

~ CONFESSIONS OPPORTUNITY AT THE CATHEDRAL ~

Pope Benedict XVI recently spoke of St. John Mary Vianney, “who heroically and fruitfully exercised the ministry of Reconciliation. From the saintly ‘Cure of Ars’ we learn not only a limitless trust in the Sacrament of Penance which leads us to reinstate it as the focus of our pastoral concerns, but also the method of ‘the dialogue of salvation’ which must be part thereof.”

The current cultural context, characterized by “a hedonistic and relativist mentality which tends to remove God from the horizon of life, does not facilitate our acquisition of a clear picture of reference values and does not help us to discern good from evil or to develop a correct sense of sin.” This, the Pope noted, is not very different from the period in which St. John Mary Vianney lived, marked as it was by “a mentality hostile to the faith, as expressed by certain forces that even sought to prevent the exercise of the priestly ministry.

“In these circumstances, the saintly ‘Cure of Ars’ made ‘the church his home’ in order to lead men and women to God,” the Pope added, “and he appeared to his contemporaries to be an evident sign of God so that he encouraged many penitents to come to his confessional.”

Pope Benedict XVI invited priests to open a “dialogue of salvation” with their penitents, as suggested by the “Cure of Ars.” A dialogue that, “arising from the certainty of being loved by God, helps a person to recognize sin and progressively introduce himself or herself into a stable process of conversion of heart, which leads to the radical rejection of evil and to a life lived in accordance with God’s wishes.”

In the light of this exhortation I am happy to invite people to the Reconciliation Service with Bishop Soto on Holy Thursday at noon, a full day of Confessions (English and Spanish) 10:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. on Good Friday and Confessions 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday.

~ SACRAMENTO’S 3RD CAPITOL AWARDS BANQUET ~

Sacramento’s 3rd Capitol Awards Banquet, in support of Death Penalty Focus, will be on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. In keeping with the call of the United States Bishops and John Paul II to be unconditionally pro life, the Awards Banquet honors those who recognize that, “*the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society*

has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform” (Gospel of Life, 27).

A moratorium on executions continues in California and public opinion here shifts in the church’s favor year after year. Now, more than ever, we need to stand together to educate our peers on the variety of reasons the death penalty is broken and cannot be fixed. Please attend this special event to honor Sister Catherine Connell, Sisters of Social Service, and others, for their dedicated commitment to criminal justice reform and the abolition of the death penalty. Archbishop George Niederauer of San Francisco, a friend of Sr. Catherine will attend. Event details including sponsorship and ticket purchases may be found online www.deathpenalty.org/sactodinner. For questions, please contact Shana Heller of Death Penalty Focus at 415.243.0143 or shana@deathpenalty.org.

~ SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ~

Today, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be charitable in this week’s Catholic Relief Services Collection. Please make your check payable to “Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.”

