a \$100 savings bond, and the third prize is a \$50 savings bond. Winning essayists will be announced early in March. Students who enter will be writing an essay addressing "how celebrating service changed my life," up to a maximum of 500 words, and submitted by **Wednesday February 25, 2009**. For more information, access www.diocese-sacramento.org for an official entry form, rules, and provisions.

POST CARD CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS!

Last weekend's Cathedral's postcard campaign was successful! Over 2,300 postcards were signed by Cathedral parishioners and visitors and mailed to California's United States Senators and appropriate House of Representative members in Congress. The postcard's message urged the Congressional members to oppose The Freedom of Choice Act and other attempts to overturn existing pro-life laws and policies. Thank you to all those who signed the cards and offered a donation to help defray postage costs. We let our voices be heard and now pray Congress listens to us and opposes this measure.

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.

CATHOLIC AIDS MINISTRY BENEFIT CONCERT

The 6th Annual Irish American Ceili Dancers Concert will be held on **Sunday, February 8, 2009** at 3:00 pm in St. Anthony Parish Hall, 660 Florin Road, to benefit the Diocesan AIDS Ministry. The concert will include Irish, Scottish, and Romanian Dancers, live music, and vocal performances. In addition, a raffle has been added this year with outstanding prizes. Suggested donation at door \$10, children free. **Contact Fr. John Healy at (916) 456-7561 or Helen Healy at (916) 444-8051.**

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. Couples who would like to attend and receive a certificate of congratulations from Bishop Soto should call the Department of Evangelization and Catechesis at **(916) 733-0123** with the correct spelling of the couple's name and number of years



married in the Church.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at Mass on **Saturday, February 14**, in the Cathedral at 10:00 am for the celebration of World Day of the Sick in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Mass will include the anointing of the sick, blessing of caregivers, and blessing with Lourdes Water. For those receiving the anointing, please arrive by 9:30 am for seating.



SILENT RETREAT AT MERCY AUBURN

Mercy Center Auburn **(530-887-2019)** presents a Silent weekend Retreat – Letting Go: “The Teachings of Meister Eckhart” **March 13 -15, 2009**. This weekend will be devoted to exploring the teachings of the 14th century Christian mystic, Meister Eckhart. An emphasis will be given to the ways in which Eckhart invites us to open our minds and hearts to a profound experience of God's oneness with us in the intimate details of our everyday lives. Time will be given for group meditation, personal reflection and discussion of the themes presented. Facilitator: James Finley, Ph.D. lived and worked as a monk at the cloistered Trappist monastery of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky. He leads retreats and workshops throughout the United State and Canada, attracting men and women who seek to live a contemplative way of life in today's busy world Begins Friday with dinner at 6:15 pm and ends Sunday after lunch at 12:00 noon. Cost: \$165 resident/ commuter (\$50 non-refundable deposit)

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 or call **916-PEN-DOLA 736-3652** for more information. Camp Pendola, 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 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.

CCD BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The total collected from the Baby Bottle drive this year was an outstanding **\$4,350.14**. This year the money was used to benefit the Holy Childhood Association and the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. Thank you for your generous support!



**CATHEDRAL DAILY
MASS SCHEDULE**

MON 2/2/2008	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
	12:10 pm: Reynaldo & Ofelia Rallanka, S.I.
	5:10 pm: Pedro Munoz +
TUES 2/3/2008	ST. BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR
	12:10 pm: Richard Jones S.I.
	5:10 pm: Benjamin C. Bertagna +
WED 2/4/2008	
	12:10 pm: Marie Renetta Troy +
	5:10 pm: Andrew Fernandez +
THURS 2/5/2009	ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR
	12:10 pm: Virginia Bibby, S.I.
	5:10 pm: Miriam Navares +
FRI 2/6/2009	ST. PAUL MIKI, MARTYR, & COMPANIONS
	12:10 pm: Helen Mahaney, S.I.
NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS	
<p>CATHEDRAL TOURS EVERY WEEK AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES</p>	
<p>GIFT SHOP HOURS MON-THUR 11AM-2PM, CLOSED FRIDAY, SAT 11AM-4PM SUN 10AM-2PM</p>	

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Name: _____ **Envelope No.:** _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ **ZIP Code:** _____

Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!