

~ PASTOR AND PROPHET ~

As the church throughout the world continues to rejoice in the recent visit of the Holy Father to Fatima, I am glad to share with you a statement from America Magazine after his visit two years ago to the United States which I was blessed to participate in.

The enduring impression Pope Benedict XVI left with most Americans following his recent visit to Washington, D.C., and New York was of a pastor ministering to his flock. In repeated gestures, from meeting with the victims of sexual abuse to blessing the disabled and speaking with the survivors of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, he showed his desire to heal those who are wounded and broken.

His numerous comments on sexual abuse by members of the clergy demonstrated awareness of the depth of the hurt to victims and their families as well as to the American Catholic Church as a whole. From his confession of shame to reporters during the flight to the United States to his spontaneous acknowledgment of his own human weakness at the Mass at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, he signaled that like Peter, he is an ordinary Christian who struggles to be a disciple.

Though commentators have often depicted his German heritage as a source of rigidity and too much, Benedict's Bavarian *Gemütlichkeit* revealed itself with a relaxed smile, and it projected warm joy throughout his public appearances. His natural graciousness enabled him to look those he encountered in the eyes and to listen to them attentively. Though he is known to prefer more traditional liturgical styles himself, he appeared to relish the multilingual, multiethnic liturgical events prepared for him, which are so characteristic of the United States today. His prayer at ground zero was a gem of quiet commemoration, and the visit to the Park East Synagogue on the eve of Passover was a gesture of undiminished goodwill toward the Jewish community.

Just as he came to heal, Pope Benedict also came to unify. His homilies and addresses allowed no gloating by one church faction over another. In addressing the bishops, for instance, he balanced pro-life issues with social justice concerns. "Is it consistent," he asked, "to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs? Is it consistent for practicing Catholics to ignore or exploit the poor and marginalized, to promote sexual behavior contrary to Catholic moral teaching, or to adopt positions that contradict the right to life of the human being from conception to natural death?" Though Pope Benedict's critique of American culture—of

individualism, secularism, materialism and the cult of untrammelled freedom—was clear, his reproof was consistently gentle: questioning rather than condemning, edifying rather than hectoring.

With his gentle voice and peaceful demeanor, Benedict did not fail to offer a prophetic word to the world. At the United Nations General Assembly, he upheld the necessity of the organization for the defense of human rights and gave new prominence to "the duty to protect," that is, the responsibility of the international community to intervene when a government either fails to protect its own people or is itself guilty of violating their rights. He made clear that the United Nations serves human solidarity by making the strong responsible for defending the weak.

Pope Benedict also extrapolated a seldom discussed teaching of Pope John XXIII in the encyclical *Pacem in Terris*—that the legitimacy of governments depends on their respect for and defense of the rights of their people. It is not "intervention," he argued, that should be interpreted as "a limitation on sovereignty," but rather "nonintervention" that causes harm out of indifference to the victims of oppression. With international missions foundering in long-lasting conflicts like those in Congo and Sudan, however, the pope's remarks place the burden on the international community to build the capacity to deal with major humanitarian emergencies.

While Pope Benedict showed appreciation for American culture, especially for the flowering of liberty, and for U.S. Catholics, he also laid bare our temptations and failings. He spoke to young people about the "callousness of heart" that leads to "drug and substance abuse, homelessness, poverty, racism, violence and degradation—especially of girls and women." He also warned against relativism, "which, in disregarding truth, pursues what is false and wrong," leading to "addiction, to moral or intellectual confusion, to hurt, to a loss of self-respect, even to despair...."

This portrait is unflattering. Americans may find it hard to look in the mirror Benedict held up to us. We may want to avert our eyes. But the challenge of the visit is to learn from Pope Benedict's criticism as well as his praise, take it to heart and find new ways to redeem the shadow side of our American character. For, as he reminded us, with our eyes fixed on the saints whose lives enable us to "soar freely along the limitless expanse of the horizon of Christian discipleship," we too can live the Gospel life in 21st-century America.



WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THIS JAZZ FESTIVAL & JUBILEE WEEKEND

JAZZ MASSES

SAT MAY 29 5PM/SUN MAY 30 11AM & 5PM

~ LIFELONG IMPRESSIONS ~

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.
There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours
or days.

All the things you collected, whether treasure or
forgotten, will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel
to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned or what you were
owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and
jealousies will finally disappear.

So, too, your hope, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists
will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important
will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from, or on what
side of the tracks you lived, at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or
brilliant.

Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your
days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what
you built; not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your
significance.

What will matter is not what you learned, but what
you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity,
compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched,
empowered or encourage others to emulate your
example.

What will matter is not your competence, but your
character.

What will matter is not how many people you
knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when
you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories, but the
memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be
remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by
accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

~ MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER ~

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we remember those who have made the ultimate
sacrifice for our freedom, we think of how they
have followed in the footsteps of your son, our
Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our service men
and women in your strong arms. Cover them with
your sheltering grace and presence as they stand in
the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops, and
ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes and
your peace, provision and strength to fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be filled with
courage to face each day and may they trust in the
Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let
our military brothers and sisters feel our love and
support.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

~ PASTOR Y PROFETA ~

Como la iglesia en todo el mundo sigue alegrándose de la reciente visita del Santo Padre a Fátima, me complace compartir con ustedes una declaración de la revista América después de la visita que hizo el Papa a los Estados Unidos hace dos años en la cual yo fui bendecido en participar.

La impresión perdurable, que dejó el Papa Benedicto XVI en la mayoría de los estadounidenses tras su reciente visita a Washington, D.C., y Nueva York fue de un Pastor cuidando a su rebaño. En repetidos gestos, en la reunión con las víctimas de abuso sexual, la bendición para los discapacitados hablando con los sobrevivientes de los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre del 2001, mostró su deseo de curar a quienes están heridos y lastimados.

Sus numerosos comentarios sobre el abuso sexual por parte de miembros del clero demostraron que esta consiente de de la profundidad de las heridas de las víctimas y sus familias, así como toda la Iglesia católica estadounidense. Desde su confesión de la vergüenza a los reporteros durante el vuelo a los Estados Unidos y su reconocimiento espontáneo de su propia debilidad humana, en la Misa de la Catedral de San Patricio de Nueva York, él señaló que así como Pedro, el es un cristiano ordinario quien lucha para ser un discípulo.

Aunque los comentaristas a menudo han representado su patrimonio Alemán como una fuente de gran rigidez, Benedicto Baviera Gemütlichkeit se reveló a sí mismo con una sonrisa relajada, y proyecta la alegría calurosa a lo largo de sus apariciones públicas. Su gentileza natural con aquellos que se encontró mirándolos a los ojos les permitió escucharlos atentamente. Aunque se sabe que él prefiere el estilo de liturgias más tradicionales, pareció disfrutar los multilingües y multiétnicos eventos litúrgicos preparados para él, que son tan característicos de los Estados Unidos hoy. Su oración en la zona cero fue una joya de conmemoración tranquila, y la visita a la sinagoga de este parque, en la víspera de Pascua fue un signo de buena voluntad constante hacia la comunidad Judía.

Aunque vino a sanar, Benedicto también vino a unificar. Al hablar con los Obispos, por ejemplo, él equilibrio hablando de los problemas de pro-vida con preocupaciones de justicia social. ¿"Es coherente," preguntó, "profesar nuestras creencias en la Iglesia el domingo y, a continuación, durante la semana promover prácticas de negocio o procedimientos médicos contraria a esas creencias? Es coherente que los católicos practiquen o ignoren explotar a los pobres y marginados, o promover el comportamiento sexual, contrario a la enseñanza moral católica, o adoptar posiciones que contradicen el derecho a la vida del ser humano desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural?" Aunque Benedicto critica la cultura americana — de individualismo, laicismo, materialismo y el culto del libertinaje — fue claro, su censura fue

constantemente suave: cuestionando en lugar de condenar, edificando, en lugar de destruir.

Con su voz suave y su actitud pacífica, Benedicto nos ofrecer una palabra profética para el mundo. En la Asamblea General de la ONU, confirmó la necesidad de la organización para la defensa de los derechos humanos y dio nueva prominencia a "el deber de proteger," es decir, la responsabilidad de la comunidad internacional a intervenir cuando un gobierno incapaz de proteger a su propio pueblo o sea culpable de violar sus derechos. Dejó claro que las Naciones Unidas sirven de solidaridad humana haciendo a los fuertes, responsables de defender a los débiles.