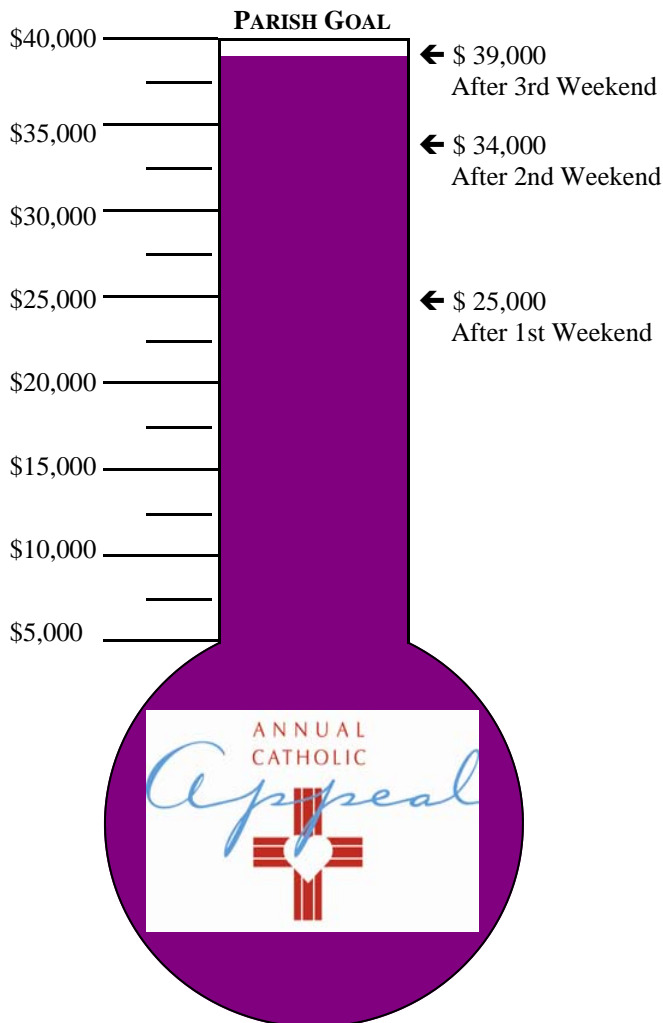
~ THE WAY OF THE CROSS ~

During this season of Lent, when Christians are reminded of the Passion, death and resurrection of Christ, Communion and Liberation is organizing the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2, 2010, in cities around the United States. The 10th annual Way of the Cross will take place on Good Friday, April 2, 2010 in Sacramento. The event, organized by the Catholic lay movement, Communion and Liberation, begins at Crocker Park in downtown Sacramento and proceeds down Capitol Mall stopping on the west steps of the California State Capitol, then proceeding through Capitol Park, stopping twice and then continuing down 13th Street and K Street ending at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento (on 11th Street). The Way of the Cross includes Gospel readings, choral music, readings from the late Monsignor Luigi Giussani, and French poets Paul Claudel and Charles Péguy. Because of Christ’s resurrection, it is an event that mysteriously affects our lives today, not simply a commemoration of a fact that can be relegated to the past. **INFO:** Matthew Cooling (916) 267-3071 www.clonline.us

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Appeal Sunday was wonderful and this past Sunday we continue to receive many donations. We have collected \$39,000 at this time. If for any reason you have been unable to contribute, there's still time to help. Please consider offering a 9-month pledge this year, if you can. Pledge envelopes are still available here at the parish in the pews or at the Parish Office. Envelopes can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed to the parish.

Our **parish goal** for the Appeal is to raise **\$40,000** in donations and pledges and we will keep the Appeal open for a limited time to work toward reaching this goal. Remember, **25% of the funds contributed from our parish are returned to us for our own ministries to people in need right here.** Thank you for your continued generosity. I hope we can go well beyond \$40,000 as originally I thought of \$50,000 as a goal.



**CATHEDRAL PARISH GENEROUSLY SUPPORTS
THE 2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

I recently was blessed to be part of a retreat day where we looked at how we can live our lives daily in the present of God based on the "The Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius of Loyola. I am glad to share one of these now and others in the next few weeks. I hope you find these helpful for your spiritual growth.

~ FIRST PRINCIPLE AND FOUNDATION ~

We are created to share in God's love and life for eternity. The experience of this love is manifested in our response of praise, reverence and service, that is, loving God with all our heart, all our mind and all our will.

All of God's created order is intended to reveal this sharing of God's life and love. Therefore with all of humanity we are called to be one with the rest of creation; and with it, we are invited to move together into a deeper relationship with the loving Creator.

Whenever we are hindered, by another part of creation, from deepening this relationship, it becomes necessary to examine our connection with that part to ensure that we are not hindered in pursuing our call. Often we may need to choose to separate ourselves from such barriers.

It is true that we can only grow in our relationship with God by cooperating with other members of the human family in caring for each other and for creation itself.



Nevertheless it is also true that we are not to become so dependent on any part of creation that we would be distracted or separated from our fundamental relationship with our God.

This means that whenever we make choices concerning any aspect of work and life, we are to be interiorly free with respect to those concerns that make obstacles of creation—long life or short life; health or sickness; riches or poverty; comfort or discomfort; being accepted or rejected; status or non-status.

Therefore, our highest priority is to be this relationship with God shining through all our choices and everything that flows from these choices.

~ OPORTUNIDAD DE CONFESIONES EN LA CATEDRAL ~

El Papa Benedicto XVI habló recientemente de San Juan María Vianney, "que heroicamente y fructíferamente ejerció el Ministerio de la Reconciliación. De el Santo 'Cura de Ars' aprendemos no sólo una confianza ilimitada en el Sacramento de la Penitencia que nos lleva a restituirlo como el centro de nuestras preocupaciones pastorales, sino también el método de 'el diálogo de la salvación» que debe ser parte del mismo."

