

SERVANT LEADER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your welcome and openness to me since I came as pastor. It has been a joy to be with you. I do my best to encourage my brothers and sisters and now I write you a special letter in our bulletin on how we can be close to God everyday through **Stewardship - A Way of Living**.

In recent weeks you have been hearing a lot about stewardship at our Parish. A theme of our educational efforts is addressing the question – **What is stewardship and what does it mean in my life?**

Stewardship - A Way of Living!

Stewardship begins with a sense of who we are as Christians – as disciples of our Lord, Jesus. It is the acknowledgement of God as the Creator and Owner of all, and the recognition of our need to serve as caretakers (stewards) of all of God's gifts. Our gratitude for these many gifts can be expressed through our prayer, worship, offerings and action. Christian stewardship is actively returning to God a portion of the many gifts – our time in prayer, our talent and our treasure – that we have been given.

As God's faithful servants, we are called to **Stewardship - A Way of Living** by:

- Prayerfully discerning how God has uniquely gifted each one of us
- Reflecting on what priority God and His Church play in our lives
- Deciding how we plan to share these gifts with God and His Church

Making an intentional, planned and proportionate gift in the areas of time in prayer, talent and treasure.

With this letter today, you will find a Reflection Guide and Stewardship Commitment Form. Please take some time to read the enclosed and reflect on the gifts God has provided you and determine how you plan to share these gifts to serve others through our parish. Your gifts will make it possible to continue and expand the spiritual, sacramental, social and outreach ministries at our parish.

I ask you to join your fellow parishioners by returning your completed commitment form at Mass on Stewardship Commitment Weekend, November 7 and 8, 2009. If you cannot be here next weekend, please bring it the following weekend or mail it in at your convenience.

Thank you for your gift of yourself. You are the Church and together we will build up God's kingdom on earth and answer His call to **Stewardship - A Way of Living**. May God bless you for sharing your gifts in service to His Church.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Michael F. Kiernan
Rector

~ STEWARDSHIP PRAYER ~

Praised are you, O God, our loving creator and giver of all good gifts. Bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time in worship and prayer, our talent, and our treasure to the spread of Your Kingdom here in our Church with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

What Can I Do To Live My Faith as a Good Steward?

Be a good steward of time...

Spend time in prayer

**Spend time with others: family, neighbors,
those in need.**

Be a good steward of talent...

**Acknowledge my God-given gifts. Offer
myself in service to our church and
other charities as listed in the commitment sheet**

Be a good steward of treasure...

Discern what percentage of the money

I have been blessed with

when given to charity represents adequate

thanks to God for all the blessings I have received

discern what I can give up in order to be

more generous in sharing the treasure I have

with our parish and community.

~PRAYER OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX TO KNOW GOD'S WILL~

Lord grant that I may always allow myself to be guided by you, always follow your plans, and perfectly accomplish Your holy will.

Grant that in all things, great and small, today and all the days of my life, I may do whatever you may require of me. Help me to respond to the slightest prompting of Your grace, so that I may be your trust-worthy instrument. May Your will be done in time and eternity, by me, in me, and through me. Amen.

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____



Please include all members of your family when sharing your gifts, and check the boxes below:

TIME IN PRAYER

I/we plan to attend Mass weekly and pray regularly for God's work through the Church.

TALENT

I/we plan to share my/our time and talent through the ministries chosen on the reverse side of this form.

TREASURE

I/we will financially support the ministries and services of the parish.

I/we will give: \$ _____

Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually

for a total of \$ _____ during 2010.

Signature _____ Date _____

*I am interested in making my donation through electronic giving
(checking, savings or credit card)*

How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me? Psalm 116:12

Parish Talent Opportunities

Please list the family member's name next to the ministry in which they choose to participate.

