



Baptism of the Lord

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.



A Message from the Rector

THANK YOU

As our celebration of the Baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas Season to a close, we take time to reflect on the many blessings that the season has given us. While we have celebrated the tremendous gift of Christ's birth, and the gifts of the kings, and the gifts we have shared with our loved ones, and the gifts we have been able to offer those less fortunate this season, we have continued to receive and share the greatest gift of all – the Eucharist, gifted to us by Christ and offered to us continually in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The wonderful, inspiring liturgies we have celebrated through the Christmas Season have helped us to keep our focus on what truly matters in this world. Liturgy is the celebration of the whole community, and each one of us has had a role in making it come to life. In addition, many individual parishioners have helped in special ways to make our Christmas Masses special spiritual experiences by fulfilling roles in liturgical ministry. I offer sincere gratitude to all those who made such contributions to our liturgies.

“Thank You” to those whose hard work again transformed our Cathedral into God's own Winter Wonderland by decorating the sanctuary, the vestibule and the whole Cathedral so beautifully for the Season, and to all whose gifts enhanced our worship environment with donations of beautiful poinsettias and trees.

“Thank You” to the Liturgy Council and all those who assisted in planning the liturgies of the season - individuals from Cathedral Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, the Hispanic Apostolate and the parish at large who worked with the Liturgy Council to prepare the celebrations that marked the season so wonderfully.

“Thank You” to our Sacristans (especially Michael Ognisty) and the altar servers who assisted so wonderfully at all the masses, to the Lectors who prepared diligently and proclaimed the Word at the celebrations of its birth, to the Extraordinary Ministers who shared the greatest gift of the season - the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, to the ushers/greeters (especially Tom Waddock) who welcomed the family home and to those who carried out the offertory collections. I would like to particularly thank the children, youth and young adults who shared in these ministries, giving us a glimpse of the promise that the future, near and distant, holds for our church.

“Thank You” to the members of the Music Ministry (especially Rex Rallanka and Lola Krist) who poured their hearts and souls, not to mention hours of preparation, into enhancing the liturgies of the season in a way that only music can. The choirs, cantors and musicians lifted our spirits and inspired us to lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the Birth of Our Lord and Savior.

There is always a risk in expressing gratitude that someone will be overlooked - if I have left anyone out, I sincerely apologize and assure you that your contributions were appreciated just the same.

Mensaje del Rector

GRACIAS

Mientras que nuestra celebración del Bautizo de Nuestro Señor trae la Época de Navidad a un cierre, tomamos tiempo para reflexionar en las muchas bendiciones que esta época nos ha dado. Mientras hemos celebrado el regalo tremendo del Nacimiento de Cristo, los regalos de los reyes, los regalos que hemos compartido con nuestros seres queridos, los regalos que hemos podido ofrecer a los menos afortunados en esta época, hemos seguido recibiendo y compartiendo el mayor regalo de todos – La Eucaristía, dada a nosotros por Cristo y ofrecida continuamente en el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa.

Las maravillosas, he inspiradas liturgias que hemos celebrado a través de La Época de Navidad nos han ayudado a mantenernos enfocados en lo que verdaderamente importa en el mundo. La Liturgia es la celebración de toda la comunidad, y cada uno de nosotros hemos tenido una parte en hacerla en hacerla viva. Adicionalmente, muchos parroquianos individualmente han ayudado en maneras especiales para hacer nuestras Misas Navideñas experiencias especialmente espirituales llenando las funciones en el ministerio de Liturgia. Yo ofrezco sincera gratitud a todos aquellos que hicieron esas contribuciones a nuestras Liturgias.

“Gracias” a todos aquellos los que con su gran trabajo transformaron nuestra Catedral en la Maravilla del Invierno de Dios decorando el Santuario, el vestíbulo, y toda la Catedral tan hermosamente para esta época, y a todos quienes sus regalos enriquecieron nuestro ambiente de adoración con la donación de las bellas Nochebuenas y los árboles de Navidad.

“Gracias” a el Consejo de Liturgia y a todos aquellos que ayudaron en planear las liturgias para esta época- personas de la Formación de Fe de la Catedral, Ministerio de Jóvenes, el Apostolado Hispano y la parroquia entera quien trabajo con el Consejo de Liturgia para preparar las celebraciones que marcaron esta época tan maravillosamente.

“Gracias “ a nuestros Sacristanes (especialmente a Michael Ognisty) y a los servidores del altar que ayudaron tan maravillosamente en todas las misas, a los lectores quienes se prepararon diligentemente y proclamaron La Palabra desde el comienzo de las celebraciones, a los Ministros Extraordinarios que compartieron el mayor regalo de la época - la verdadera presencia de Cristo en la Santa Eucaristía, a los ujieres/hospitalidad (especialmente a Tom Waddock) quien le dio la bienvenida a la familia a la casa y a todos quienes llevaron a cabo la colecta de las ofrendas. Me gustaría particularmente darles las gracias a los niños, los jóvenes, y adultos jóvenes que compartieron con sus ministerios, dándonos una miradita de la promesa al futuro cerca y distante, que tiene nuestra iglesia.