El contexto cultural actual, caracterizado por "una mentalidad hedonista y relativista que tiende a eliminar a Dios desde el horizonte de la vida, no facilita nuestra adquisición de una imagen clara de los valores de referencia y no nos ayuda a discernir bien del mal, o desarrollar un sentido correcto del pecado". Esto, lo señalo el Papa, no es muy diferente de la época en que vivía San Juan María Vianney, marcado como fue por "una mentalidad hostil a la fe, según lo expresado por ciertas fuerzas que incluso trataron de impedir el ejercicio del ministerio sacerdotal

"En estas circunstancias, el Santos «Cura de Ars ' hizo ' la Iglesia su casa' para poder guiar a hombres y mujeres a Dios, "el Papa añadió», a sus contemporáneos ser un signo evidente de Dios, por lo que alentó a muchos penitentes a venir a su confesionario. "

El Papa Benedicto XVI invitó a los sacerdotes a abrir un "diálogo de la salvación" con sus penitentes, como fue sugerido por el "Cura de Ars". Un diálogo que, "derivado de la certeza de ser amado por Dios, ayude a una persona a reconocer el pecado e introducir progresivamente a sí mismo o a sí misma en un proceso estable de conversión del corazón, lo que conduce al rechazo radical del mal y a una vida viva en conformidad con los deseos de Dios".

A la luz de esta exhortación, me complace invitar a personas a el servicio de conciliación con el Obispo Soto el Jueves Santo, al mediodía, un día completo de confesiones (inglés y español) 10: 00 a.m. - 9: 00 p.m. el Viernes Santo confesiones 3: 30 p.m. – 5: 00 p.m. en el Sábado Santo.

~ EL TERCER BANQUETE DE PREMIOS SOBRE LA PENA CAPITAL DE SACRAMENTO ~

Tercer Banquete de la Pena Capital de Sacramento, en apoyo del trabajo de la pena de muerte, estará a la venta

el 26 de marzo de 2010 a las 6: 30 p.m. En consonancia con la llamada de los Obispos de Estados Unidos con Juan Pablo II a ser incondicionalmente pro vida, el banquete de premios rinde homenaje a aquellos que reconocen que, *"la dignidad de la vida humana nunca se debe quitar, incluso en el caso de que alguien ha hecho un gran mal. La sociedad moderna tiene los medios de proteger a sí mismo, sin negar definitivamente a los criminales la oportunidad de reformarse"*(Evangolio de la vida, 27).

Una propuesta de las ejecuciones continúa en California, y aquí la opinión pública cambia a favor de la Iglesia, año tras año. Ahora, más que nunca, tenemos que unirnos educar a nuestros compañeros en la variedad de razones, la pena de muerte está rota y no se pueden corregir. Por favor, asista a este evento especial en honor a la Sister Catherine Connell, las hermanas de servicio social y otros, por su dedicación a la reforma de la justicia penal y la abolición de la pena de muerte. Asistirá el Arzobispo George Niederauer de San Francisco, un amigo de la Hermana Catalina.

Detalles del evento incluyendo compras de patrocinio los boletos pueden encontrarse en línea www.deathpenalty.org/sactodinner.

Para preguntas, por favor póngase en contacto con Shana Heller de Death Penalty Focus (Enfoque de la Pena de Muerte al 415. 243. 0143 o shana@deathpenalty.org.