Liturgy

Name

- Altar Servers _____
- Altar Society _____
- Arts & Environment _____
- Children's Liturgy of the Word _____
- Eucharistic Ministers _____
- Lectors _____
- Ministers of the Sick _____
- Music Ministry _____
- Ushers/Greeters _____

Education

- Religious Education/Faith Formation (Youth) _____
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) _____
- Youth Ministry _____

Social Service

- Knights of Columbus, Council _____
- St. Vincent de Paul Society _____

Community Life

Name

- Bereavement _____
- Hospitality Committee _____
- Welcoming Committee _____
- Charismatic Prayer Group _____
- Social Committee _____
- Couples for Christ _____
- Cursillo Movement _____
- Marriage Enrichment _____
- Men's Group Ministry _____
- Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) _____
- Prayer Line _____
- Prison Ministry _____
- Religious Vocations Committee _____
- Senior Ministry _____

Administration

- Parish Council _____
- Finance Council _____
- Liturgy Committee _____
- Stewardship Committee _____
- Office Assistance _____

Other Skills You Would Like to Share

New Volunteer
Re-commit*

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***Re-Commit (for those currently involved in this ministry)**

AROUND THE DIOCESE

~ FESTIVAL OF TREES AND LIGHTS~

CATHEDRAL SQUARE HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Cathedral Square Homeless Program's (CSHP) goal is to get downtown homeless people get off the streets and into permanent housing! Started in 2005 as a St. Vincent de Paul Society ministry, it is designed to "teach the homeless to fish", rather than to just "give them fish." The CSHP offers temporary housing, food, bus passes, and help in finding jobs. This is evidenced in its motto:

NOT A HANDOUT—A HELPING HAND!

The Festival of Trees and Lights (FOTL) is a Cathedral ministry that supports the CSHP. The Festival features fully decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, and crafts, as well as live entertainment. Prices are set to meet all pocketbooks, especially the unique, affordable Christmas ornaments. Throughout the month of November, our volunteers will be offering RAFFLE TICKETS after the masses. Prizes include a Five nights stay at Waikiki Beach, Ipod, and numerous gift cards and baskets. If you would like to volunteer to help before, during, or after the Festival, you are invited to attend a volunteer meeting on **NOVEMBER 12, 2009 at 7:15 PM** in the Lower Level of the Cathedral. Contact: Tom Waddock at 916-443-2709. To contribute contact: Valerie Chun at 916-212-5355 or vwchun@gmail.com

~ SACRAMENTO CHORAL SOCIETY ~

The Sacramento Choral Society is launching its new season with a *Sacramento Stained Glass* Concert Series at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Come discover the recently renovated Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at the *Tribute to the English Cathedral Tradition* on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at 8:00 PM. Donald Kendrick, Conductor; Stephen Janzen, Organist; Soloists: Alison Reid, Soprano, Daniel Yoder, Baritone. Featuring the Malcolm Archer *Requiem*; and works by Vaughan Williams, Parry, Stanford. Tickets \$12.50—\$25.00 AVAILABLE ONLINE or by calling (916) 536-9065. Post Concert Reception. In proud partnership with KFIA AM, KTKZ AM, KKFS FM & KSAC FM. For more information email scso2005@yahoo.com (916) 536-9065. Visit http://sacramentochoral.com/DEPARTMENTS/STAINED_GLASS/nov72009.html

on, call Loretta at (916) 725-4720, ext. 323.

~CHRISTMAS ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM ~

Catholic Charities of Sacramento is seeking individuals or families interested in 'adopting' a local family in need for Christmas. Donors are asked to provide gifts as well as a grocery store gift card. This year we are anticipating that more families will be in need than ever before. Please call the Catholic Charities office at 916-733-0253 for more information. You may also visit our website at www.diocese-sacramento.org in the Social Service Ministry section to obtain a donor registration form or to apply online.

~ CATHEDRAL YOUTH GROUP ~

The Cathedral Youth Group (English and Spanish young people) meets every other Wednesday evening in the Lower Level from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday November 11, 2009. Please join the group for a young persons Catholic experience. For more information, contact Leticia and Edgar Hilbert at 457-1552 or Sister Jenny at 444-5364.

