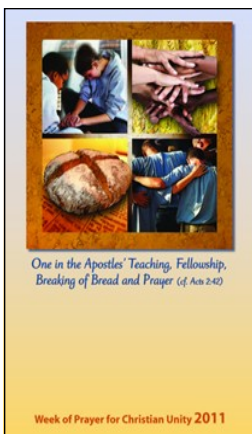


# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## A Message from the Rector

From January 18-25, we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2011. The Church Octave, a forerunner of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, was developed by Father Paul Wattson, SA, at Graymoor in Garrison, New York, and was first observed at Graymoor from January 18-25, 1908. Today, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites the whole Christian community throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus “that they all may be one” (John 17:21).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity theme for 2011 is “One in the Apostles’ Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread and Prayer.” It comes from Acts Chapter 2 versus 42.



For 2011, the churches in Jerusalem were the initial consultants to the Joint Working Group for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Christians of Jerusalem call upon their brothers and sisters to make this week of prayer an occasion of renewed commitment to work for genuine ecumenism grounded in the experience of the early Church.

In union with the North State Ecumenical Commission, the diocese’s Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs is

the sponsor of several events during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25.

Father James Loughran, a Graymoor Friar of the Atonement, will visit the diocese to lead presentations and various meetings on the state of ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and relationships today. He is editor of the monthly journal, “Ecumenical Trends,” and director of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, based in New York City. He specializes in Jewish-Catholic relations.

On **Wednesday, Jan. 19** at 7:00 p.m., Father Loughran will attend a Taize service at St. Francis of Assisi Church, located at 1066 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Sacramento. On **Saturday, Jan. 22**, Father Loughran will celebrate the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. James Church, located at 1275 B Street in Davis, and preach about ecumenical and interfaith relationships. On **Sunday, Jan. 23**, he will preach at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis. That same day he will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. On **Tuesday, Jan. 25** at 7:00 p.m., he will speak to college students and permanent deacons at the Newman Catholic Center, located at 5900 Newman Court in Sacramento. Father Loughran will also speak to students of Sacramento-area Catholic high schools during his visit as well as making a special presentation to the priests of the diocese.

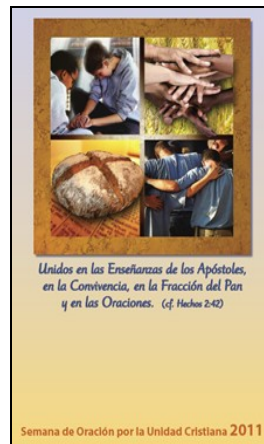
For more information, call the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at 916.733.0253.

Ecumenism and Interreligion is a great and worthwhile experience, and unity in Christ is the work of everyone. May God bless each of us in this endeavor so promoted by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

## Mensaje del Rector

Del 18 al 25 de enero, celebramos la semana de oración por la Unidad Cristiana 2011. La Octava de la iglesia, un precursor de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana, fue desarrollada por el Padre Paul Wattson, SA, en Graymoor en Garrison, New York y fue observada por primera vez en Graymoor del 18-25 de enero del 1908. Hoy en día, la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana invita a la toda la comunidad del mundo a orar en comunión con la oración de Jesús “que todos sean uno” (Juan 17: 21).

El tema del 2011 para la semana de oración por la Unidad Cristiana es “Uno con los Apóstoles” en la Enseñanza, en el Compañerismo, “al Partir el Pan y en la Oración Proviene de Actos Capítulo 2 verso 42.



El 2011, las iglesias de Jerusalén fueron las primeras en ser consultadas para juntarse al esfuerzo del grupo de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana. Los Cristianos de Jerusalén llamaron a sus hermanos y hermanas para hacer esta semana de oración una ocasión para renovar el compromiso de trabajar para el Ecumenismo auténtico basado en la experiencia de la Iglesia primitiva.

En Unión con la Comisión Ecuménica del Estado del Norte, la Oficina de la Diócesis Ecuménica y Asuntos Interreligioso es la patrocinadora de varios eventos durante la semana de oración por la Unidad Cristiana, 18-25 de enero.

Padre James Loughran, un Fraile de Graymoor de la congregación, visitará la Diócesis para dirigir diversas reuniones y presentaciones sobre el estado del diálogo Ecuménico e Interreligioso y relaciones, hoy en día. Es editor de la revista mensual, “Tendencias Ecuménicas” y director de la Graymoor ecuménico y el Instituto interreligioso, con sede en la ciudad de New York. Se especializa en las relaciones de judíos católicos.