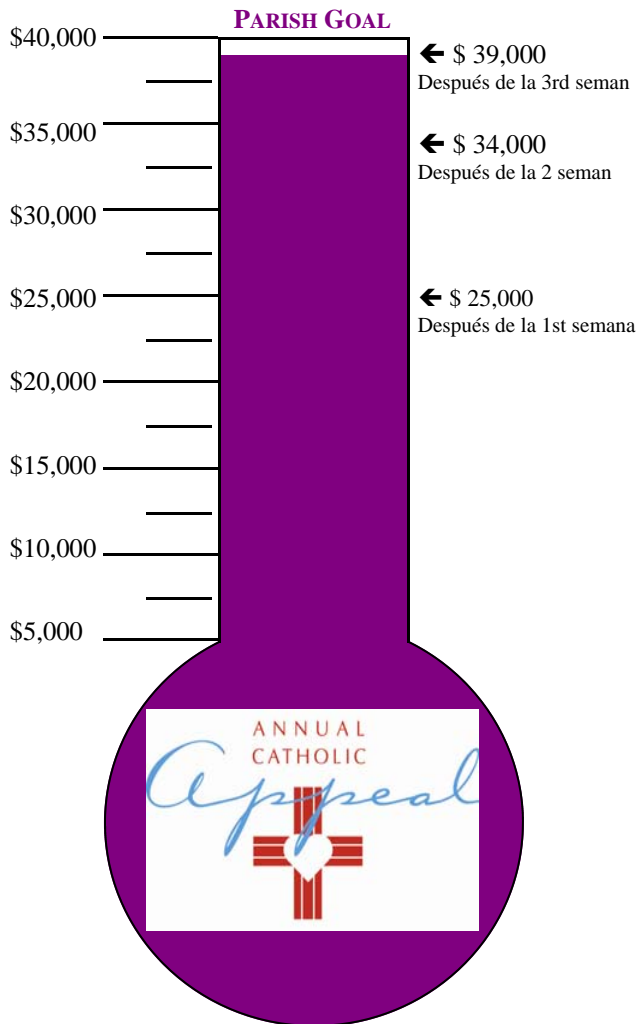
~ UNIVERSIDAD DE SACRAMENTO PRIMAVERA 2010 SE OFRECEN CURSOS "NUEVOS" EN LÍNEA ~

"Fe, física y filosofía: un estudio introductorio de la relación entre la fe y la ciencia. " Para registrarse o para mas información, llame a DeAnna at 916.443.4760 ext. 16 or dmartinez@universityofsacramento.org. Más información puede encontrarse en la línea de la red www.universityofsacramento.org.

LA APELACIÓN ANUAL CATÓLICA: CONTINÚA

La Apelación del domingo, 28 de febrero fue maravillosa y este domingo pasado hemos continuado recibiendo donaciones de muchos, en este momento hemos recaudado \$ 39,000. Si por cualquier razón no ha podido contribuir, aún hay tiempo para ayudar. Por favor considere ofrecer una promesa de 9 meses de este año, si es posible. Los sobres para las promesas todavía están disponibles aquí en la parroquia en las bancas o en la oficina de la parroquia. Los sobres se pueden poner en la colecta del domingo o enviarlos por correo a la parroquia.

Nuestro objetivo de parroquia para esta apelación es de contribuir 40,000 dólares en donaciones y promesas mantendremos la apelación abierta por un tiempo limitado para alcanzar este objetivo. Recuerde, el 25% de los fondos recaudados se devuelven a nuestra parroquia para nuestros propios ministerios o personas en necesidad. Gracias por su continúa generosidad.



~ PRIMEROS PRINCIPIO Y FUNDACIÓN ~

Fuimos creados para compartir en la vida y el amor de Dios por toda la eternidad. La experiencia de este amor se manifiesta en nuestra respuesta de elogios, la reverencia y el servicio, es decir, amar a Dios con todo nuestro corazón, todo nuestro espíritu y nuestra voluntad.

Toda la orden de la creación de Dios es destinada para revelar el intercambio de vida y el amor de Dios. Por lo tanto, con toda la humanidad estamos llamados a ser uno con el resto de la creación; y con ella, estamos invitados a movernos juntos en una relación más profunda con el amoroso creador.

Siempre que encontramos un obstáculo, por otra parte de la creación, desde la profundización de esta relación, se hace necesario examinar nuestra conexión con esa parte para asegurarse de que no estamos poniendo los obstáculos a nuestro llamamiento. A menudo, nosotros podemos necesitar elegir separarnos de tales barreras. Es cierto que podemos nosotros mismos crear nuestra relación con Dios mediante la cooperación con otros miembros de la familia humana para cuidar los demás y para la creación de sí mismo.

Sin embargo, también es cierto que no queremos ser tan dependientes de cualquier parte de la creación que nos distraiga o separe de nuestra relación fundamental con nuestro Dios. Esto significa que siempre hacemos las opciones relativas a cualquier aspecto de la vida y de trabajo, queremos ser interiormente libre con respecto a esas preocupaciones que hacen los obstáculos de la creación: vida larga o vida corta; salud o enfermedad; riqueza o pobreza; comfortable o molestias; siendo aceptadas o rechazadas. Por lo tanto, nuestra máxima prioridad es que esta relación con Dios brille a través de todas nuestras opciones y todo lo que fluye desde estas opciones.

