

SANTO NINO FESTIVAL ON JANUARY 10

The 2009 Santo Nino Festival will be celebrated by the Filipino-American Community on Saturday January 10 at the Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, with Fr. Nicholas Ho and Fr. Cesar Ageas concelebrating. Traditionally this Mass has been preceded by a novena of Masses. This year participants are encouraged to attend the regular 5:10 pm Mass in the Cathedral to fulfill this novena.



meal and reception at the Sisters of Mercy Hall in the Cathedral Lower Level. Families with surnames beginning with a letter (A-I) are asked to bring Pancit, (J-O) chicken, (P-U) Lumpia, (V-Z) Dessert/Green Salad and each family is requested to bring 1 family size soda and water.

The festival commemorates the miraculous preservation of the statue of the Holy Infant from the fire in the City of Cebu in the Philippines during the war between the

Spaniards and the natives.

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 a middle class family in Guadalajara, Mexico. If you would like to host Marce for a semester or two, please call **Msgr. James Murphy at (916) 443-6475**.

PRINCIPAL POSITION OPEN

St. Francis High School is now accepting applications for the position of Principal, effective July 1, 2009. Candidates must be active practicing Catholics, possess a Teaching Credential, an Administrative Credential or a Masters in Educational Leadership, and have at least three years of successful high school Catholic administration. The job description and application packet are available on the St. Francis Web site at www.francishs.org. **Application deadline is January 16.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Warm up this winter with great Adult Education Programs given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. See below for January:

Jan 10: NEW RCIA Workshop "The Power of Lent and the Period of Purification and Enlightenment." Carson Weber, M.A., Stephen Matuszak, S.T.L. and members of the Diocesan RCIA Committee as presenters. 10am-3pm at Pastoral Center. \$15 includes lunch. Call Carson Weber at (916) 733-0154.

Jan 15: NEW Effective Coordinator's Workshops 2009: "Lent—A time for Spiritual Renewal." 9:30am-12:30pm. Cost \$10. Call (916) 733-0153 for registration.

Jan 21: NEW St. Paul—An Ecumenical Perspective. Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., a Catholic scholar, and Dr. Scott McClelland, Ph.D, a Protestant scholar. 10am-3pm. \$25 includes lunch. Call Social Services Ministry (916) 733-0253 to register.

UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO

The University of Sacramento announced their Spring 2009 course offerings for all four of their programs in Catholic Faith Formation that are: (1) Master of Arts in Education (emphasis in Catholic Faith

Formation), (2) Advanced Certificate in Catechetics, (3) Basic Certificate in Catechetics, and (4) Certificate in Marriage and Family. If you are interested or would like to register for classes, call the school at **443-4760 x16**. Applications and registration forms online at www.universityofsacramento.org.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA)

POST CARD CAMPAIGN

Please set aside Sunday, January 11th at 1:30 p.m. to attend a meeting at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Sacramento, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento 95818, to learn how you and your church or community can participate in a massive, nationwide postcard campaign to thwart FOCA, the Freedom of Choice Act:

"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 could not 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."

The meeting is free and important and all are welcome to attend. Below are links that will give you more information in order to prepare for this post card campaign. Numbers are important. The more of us that participate the better the results will be. The good thing is that you don't need to be an adult or registered voter to participate which means each family member can send their own post cards regardless of their age!

Please R.S.V.P. to Kathy Conner at kconner@diocese-sacramento.org. Kathy will have post cards for sale at the meeting. \$10 for 500, \$15 for 1,000. Post cards on line at <http://www.nchla.org/docdisplay.asp?ID=209>.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples, but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory." Is 60: 1-2

CATHEDRAL GUARDIANS MEETING

Volunteer to be a Cathedral Guardian. Guardians take turns guarding the interior of the building during the day. The next meeting of the Cathedral Guardians will be **Thursday January 8 at 7:15pm in the Lower Level**. Sergeant Dave Valdez will give a presentation on security and how to protect the Cathedral.

CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS



Bishop Jaime Soto will celebrate the Chinese New Year Eucharist with the Sacramento Chinese Catholic Community on Sunday, January 18, at 3:00 pm in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Nicholas Ho, Chaplain of the Chinese Catholic Community will concelebrate. The Chinese Catholic Community cordially invites all Chinese Catholics, friends, and parishioners to join in our celebration. A celebratory dinner with Bishop Soto will also be held that evening at the May Flower Restaurant at 5:00 pm. For information and reservation for dinner tickets, please contact **Gloria at 442-7178 or Barbara at 396-9783**.

CREATIVE4LIFE

The 2009 Santo Are you between the ages of 14 – 18? Do you enjoy being creative? The Sacramento Life Center invites all high school students to show us just how creative you are! “Creative4Life” offers students the opportunity to showcase your creative talents in a number of ways: writing an essay, speech, or poem; painting; photography; music; dance; dramatic presentations; or a film/DVD presentation. Use your creative talents to express why you support the mission of the Life Center: to empower pregnant women to choose LIFE for their pre-born children. First place: \$1000; Second place: \$750; Third place: \$500. Information and Commitment Forms are on our website, under the Coming Events link (<http://www.saclife.org/events.php>) or on the In the News page (<http://www.saclife.org/inthenews.php>). You can also contact **Debby or Colleen at 916-451-4357**. **Your Commitment Form is due: February 1, 2009! The Final Project is due: March 15, 2009.**

LIFE TEEN YOUTH BUS

On **Saturday, January 24, 2009**, a Walk for Life West Coast youth bus will leave from St. Rose of Lima in Roseville (615 Vine Street) to join thousands in the 5th Annual West Coast March For Life in San Francisco. Cost \$20 roundtrip. Bus leaves at 8am and returns at 6:30pm from San Francisco. For more information, call **Kelly Risse at (916) 783-5219 or David Coit at (916) 784-0765**.

SOULJERS OF CHRIST (YOUTH GROUP)

Reminder: The Souljers of Christ will NOT meet during the two week holiday period. The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 7. The Souljers of Christ meet every Wednesday throughout the school year from 6:30 p m.—8:30 p m. in the Lower Level.

WORKSHOP ON MUSIC & LITURGY

A Workshop on Musical Issues and Liturgical Practice sponsored by the Office of Worship and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presented by Rex Rallanka (Associate Director for Music and Liturgy of the Diocese), Jean Sawyer (Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Teresa of Avila in Auburn), and Sandra Holland (Director of Music of St. Joseph in Vacaville) in January with both English and Spanish sessions. Sessions are on Jan 24 at Sacred Heart in Red Bluff, Jan 31 at the Pastoral Center, and Feb 7 at St. Joseph in Vacaville. 8am-12pm English. 12-4pm Spanish.



CATHEDRAL DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- MON 1/5/2008** **ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP**
12:10 pm: Arturo Cadenas, S.I.
5:10 pm: Art & Amanda Cardenas, S.I.
- TUES 1/6/2008** **BLESSED ANDRE BRESSETTE, RELIGIOUS**
12:10 pm: John Francis Cahill +
5:10 pm: Teresa Navarrete, S.I.
- WED 1/7/2008** **ST. RAYMOND PENAFORT, PRIEST**
12:10 pm: Nellie F. Tumbaga +
5:10 pm: Fernando Velazco & Family
- THURS 1/8/2009** **WEEKDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
12:10 pm: Rudy Pertile S.I.
5:10 pm: Esperanza Bertha Santana +
- FRI 1/9/2009** **WEEKDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
12:10 pm: Sonia Sheppard, 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!