El **miércoles, 19 de enero** a las 7: 00 p.m., Padre Loughran asistirán a un servicio de Taize en la Iglesia de San Francisco de Asís, ubicada en 1066 26<sup>th</sup> calle en Sacramento. El **sábado, 22 de enero**, el Padre Loughran va a celebrar la Misa de las 5: 30 p.m. en la Iglesia de St. James, situada 1275 de la calle B en Davis y predicara acerca de las relaciones ecuménicas entre religiones. El **Domingo, 23 de enero**, él predicara en la Misa de 9: 30 am en la Iglesia de St Francis. Ese mismo día va a celebrara las Misas de las 11: 00 a.m. y 5: 00 p.m. en la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento. El **martes, 25 de enero** a las 7: 00 p.m., él hablará a estudiantes Universitarios y diáconos permanentes en el Centro Católico de Newman, situado en el 5900 del Newman Court en Sacramento. El Padre Loughran también hablará a estudiantes de escuelas secundarias católicas de área de Sacramento durante su visita, así como dará una presentación especial a los sacerdotes de la diócesis.

Para obtener más información, llame a la Oficina de Ecuménico y Asuntos de Interreligioso al 916. 733. 0253.

Ecumenismo y Interreligioso es una gran experiencia y vale la pena, la unidad en Cristo es la labor de todo el mundo. Que Dios bendiga a cada uno de nosotros en este esfuerzo tan promovido por nuestro Santo Padre, Benedicto XVI.

## CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### (SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)

**MON 1/17/2011 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY**

**ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT (EPH 6: 10-13, 18; MT 19: 16-26)**

**HEB 5: 1-10; MK 2: 18-22**

12:10 pm: Art & Margaret Weir, S.I.

5:10 pm: NO MASS (State & Federal Holiday)

**TUES 1/18/2011**

**HEB 6: 10-20; MK 2: 23-28**

12:10 pm: Caroline Santiago +

5:10 pm: Cesar Fernandez Coya +

**WED 1/19/2011**

**HEB 7: 1-3, 15-17; MK 3: 1-6**

12:10 pm: Maria Elena Gutierrez, S.I.

5:10 pm: **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**THUR 1/20/2011 ST. FABIAN & ST. SEBASTIAN**

**HEB 7: 25—8:6; MK 3: 7-12**

12:10 pm: For Maria & Luc Jaeger's "Mission For Life"

5:10 pm: Jane Ann Rockwell +

**FRI 1/14/2011 ST. AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR**

**HEB 8: 6-13; MK 3: 13-19**

12:10 pm: Teresa Mao, S.I.

**NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS**

### TODAY'S READINGS

**IS: 49: 3, 5-6** I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends  
of the earth.

**1 COR 1: 3** Grace to you and peace from God our  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**JN 1: 29-34** Behold the Lamb of God, who takes  
away the sins of the world.

### BAPTISMS (JANUARY)

DOUGLAS BARRERA

JACQUELYN HANNAH BAUTISTA

ANGELO DIZON BENCKEN

SOFIA KAITLYN BROWN

AVA MARI GONZALES CABATIC

HECTOR O. CASTRO, JR.

ETHAN LUKE DOWNING

ELIZABETH HANSEN

ABIGAIL HANSEN

BENJAMIN MICHAEL HARDY

HALEY ELIZABETH HARDY

ASHWIN MAGAN LAL



### WEDDINGS (JANUARY)

THOMAS BELLUMORE & ALLISON OI JAN 1

DANIEL PASCUA & DOMINICA PASCUA JAN 29

MARK WHITTEN & MEGAN MARCOUX JAN 29



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SUN 1/16/2010**

9:00 am RCIA Children and Teens

9:30 am RCIA Breaking the Word

11:00 am Confirmation Rite of Sending

11:15 am Spanish Religious Education

1:00 pm Religious Education (Chinese)

**MON 1/17/2010**

6:30 pm Evening Prayer RCIA Team

7:00 pm RCIA classes

7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

**TUES 1/18/2010**

6:30 pm Prayer Club

7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (English)

**WED 1/19/2010**

7:00 pm Communion and Liberation

7:00 pm Youth Group

7:15 pm Cathedral Choir practice (English)

7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

**THUR 1/20/2010**

7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (Spanish)