~ EL CAMINO DE LA CRUZ ~

Durante esta temporada de Cuaresma, cuando los cristianos recuerdan la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Cristo. La organización de Comunión y Liberación está organizando el Vía Crucis el Viernes Santo, 2 de abril de 2010, en los alrededores de las ciudades de los Estados Unidos. El Décimo Vía Crucis Anual se llevará a cabo el Viernes Santo, 2 de abril de 2010 en Sacramento. El evento, organizado por el movimiento católico laico, Comunión y Liberación, comienza en Crocker Park en el centro de la ciudad de Sacramento y sigue por la calle del Capitol Mall parando en los pasos de oeste del Capitolio del Estado de California, y luego proceder a través del Parque del Capitolio, deteniéndose dos veces y, a continuación, continuando por la calle 13 y el final de la calle K en la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento en Sacramento (en la calle 11). El Vía Crucis incluye lecturas del Evangelio, la música coral, lecturas del Monseñor Luigi Giussani y poemas de los poetas franceses Paul Claudel y Charles Péguy. De tema de la Resurrección de Cristo, es un evento que misteriosamente afecta nuestras vidas hoy en día, no simplemente una conmemoración de un hecho que puede ser relegado al pasado. **INFO:** Matthew Cooling (916) 267-3071 www.clonline.us

PASSION SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER SCHEDULES

CHRISM MASS THURSDAY MARCH 25

The Chrism Mass is one of the most important Diocesan celebrations of the year in which the Bishop Soto will bless the Holy Oils to be used in sacramental celebrations in all parishes of our Diocese. It is truly a celebration of the entire Diocese of Sacramento.



Sung Vespers to close the Solemnity of the Annunciation will begin at 5:15 pm and the Chrism Mass will begin at 6:00 pm. Retired Bishops William K. Weigand and Francis A. Quinn will concelebrate. Three holy oils are Chrism (used in Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders), the Oil of Catechumens (used in Baptism), and the Oil of the Sick (used in the Anointing of the Sick). After the ceremony a quantity of each oil will be sent to each parish of the diocese for use throughout the coming year. Catechists, parish staffs, those visiting the sick and other ministries, and those in RCIA are especially encouraged to attend. In addition,

lay ministries are recognized and honored at the liturgy. You are cordially invited to join the bishops, priests, and lay ministers of the diocese for this important Mass.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2010

On **PALM SUNDAY** of the **PASSION** of the **LORD**
Masses are at the usual weekend time

HOLY THURSDAY – April 1

12:10 PM – Communal Penance Service†
(Visiting clergy available for individual Confessions (Bishop Soto); No Mass)

7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – Bilingual (Bishop Soto)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY – April 2

12:10 PM – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Bishop Soto)
(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion)

Stations of the Cross following the Liturgy
7:00 PM - Via Crucis en Español

7:30 PM - Liturgia en Español (Bishop Weigand)

HOLY SATURDAY – April 3

9:00 AM – Morning Prayer *(chanted)*

8:15 PM – **The Great Vigil of Easter**
Bilingual (Bishop Soto)

EASTER SUNDAY – April 4

Mass 7:30 AM (Bishop Quinn), 9:00 AM (Bishop Weigand),
11:00 AM (Bishop Soto), 5:00 PM, 3:00 PM Chinese

1:00 PM – *Misa en Español*
No habrá Misa en la tarde

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE and RECONCILIATION

Holy Thursday, April 1: Communal Penance Service—12:10 PM

Good Friday, April 2 **ALL DAY** 10:00 AM—9:00 PM;

Saturday, April 3 at 3:30 PM—5:00 PM

Please Print Clearly

New Parishioner Registration and Change of Address Form

Thank You!

Name: _____ Envelope No.: _____
(Last) (First)

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

New or Change Address *Fill out and deposit in Offertory Basket. Thank You!* Offering Envelopes Yes No



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Easter Flower donations are being accepted in memory of loved ones. Special envelopes are available in the pews, or you may just write on your checks "For Cathedral Flowers in Memory of _____."