Benedicto también toco la enseñanza rara vez discutida del Papa Juan XXIII en la Encíclica Pacem in Terris: que la legitimidad de los gobiernos depende de su respeto y defensa de los derechos de su pueblo. No es "intervención", argumentó, que debe ser interpretado como "una limitación en la soberanía," sino más bien "no intervenir" es lo que perjudica las causas de indiferencia a las víctimas de la opresión. Con misiones internacionales de naufragio en conflictos de larga duración como las de Congo y Sudán, sin embargo, observaciones del Papa colocan la carga a la comunidad internacional para desarrollar la capacidad para hacer frente a las emergencias humanitarias principales.

Mientras que Benedicto mostró aprecio por la cultura estadounidense, especialmente para el florecimiento de la libertad, y para los católicos de Estados Unidos, también sentó al descubierto nuestro tentaciones y fallos. Habló a los jóvenes sobre la "insensibilidad de corazón", que conduce a "drogas y uso indebido de sustancias, la falta de vivienda, la pobreza, el racismo, la violencia y la degradación, especialmente de las niñas y las mujeres." También advirtió contra el relativismo, "que, en verdad, sin tener en cuenta persigue lo que es falso y lo malo, "hacia la adicción, a la confusión moral o intelectual, para herir, para una pérdida de autoestima, incluso a la desesperación...."

Este retrato es desfavorable. Los americanos difícilmente pueden verse en el espejo que Benedicto sostuvo para nosotros. Podemos ocultarlo a nuestros ojos. Pero el desafío de la visita es aprender de la crítica del Papa Benedicto, así como su alabanza, llevarlo al corazón y encontrar nuevas formas para redimir el lado de la sombra de nuestro personaje estadounidense. Así, como nos lo recordó, con los ojos fijados en los Santos cuyas vidas nos "inspiran libremente a lo largo de la extensión ilimitada del horizonte de discipulado cristiano," nos permiten también vivir el Evangelio de la vida en América del siglo XXI.

~ IMPRESIONES PERMANENTES ~

Listos o no, algún día todo llegará a su fin.
No habrá más amanecer, no minutos, horas o días.
Todas las cosas que reuniste, tesoro o recuerdos, pasarán a otra persona.
Tu riqueza, fama y poder temporal se consumirán a la irrelevancia.

No importaran tus propiedades o lo que tu debías.
Las rencillas, resentimientos, frustraciones y celos finalmente van a desaparecer.
Por lo tanto, también, caducarán tus esperanzas, ambiciones, planes y listas de tareas.
Las victorias y las pérdidas que una vez parecían tan importantes se desvanecerán.
No importa de dónde provienes, o en qué lado de las vías viviste, al final.
No importa si eras hermoso o brillante.
Incluso tu color de piel y género serán sin importancia.

Así que ¿qué es lo que importa? ¿Cómo se medirá el valor de sus días?

Lo que importa no es lo que compraste, pero lo que construiste; no importa lo que tienes, pero lo que diste.
Lo que importa no es el éxito, pero su significado.
Lo que importa no es lo que hayas aprendido, pero lo que hayas enseñado.
Lo que importa es cada acto de integridad, compasión, valor o sacrificio para enriquecer, facultar o animar a otros a imitar tu ejemplo.

Lo que importa no es tu competencia, pero tu personaje.
Lo que importa no es cuántas personas conoces, pero cuantos sienten una pérdida cuando hayas desaparecido.
Lo que importa no son tus recuerdos, pero los recuerdos que viven en aquellos que amaste.
Lo que importa es cuánto tiempo serás recordado, por quién y de qué.

Una vida que importa no ocurre por accidente.
No es una cuestión de circunstancia, sino de elección.

Elija vivir una vida que importe.

~ ORACIÓN DE DÍA ~

Estimado Padre Celestial,

Recordamos a aquellos que han hecho el último sacrificio por nuestra libertad, pensamos en cómo han seguido los pasos de tu hijo, Nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo. Por favor mantén nuestros hombres de servicio y mujeres en tus fuertes brazos. Protégelos con tu gracia y tu presencia mientras se encuentran en batalla.

También recuerda a las familias de nuestras tropas y te pedimos tus bendiciones y tu paz para sus hogares, y llénalos de fuerza y disposición.

Llena a nuestros miembros de nuestras fuerzas armadas con valentía para enfrentar cada día y que tengan confianza en el poder de Nuestro Señor para realizar su tarea. Deja que nuestros hermanos militares y hermanas sientan nuestro amor y apoyo.

En el nombre de Jesús. Amen.

**CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
SPRING FLING AND SING -- JUNE 12**

The choir will be selling tickets starting Memorial Day weekend for its second-annual Spring Fling and Sing wine tasting event June 12 at 6 p.m. Purveyors include Zocalo Restaurant, Pyramid Alehouse, Bogle Family Wineries, Carvalho Family Wines and many others. The event features singing by choir soloists. "The Bishop's Hour" Catholic Radio Host Bob Dunning will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Contact any choir member for details. Or contact Rex Rallanka, Cathedral Director of Music, rrallanka@cathedral sacramento.org.



**FIRST SOLEMN DIOCESAN
PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO**

Led by Bishop Jaime Soto from August 5 to 11, 2010. On the 10th Anniversary of the canonization of 24 martyrs of the religious persecution in Mexico. Do Not Miss This Opportunity and Invitation! Request a Free registration form under no obligation by email: pe16pe40r@mac.com or by telephone: 916-585-9665 or download it at www.pepebuenavista.com

**PRIMERA SOLEMNE PEREGRINACIÓN
DIOCESANO A MÉXICO**

Guiados por el Obispo Jaime Soto del - 5 al 11 de agosto 2010. En la 10 Aniversario de la canonización de 24 mártires de la persecución religiosa en México. No pierda esta oportunidad invitación! Solicitar un formulario de registro gratuito sin ninguna obligación Por correo electrónico: pe16pe40r@mac.com Por teléfono: 916-585-9665 o por línea del web:www.pepebuenavista.com

CATHEDRAL CATECHISM FOR ADULTS COURSE

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is offering a series of Adult Formation classes for all parish members using the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. These Faith Formation sessions consist of three individual cycles as follows:

- Cycle I May 25—Jun 29 Coming to Know Jesus.**
- Cycle II Aug 3—Sep 7 The Call to Discipleship**
- Cycle III Sep 28—Oct 26 Fostering good marriages**

The three cycles will be held on Tuesday evenings in the Cathedral Lower Level from 7-9:00 pm. The cycles are based on chapters from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Each participant should bring their own copy, but there will be a few copies of books available for purchase. A donation of \$10 per cycle to cover the cost of handouts and other related expenses would be appreciated. To register, contact Sister Jenny at the Cathedral 444-5364 or Tim Longdon at (916) 359-5540.

OUR LADY OF GRACE FESTIVAL JUNE 5

Fr. Ho, pastor of Our Lady of Grace in West Sacramento and well known to Cathedral parishioners, invites all to attend this years Festival at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Road, West Sacramento. Music, food, and games to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school and 60th anniversary of the

Church. Free admission. Parking at River City High School. 11am to 9pm. Call (916) 371-9416 for more information.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED**

The Cathedral Parish will sponsor a drive to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society Thrift Store on Watt Avenue. To support this store, Cathedral Parish volunteers will be collecting items that can be sold there. Proceeds from the store go directly to help Sacramento's needy population. Please check your homes for items that you may wish to donate: clothes; furniture; area rugs kitchenware; sports equipment; lamps; pictures; etc. Items NOT excepted are: Large appliances; built in appliances; lighting requiring direct connection; console or projection TV's; office desks; paint or other toxic materials; carpeting, exercise equipment; furniture that is missing parts; has rips, stains; animal hair or a heavy smoke smell. Trucks will be on hand to accept donated items. Cut and save the information below:

DATES: Saturday June 26th

before and after the 5:00 p m. Mass

Sunday June 27, 2010 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**DROP OFF LOCATION: ALLEY SIDE OF CATHEDRAL
ACROSS FROM THE PARKING LOT.**

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE

- MON 5/31/2010 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**
10:30 a.m. **Ordination to Priesthood. Rev. Mr. Michael Baricuatro, Rev. Mr. Michael Estaris, and Rev. Mr. Maurico Hurtado**
- TUES 6/1/2010 ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR**
2 Pt 3: 12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12: 13-17
12:10 pm: Juan Vasquez +
5:10 pm: Brandon Fennell +
- WED 6/2/2010 ST. MARCELLINU & ST. PETER**
2 Tm 1: 1-3, 6-12; Mk 12: 18-27
12:10 pm: Baby McClanahan, S.I.
5:10 pm: Jo & Frank Denton +
- THUR 6/3/2010 ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**
2 Tm 2: 8-15; Mk 12: 28-34
12:10 pm: Thomas Keenan +
5:10 pm: Concha Castillo +
- FRI 6/4/2010**
2 Tm 3: 10-17; Mk 12: 35-37
12:10 pm: Mary Ann & John Lane +
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@SBCGLOBALNET

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