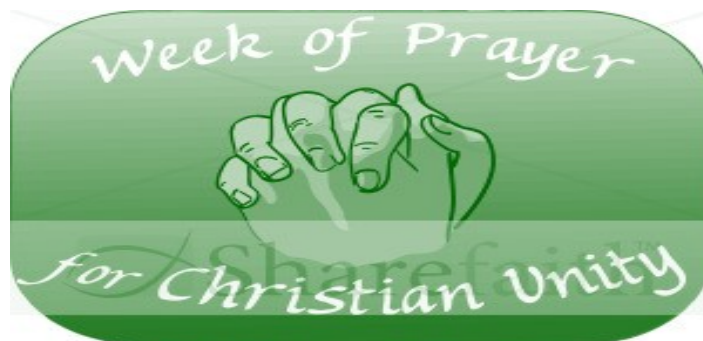
7:15 pm Spanish Choir practice

**FRIDAY 1/21//2010**

7:00 pm Young Adults

**SAT 1/22/2010**

11:00 am Religious Education (English)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**"COULD YOU NOT KEEP WATCH  
WITH ME ONE HOUR?"**

**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](mailto:BECAZ96@SBCGLOBAL.NET)**

### CATHEDRAL TOURS

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

### CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

**MONDAY-THURSDAY 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 AM--3:00 PM**

## BISHOP SOTO INVITES ALL TO A DAY OF FASTING, ABSTINENCE, & PRAYER

I invite all Catholic men and women in the Diocese of Sacramento along with all people of good will to join together in observing a day of fasting, abstinence, prayer and works of charity on Friday, January 21, 2010, in reparation for the sinful national scourge of abortion. We mark this day in recognition of the lamentable anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court Decision, *Roe v. Wade*, and the over 53 million lives lost since then. The Schedule for the Cathedral on that day will be:

9:30 AM	Pro-Life Workshops for Youth	
12:00 Noon	Mass for the Reparation of Sins	Bishop Soto, president
6:30 PM	Pro-Life Workshops for Youth	
8:30 PM	Candle-light Prayer Vigil Blessing for those attending the Walk to Life	Bishop Weigand, president

Through our acts of penance and works of charity on this day, we will express our desire to restore a culture of life and a civilization of love in this country so marred by the Court decision of *Roe v. Wade* as well as other acts of violence against the innocent.

## HUMAN LIFE

*“Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.” - Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2258*

On January 22, 1973, in a 7 to 2 vote, the Supreme Court issued a decision in the case known as *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion and severely restricted states' rights to regulate it. Not only has the decision split people and political parties into two has split Catholics.

Ultimately the moral and theological issue regarding human life comes down to these questions: When does human life begin? And, is God the author of life or is He not?

To be pro-abortion is to say that God is not the author of life and that when human life begins is vague or unknowable. If a mother decides to end the life of the baby at any time during pregnancy, it is legal. If someone injures the mother and kills the baby at the same time, it can be seen as murder. This is not consistent.

When do we begin to value human life? Is it at the beginning—at conception? Is it at some arbitrary time during a pregnancy? Or does human life become valued only when the baby emerges completely from the womb?

Justice Byron White in his dissenting opinion complained that the Supreme Court “values the convenience of the pregnant mother more than the continued existence and

development of the life or potential life that she carries.” To paraphrase Justice White's opinion: “Our culture values convenience and pleasure more than life itself.”

Saturday will be the 37th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. While many legal arguments both support and oppose a mother's right to end her pregnancy, our concern as followers of Jesus Christ is to follow the Gospel. The Scriptures have made very clear that God—not any human being—is the author of human life. No life comes to exist apart from the will of God. While no one would argue that rape or incest are part of the will of God, a life resulting from those crimes is. Many think that these crimes justify abortion.

We argue the opposite, quoting the Fifth Commandment, “Thou shall not kill.” The crimes of rape or incest do not render a resulting child less valuable to God and to the world. Yet in saying this, we must recognize the mother's trauma. The community owes her support because her decision to bear a child begun this way is truly sacrificial.

We approach the altar today facing the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. In this a context Isaiah's passage from today's readings is a neon sign: “Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb.” This reflects the earlier words of Jeremiah, “From my mother's womb you pronounced my name.”

The prophet Isaiah spoke during the Babylonian exile for God to “Israel” and “Jacob,” both names meaning the nation, saying that God's glory would be revealed to everyone when He restored their glory. God's servant might have been suffering then, but that was not a permanent condition. But the prophetic word of God does not end with this ancient promise. Rather than being a narrow view of restoring only the Kingdom of Israel, God will restore the unity of all of creation! This was a new concept, and it is one repeated by John the Baptist when he tells us to behold the Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world.