~ CATHEDRAL INVITATION TO MINISTRY FORMATION SESSION ~

All volunteers interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament are invited to participate in an upcoming Ministry Formation Session scheduled for **March 27, Saturday, from 2:00-5:00 P.M.** in Mercy Hall, Lower Level of the Cathedral. During this event, Sandra Holland, Director of the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Sacramento, will make a presentation about the significance of the roles in these liturgical ministries. Pat Kivela, Coordinator of the Lectors, and Valerie Chun, Coordinator for the Eucharistic Ministers, will also help facilitate a discussion regarding the respective responsibilities and how we serve as ministers to our faith communities. If you are interested in serving, but have not yet contacted Sister Jenny, there is still time. She is available to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. Sister Jenny at 444-5364.

~ ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES ~

The Cathedral Parish will begin Adult Confirmation Classes on **Tuesday March 9** at 7:00 pm in the Lower Level for those who, for whatever reason, have never been confirmed. Bishop Jaime Soto extends this invitation each year providing that candidates have prior instruction. The Adult Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Soto on May 22, 2010, at the 5:00 pm Mass. Please call Sister Jenny at 444-5364 to join this class.

~ WELCOME BACK FOR EASTER PROGRAM~

This program is designed to facilitate an open ongoing dialogue for nonpracticing Catholics or for those Catholics who have recently returned to the Faith. The program is to help pave the way for returning to the Sacraments. The program will be held on six consecutive Tuesdays from April 6 through May 11, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the lower level of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament 1017 11th St., Sacramento, CA. Free parking is available in the parking facility adjacent to the lower level Cathedral entrance. For more information and/or to register, please contact Tim Longdon at 916-359-5540 or Sister Jenny Aldeghi at 916-444-5364.

GET YOUR EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY

Sister Jenny announces the 5th Annual Easter Raffle to benefit all the Religious Education Programs here at the Cathedral. Tickets on sale now for only \$1. Purchase tickets in the vestibule every Sunday after Mass or ask any of the many religious education students. Some of the prizes include for adults Paolo Schiraldi 3d Relief Art, Tiffany & Co. Necklace, Apparition Basket and for children an IPOD, bicycle, and Easter Baskets. Many more prizes to be awarded. Support our local Religious Education programs and buy some tickets. We have over 500 children in religious education classes throughout the week!

~ UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO SPRING 2010 "NEW" ONLINE COURSES OFFERED ~

"Faith, Physics and Philosophy: An Introductory Study of the Relationship between Faith and Science." To register or for more information, contact DeAnna at 916.443.4760 ext. 16 or dmartinez@universityofsacramento.org. More information can be found on the website at www.universityofsacramento.org.

~ JESUIT HIGH SUMMER PROGRAM ~

Jesuit High School offers a three-week program "Academics Plus" for boys entering 7th and 8th grade in the fall of 2010. Two sessions are available to choose from: June 14—July 1, or July 6—July 23. The Program runs 9:00 to 3:00 each day and includes academic sessions, pool/recreation, and team sports. Financial Aid is available. For more information and an application, please visit our website at www.jhssac.org, under "Admissions". Application deadline is April 30, 2010. To answer any questions, please call us at (916) 482-6060 x227

~ CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

The Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 am Mass will be discontinued. Instead, the Children's Liturgy of Word will only be at the 11:00 am Mass.

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

MON 3/22/2010	LENTEN WEEKDAY
Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8: 12-20	
12:10 pm: Avelina Dioquino +	
5:10 pm: All Souls +	
TUES 3/23/2010	ST. TURIBIO DE MOGROVEJO
Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30	
12:10 pm: Carlo Dioquino +	
5:10 pm: Romulo M. Dioquino +	
WED 3/24/2010	LENTEN WEEKDAY
DN 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; JN 8: 31-42	
12:10 pm: Luis de la Rama +	
5:10 pm: Richard Mejico +	
THUR 3/25/2010	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10 Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38	
12:10 pm: Tiodolinda Rivas +	
5:15 pm: Solemn Vespers	
6:00 pm: Chrism Mass (Bishop Soto)	
FRI 3/26/2010	LENTEN WEEKDAY
Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42	
12:10 pm: Sandra Cantu, S.I.	

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