“Gracias” a todos los miembros del Ministerio de Música (especialmente a Rex Rallanka y Lola Krist) que dieron sus corazones y almas, sin mencionar las horas de preparación, para enriquecer las Liturgias de la época de la manera que solo la música lo puede hacer. El Coro, cantores, y los músicos levantaron nuestro espíritu y nos inspiraron a levantar nuestras voces en alabanza y acción de gracias por el Nacimiento de Nuestro Señor y Salvador. Siempre hay un riesgo en expresar gratitud que alguien se me haiga olvidado- si he olvidado a alguien, sinceramente les pido perdón y les aseguro que sus contribuciones fueron apreciadas de la misma manera.

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)

MON 1/10/2011

HEB 1: 1-6; MK 1: 14-20

12:10 pm: Danelle Faldana +

5:10 pm: Lucy Gomez +

TUES 1/11/2011

HEB 2: 5-12; MK 1: 21-28

12:10 pm: Terry Campbell, S.I.

5:10 pm: Manuel & Isabel Gomez, S.I.

WED 1/12/2011

HEB 2: 14-18; MK 1: 29-39

12:10 pm: Arthur Cadenas & Jessica Filippi, S.I.

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

THUR 1/13/2011 ST. HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR

HEB 3: 7-14; MK 1: 40-45

12:10 pm: Eye Surgery Center Staff, S.I.

5:10 pm: For the Protection of Human Life, S.I.

FRI 1/14/2011

HEB 4: 1-5, 11; Mk 2: 1-12

12:10 pm: Perpetual Adoration at the Cathedral, S.I.

NO EVENING MASS ON FRIDAYS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD READINGS

Is: 42: 1-4, 6-7

**Behold my servant with whom
I am well pleased.**

ACTS 10: 34-38

**God anointed him with the
Holy Spirit.**

Mt: 3: 13-17

**After Jesus was baptized, he
saw the Spirit of God coming
upon him.**

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 1/9/2010

9:00 am RCIA Children and Teens

9:30 am RCIA Breaking the Word

11:15 am Spanish Religious Education

1:00 pm Religious Education (Chinese)

MON 1/10/2010

6:30 pm Evening Prayer RCIA Team

7:00 pm RCIA classes

7:30 pm SVDP Feed the Homeless Program

TUES 1/11/2010

6:30 pm Prayer Club

7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (English)

WED 1/12/2010

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 1/13/2010

10:00 am Cathedral Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Teens Confirmation Class (Spanish)

7:15 pm Spanish Choir practice

FRIDAY 1/14//2010

7:00 pm Young Adults

SAT 1/15/2010

11:00 am Religious Education (English)

2:30 pm Rex Rallanka, Director of Cathedral

Music, Organ Concert (Free)



**REX RALLANKA
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
ORGAN CONCERT
JANUARY 15 AT
2:30PM**

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**

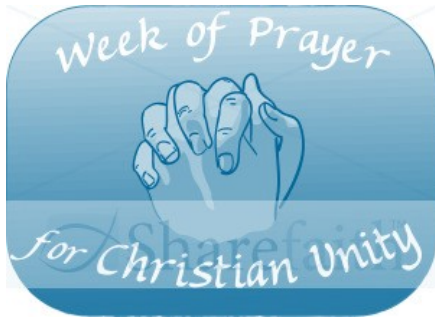
CATHEDRAL TOURS

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER 9:00 AM AND 11 AM MASSES

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, JANUARY 18-25



During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2011, Father James Loughran, a Graymoor Friar of the Atonement, will be in Sacramento to speak about ecumenical and interfaith dialogue

and relationships. An exciting array of presentations and meetings are set up as follows:

Tuesday, January 18 at Noon: Fr. James will speak to Christian pastors and leaders at a luncheon hosted by Bishop Soto at the Pastoral Center.

Wednesday, January 19 at Noon: Fr. James will visit St. Patrick's Church in Grass Valley for a luncheon and talk.

Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm: Fr. James will attend a Taize Service at St. Francis Church in Sacramento.

Thursday, January 20: Fr. James will speak to the students at

the three Catholic High School in Sacramento.

Friday, January 21: Fr. James will continue to speak to the students at the three Catholic High Schools in Sacramento.

Saturday, January 22: Fr. James will celebrate the Vigil Mass at St. James Church in Davis; and preach about ecumenical and interfaith relationships.