Even with Jesus, this reuniting of all of creation, though begun, has not yet been fulfilled. The point of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians was to remind them that everyone has a place at God's table. The Christian community at Corinth was terribly divided between rich and poor, slave and free. Paul's salutation, which we read today, reminds us, too, that with the death of Jesus Christ and the sending of the Holy Spirit we are all called to be holy.

Unfortunately it seems that our culture no longer reflects upon this vision as did John the Baptist and the prophets before him. Worse, as a culture, we don't reflect on the words and person of Jesus Christ as did the early Christians. The reality of the division over abortion reminds us of how far we must still come to realize the unity God has called us to. How can we strive to build the Kingdom of God when all human life is not respected?

Judges, politicians, and individuals continue to argue about when life begins. From the Word of God, however, it is clear. We must live this faith!

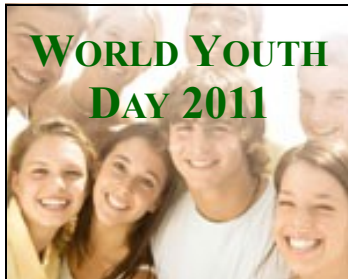
## HELP CATHEDRAL YOUTH GO TO MADRID

The Faith Formation Department would like to sponsor four teens from our youth group to participate in World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI next August 2011 in Madrid. You may help by giving donations to Sr. Jenny. We are also selling Cathedral cups and a portion of the proceeds will go to support them. The cups will be available in the Cathedral vestibule after all Masses.



## AYUDE A LOS JOVENES DE LA CATEDRAL A VIAJAR A MADRID

El Departamento de Formación de la Fe le gustaría patrocinar a cuatro adolescentes de nuestro grupo de jóvenes a participar en el Día Mundial de la Juventud con el Papa Benedicto XVI el próximo Agosto de 2011 en Madrid. Usted puede ayudar entregando sus donaciones a la Hermana Jenny. También estamos vendiendo tazas conmemorativas de la Catedral y una porción de los ingresos serán para apoyarlos. Las tazas estarán disponibles en el vestíbulo de la Catedral después de todas las misas.



St. John Vianney. This is a top level acting performance that will be enjoyed by all! There is no charge. A love offering will be done at the event. Dates and locations follow:

- Jan 15 St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley (7:00 pm)
- Jan 17 St. Joseph Parish, Redding (7:00 pm)
- Jan 19 St. John Parish, Chico (6:30pm)
- Jan 20 Jesuit High School, Sacramento (7:30 pm)
- Jan 21 Presentation Parish, Carmichael (7:00 pm)
- Jan 22 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Fairfield (7:00 pm)

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF SACRAMENTO

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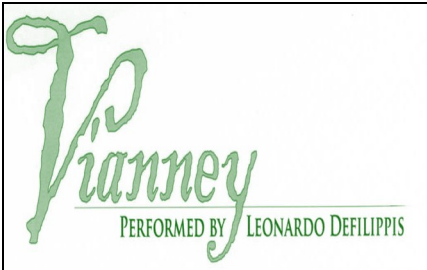
### COPING WITH LIFE ALONE

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**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
**Place:** OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH  
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**Fee:** Registration fee of \$10.00 AND weekly meeting fee of \$5 OR \$40 (Registration and 9 weeks)

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# LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

A family went to a carnival. Mom gave her two children plenty of tickets to ride whatever they wished. The two spied the merry-go-round and raced for it. They rode the merry-go-round again and again. Finally out of tickets, they found their mother and asked for some more. “How can you already be out?” exclaimed their mother. “Where have you been?” One of the children sheepishly replied, “Just around.”

Far too many of us are like the two children. When asked where we have been in life, we can only respond, “Just around.” We seem to have traveled our life’s journey without any real sense of purpose or direction.

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Baptism is about “calling.” In baptism we are called to serve God. Today we revisit the scene of Jesus’ baptism. Last week Matthew told the story; this week, John. The interesting difference in the two versions is that in Matthew’s story of Jesus’ baptism, the witness who testifies about the identity of Jesus is the Father, “a voice came from the heavens.” In the Gospel of John, God remained silent. It was John the Baptist who testified about Jesus saying, “I have seen and testified.” The difference has implications for us.

We are familiar with the idea of “vocation.” A man or woman comes to believe that he or she is called by God to some kind of religious life. We speak as well about “a call” to married life, or even a “a call” to Christian single life. True, these are calls, although the reality is that these calls only provide a lifestyle in which our real call can be lived. There is far more to a call from God than simply being a religious, married, or single. We are called individually and uniquely to serve God and His kingdom. How we do that as a religious, married person, or single person will be as unique as each person is unique.