~ SACRAMENTO CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM ~

Sacramento's volunteer community chaplaincy program responds with law enforcement to homicides, suicides, drowning, and other tragedies, providing profound comfort to traumatized survivors. It is the model program of its kind throughout the nation. If this is the kind of ministry to which you think you might be called, please visit www.sacchaplains.com or call 916-857-1801 for more information.

~ A TASTE OF NAPOLI/BISHOP QUINN ~

Join Bishop Francis A. Quinn, honorary chair, at "A Taste of Napoli," a food and wine tasting event on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights. Stroll about tasting foods of Italy, sipping wines from a dozen wineries, viewing art, and enjoying a short live auction. Tickets to this gala are \$50 each. Advance purchase required. Reserve overnight accommodations for \$125 double occupancy. Funds raised will go to scholarships and maintenance and facilities needs. Space is limited. Send payment to 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, 95621 or visit Passionist.org/ChristTheKing and download an order form. For more information, call Loretta at (916) 725-4720, ext. 323.



~ CHOIR IN ITALY NOVEMBER 5-15~

The Cathedral Choir and parishioners from the Cathedral and other local parishes will be in Italy from November 5 through November 15. There are more than 30 in the group including Rex Rallanka, Choir Director. In addition, about 11 are continuing on to Paris, France, for four extra days.

November 5	Depart
November 6	Florence
November 7	Florence
November 8	Assisi
November 9	Pompei/Amalfi Coast
November 10-15	Rome
November 15-19	Paris

Expect to hear from us. The choir will be singing several Masses throughout the tour including Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and for the Holy Father at his Wednesday Papal Audience. The choir will return for Christ the King Sunday, November 22, 2009.

**~ ALL SAINTS SOULS DAY ~
MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

All Souls Day this year, Monday, November 2, affords you and all our members two opportunities to share in the Paschal Mystery of the Eucharist, as we commemorate those who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith. Masses will be celebrated that day as usual at 12:10 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. Please plan to attend one of these liturgies as we pray for our loved ones, fellow parishioners, and great national/international persons who have passed from this life in the promise and hope of sharing in God's Kingdom. In the pews, please find an All Souls envelope for the inclusion of names of the Faithful Departed you want us to remember in the Masses of November, and of every Sunday and Holyday in the year. We have set up a podium with the book of the dead wrapped in silk with a candle and modest flowers. **You will find offering envelopes by the small sign pointing to the poor box where you may place your offerings.** These All Souls envelopes will remain on the Altar of Sacrifice throughout November and will be placed near the Blessed Sacrament during the rest of the year, as an outward sign of our mutual and concerted, ongoing remembrance of the Holy Souls.



The Diocese of Sacramento will hold a Young Adult Conference on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Open to all young adults (age 18-39). Join us at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in El Dorado Hills. The day will feature Stan Cordero, Delis Alejandro and the Young Adult Ministry Team from St. Monica Parish in Santa Monica, CA, with music from Papa Joe Lucero and his band! Cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch, a t-shirt and childcare. Register at www.yaconference.com or call 916-733-0152.

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CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

- MON 11/2/2009** **ALL SOULS DAY**
Wis 3: 1-9/Rom 5: 5-11 or 6: 3-9/Jn 6: 37-40
12:10 pm: Anna Nguyen Mao +
5:10 pm: Juanita Perez Ruiz +
- TUES 11/3/2009** **ST. MARTIN DE PORRES**
Rom 12; 5-16b; Lk 14: 15-24
12:10 pm: All Saints
5:10 pm: Luciano Lopez +
- WED 11/4/2009** **ST. CHARLES BORREMEO**
Rom 13: 8-10; Lk 14: 23-33
12:10 pm: All Souls
5:10 pm: Elizabeth America S.I.
- THU 11/5/2009** **31ST WEEKDAY**
Rom 14: 7-12; Lk 15: 1-10
12:10 pm: Tu Truong +
5:10 pm: Freeman Family S.I.
- FRI 11/6/2009** **31ST WEEKDAY**
Rom 15: 14-21; Lk 16: 1-8
12:10 pm: John Nguyen Mao +

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!