Sunday, January 23: Fr. James will preach at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Francis Church; he will celebrate the 11:00 am and 5:00 p.m. Masses and preach at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday, January 24: Fr. James will meet with Bishop Soto and the priests of the Diocese in the morning and early afternoon . If time permits, he will visit one of the three Catholic High Schools.

Tuesday, January 25: Fr. James will meet with the students of one of the three Catholic High Schools in the morning. At 2:00 pm, he will speak to the Interfaith Service Bureau Board of Trustees. At 7:00 pm, he will speak at the Newman Center to college students; and to the Permanent Deacons of the Diocese.

You are invited to attend any or all of these events. Fr. James will directly answer difficult questions regarding the state of ecumenical and interfaith relationships in today's world.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 2ND COLLECTION

CATHEDRAL PARISH ENRICHMENT APPEAL

APELACIÓN DE ENRIQUECIMIENTO DE LA PARROQUIA DE LA CATEDRAL

Your Gift is a Blessing for Our Church

Su regalo es una bendición para nuestra Iglesia

With your pledge, you build up our Cathedral Parish - the Body of Christ. Fr. Michael

Con su promesa, esta construyendo nuestra parroquia de la catedral - el cuerpo de Cristo. Padre Michael.

With faith in God and my love for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, I pledge:

Con fe en Dios y mi amor por la Catedral de la parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento, me comprometo:

Monthly Amount (Mensual): \$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 Other \$_____

Quarterly Amount (Trimestral): \$30 \$60 \$75 \$150 \$300 \$600 Other \$_____

Annual Amount (Anual): \$120 \$240 \$300 \$600 \$1200 \$2400 Other \$_____

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Email _____

Please detach and place in the offering plate or mail to:

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Thank you.

*Por favor, coloque su forma de donación en la canasta de las ofrendas o por correo:
Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento, 1017 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Gracias.*

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

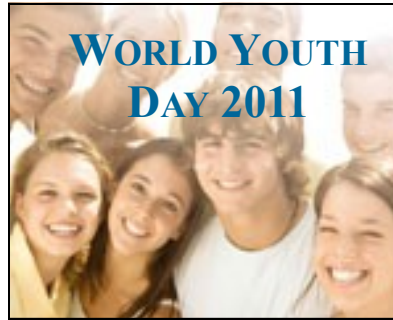
I invite all Catholic men and women in the Diocese of Sacramento along with all people of good will to join together in observing a day of fasting, abstinence, prayer and works of charity on Friday, January 21, 2010, in reparation for the sinful national scourge of abortion. We mark this day in recognition 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, presider
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, presider

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.

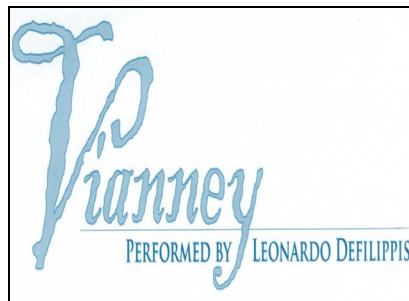
HELP CATHEDRAL YOUTH GO TO MADRID

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.



Coming to our area! Leonardo DeFilippis, director of the movie *Therese*, will be in our diocese to do his one-man performance of *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)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY **CATHEDRAL PARISH REGISTRATION & UPDATE** THANK YOU

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PREFERRED METHOD OF WEEKLY OFFERING:

- _____ OFFERING ENVELOPES (WILL BE SENT TO YOUR HOME)
- _____ BILLPAY THROUGH YOUR BANK (USUALLY DONE ON-LINE ON YOUR BANK'S WEB SITE)
- _____ CATHEDRAL WEB SITE: WWW.CATHEDRALSACRAMENTO.ORG (ONLINE DONATIONS)

(MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CATHEDRAL.)

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PLEASING TO THE LORD

The Catholic Church has changed greatly in a very short period of time. Young Catholics today have no memory of the strict rules that existed only a few years ago that greatly regulated intermingling with our non-Catholic brothers and sisters. One such rule did not allow non-Catholics to be buried in a Catholic cemetery.

With America's involvement in the Middle East, one thing has been made very apparent. Eastern cultures do not view the world with the same set of eyes as Western cultures. Communication and understanding are greatly hampered because of very basic and foundational differences. One such difference, and an important one, is how individuals perceive their place in the world.

The West values individualism which the United States has raised practically to the rank of a national virtue. Diversity is valued. Uniqueness is tolerated. Everyone values the freedom to do their own thing as long as it does not infringe upon another. A person's identity comes from how individualistic they can be.

The East values a collective identity. Persons gain their identity from their association with a group whether it be with a tribe, the nation or a religion. It is hard for us to grasp the impact of Islam unless we can appreciate how important it is to a person's identity. Outside of Islam, a Muslim would be a nobody. In such a culture, standing out is not valued.