One of the reasons the Church is so resolutely pro-life is that it believes that it is God who is the author of all life. A man and a woman participate in God’s authorship, but ultimately it is God who is the creator. God **does** not create life without purpose. Each individual is created for a unique

service in God’s kingdom. Regardless of how a pregnancy began, it began because, as Jeremiah said, “from my mother’s womb He pronounced my name.”

Names in the Middle East often indicated a person’s purpose in life. “Jesus” means “Yahweh saves.” “John” means “Yahweh has been gracious.” “Isaiah” means “Yahweh is salvation.” With our readings today pointing us to a sense of “being called,” we might ask, “What has my name come to mean to the world?”

Today we read from one of four “servant songs” in Isaiah. Isaiah is not writing about an individual. He is writing about the nation. Israel, its people, is the servant. Isaiah believes that Israel itself has a purpose in God’s plan. Like the language of Jeremiah, God gave Israel its call, its purpose, from the very beginning “[The Lord] formed me as his servant from the womb.”

Paul believes deeply in his own role in God’s plan. He believes that he was “called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God.” Paul made all of his life’s decisions in the context of his call from God. At first, he believed himself to be doing God’s will when he persecuted the Church. But, like many of us, when his eyes were opened, he understood his call in a new light and devoted his life to

preaching the Church, not persecuting it.

We have all been called “from my mother’s womb” for the purpose of serving God. Baptism is the invitation to live our personal call in the context of the Church. Isaiah tells us that God was going to make Israel “a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” When trying to discern our personal and unique vocation, we start with this shared vocation of making God known to the people around us. It is now the Church, the Body of Christ, which is the light to the world. As members of the Body of Christ, we start with this shared vocation.

We are invited to explore our personal calling, how we are to uniquely participate in being “a light to the nations.” Hopefully we are not just going “around and around,” but have found a destination, a purpose, for our life, and it is somehow to testify to the Light.

*The Priest*



## A JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE: BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS

The Cathedral is offering a six part BIBLE STUDY (St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology), where you will learn why the sacraments are the foundation to the Christian Life and how they are the stairway to heaven. Classes will begin on January 19, 2011, and continue through February 23, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Cathedral Lower Level. Parking available. Please contact Sister Jenny at 444-5364 or Brenda Adams at 498-9883.

## DAY RETREAT FOR THE PRO-LIFE COMMUNITY

Come be refreshed, encouraged, and strengthened at a DAY RETREAT on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Mercy Center in Auburn, led by Father Blaise Berg, Pastor of St. John the Baptist in Chico. If you pray at the sidewalk, work for or volunteer at a pregnancy center, are involved in post-abortion ministry or parish ministry, etc, this day is for you. Begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes after a Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. Cost is \$30. For information: contact Nikki Alvarez, (916) 733-0140 or [nalvarez@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:nalvarez@diocese-sacramento.org). Sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Sacramento.

# Choose Life

A Gathering of Youth in Observance of Roe v Wade



For Middle School and High School Catholic Youth  
at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament  
January 21, 2011



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6:30 p.m.  
✓ Hospitality & Check-in  
7 to 8:30 p.m.  
✓ The Program  
8:30 to 9 p.m.  
✓ Prayer Vigil with  
Bishop Weigand



**Emily Espinola**

Emily serves the Sacramento Life Center as the Community Outreach Coordinator and as a counselor. In college, she served as an enthusiastic on-campus pro-life student leader.



**Tiffany Smith**

Featured in the Sept/Oct issue of our diocesan magazine, Tiffany experienced the merciful power of Rachel's Vineyard, a ministry to post-abortive women seeking peace, healing and forgiveness.



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## RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

9:00 AM MASS JANUARY 22

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is one rite, but it is divided into periods that respect the individual's journey of faith. The Rite of Acceptance into the order of Catechumens is the first of the public rites celebrated. During this rite, the Inquirers publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church, and the Cathedral Parish accepts them, offering support and witness during their journey. For the individual, this rite means that the beginnings of the spiritual life and the fundamentals of Christian teaching have taken root.



An important part of the Rite of Acceptance is that we, the Cathedral Parish, accept the candidates and become responsible for their guidance on their journey to the Easter Sacraments. In a very real sense, the actual formation team for the candidates and catechumens is the Cathedral Parish, everyone sitting in the pews.