It is no wonder that nations don't want to give up their national languages. It is no wonder that in so many cultures everyone dresses exactly the same. The West has grown comfortable with pluralism. The East cannot imagine it.

It is not surprising that allowing gentiles into the new Christian faith was such a struggle. Only Jews could be members of the early community. Identity as a follower of Christ had depended on a person's Jewish identity. When Peter said to Cornelius, a gentile, that "in truth, I see that God shows no partiality," he was revealing a conversion of thought that was nothing short of miraculous. To get to this, Peter had to ask himself the question, "Who is pleasing to God?"

The Book of Isaiah speaks today of the "Suffering Servant," "my servant whom I uphold." As we read, we see the passage speaking of an individual. Most especially, we see the passage

speaking of Jesus. This was not what the Jews saw. For Isaiah, the Suffering Servant was the whole of Israel. Judah was in a mess, it was in exile.

Isaiah speaks of the nation being so unified in its condition that it could be spoken of as an individual. God was present to His people, He would uphold them, and eventually they would see justice again and be a light to the nations. Individuals could not conceive of themselves outside of this image. They understood themselves only in the context of the nation, in the context of the Servant, in the context of their faith..

We believe in a baptism for the forgiveness of sin. If this is so, why, then, did Jesus accept baptism? He had no sin. One reason was to begin the process of creating within His followers a new identity. Our identity would now be dependent on something new. Our identity would be found in the waters of baptism.

Christianity and individualism do not mix. As we are trained from birth that "number one" comes first and that "we must look out for ourselves," it is hard to surrender our personal will for the sake of any group. If we cannot do this, however, we cannot be fully Christian.

When we are baptized, we become part of the Body of Christ. This is emphasized every time we receive Christ in the Eucharist.

We must sacrifice our own egos so that we can think ourselves first as being a member of the Body. Rather than striving to get ahead for "my own good" or "for the good of (just) my family," as Christians we strive to serve the whole Body of Christ. This is a communal experience, not an individual experience.

Who is pleasing to God? The voice from the heavens identified Jesus as being the one who is pleasing. Peter, in speaking to Cornelius, reveals that he has come to understand that anyone who acts "Christlike" is pleasing to God. Isaiah says that the nation, at least those who have stayed faithful to it, are the ones pleasing to God.

Baptism is about our identity. It gives us an identity. Perhaps we should ponder what the baptized look like so that we can begin to look like those pleasing to the Lord. In doing this, we might actually become more inclusive, not less. *The Priest*



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

The Diocese of Sacramento and dioceses across the nation will celebrate **National Vocation Awareness Week Jan. 9-15** as a time to encourage young people to think of considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

The week begins on the church's celebration of the Feast of the



Baptism of the Lord, which falls on Jan. 9 in 2011. The feast marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

The week celebrates vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or consecrated life in particular. During these days, families and the parish community are urged

to nurture the faith of their children to prepare them to respond to whatever God's call is for them.

Catholics are encouraged during this week to take time to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life; to reflect on their own vocation and strengthen their personal relationship with Christ; to educate young people about the importance of silent prayer and taking the time to truly listen to God's voice in their hearts.

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.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Bishop Jaime Soto and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants invite you to a Prayer Vigil for Life on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 3235 Arden Way, Sacramento. The Vigil begins with Mass, followed by Benediction and a Rosary Procession to a nearby abortion center, all led by our Bishop! Please join us in this peaceful and prayerful witness of our Catholic culture of life. Questions? Call Ed Pierini at (916) 806-3103 or visit www.sacramentohelpers.org.

Obispo Jaime Soto y los Ayudantes de los Niños Preciosos de Dios les invita a una Vigilia de Oración por la Vida el Sábado, 15 de Enero, 2011 a las 8:00 a.m. en la Iglesia Católica de San Ignacio, 3235 Arden Way, Sacramento. La Vigilia empieza con la Misa, seguida por la Bendición y una Procesión con el Rosario hasta un centro de aborto cercano. ¿Preguntas? Llame a Elizabeth Pierini al (916) 813-8269.

Choose Life

A Gathering of Youth in Observance of Roe v Wade



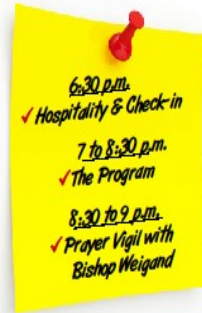

For Middle School and High School Catholic Youth

at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

January 21, 2011



Featuring

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.



We'll brainstorm how to take the message we've heard back to our parishes and communities, to put words and thoughts into action.



Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, California

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. Sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Sacramento.

COST: \$30 INCLUDES MORNING HOSPITALITY & LUNCH REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.FEB12.INFO