

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

On this Labor Day weekend, and as we plan for Sunday, September 11, I am glad to provide access information to resources which have been made available by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

LABOR DAY

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued the 2011 Labor Day Statement entitled "Human Costs and Moral Challenges of a Broken Economy". The statement was written by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, Bishop of Stockton, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

The Labor Day statement is may be found in English and in Spanish on your computer at <http://www.usccb.org/news/2011/11-165.cfm>.

SEPTEMBER 11

The tenth anniversary of 9/11 falls on Sunday this year. The Scripture readings offer an opportunity for Catholics to pray and reflect on the challenge of forgiveness. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided homily notes, intercessions, reflections and other resources in English and Spanish. These resources can be accessed at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/september-11/index.cfm>

At the Cathedral, on Labor Day, we salute the dedicated work of people day-to-day in service of their family, church community and nation.

On September 11, we remember all who died on that infamous day as we seek now to live as dedicated citizens promoting the wellbeing of our great nation and all people everywhere of goodwill who seek justice and peace.

PRAYER FROM THE MASS OF "FOR THE BLESSING OF HUMAN LABOR"

God our Creator, you have placed all the powers of nature under our control and our work. By the labor of your people, you govern and guide to perfection the work of creation. Hear the prayers of your people and give to all work that enhances their human dignity and draws them closer to each other. May we bring the spirit of Christ to all our efforts and work with our brothers and sisters at our common task, establishing true love and guiding your creation to perfect fulfillment. In your kindness may the work we do bring us growth in this life and help to extend the kingdom of Christ. Amen.

MENSAJE DEL RECTOR

En este fin de semana del día del trabajo, nos preparamos para el domingo 11 de septiembre, me alegro de proporcionar información de acceso a los recursos que han sido puestos a disposición por la Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos.

DÍA DEL TRABAJO

La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos ha expedido una declaración del día del trabajo del 2011 titulado "Los costos Humanos y los desafíos Morales de una economía rota". La declaración fue escrita por el Obispo Stephen E. Blaire, Obispo de Stockton, Presidente del Comité USCCB en la Justicia Nacional y el Desarrollo Humano.

La declaración del Día del Trabajo podría encontrarse en inglés y en español en el <http://www.usccb.org/news/2011/11-165.cfm>.

EL 11 DE SEPTIEMBRE

El décimo aniversario del 9/11 este año cae en Domingo. Las lecturas bíblicas ofrecen una oportunidad para que los católicos oren y reflexionen sobre el desafío del perdón. La Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos ha proporcionado notas de la homilía, intercesiones, reflexiones y otros recursos en español e inglés. Estos recursos pueden consultarse en <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/september-11/index.cfm>

En la Catedral, en el Día del Trabajo, nosotros saludamos a las personas dedicadas las labores diarias en el servicio de su familia, la iglesia Comunidad y la Nación.

El 11 de septiembre, recordamos a todos los que murieron en ese día infame mientras queremos vivir como ciudadanos dedicados promover el bienestar de nuestra gran nación y todas las personas en todo el mundo de buena voluntad que buscan la paz y la justicia.

ORACIÓN DE LA MISA "DE LA BENDICIÓN DEL TRABAJO HUMANO"

Dios nuestro creador, has colocado todos los poderes de la naturaleza bajo nuestro control y nuestro trabajo. Por el trabajo de tu gente, rige y guía a la perfección el trabajo de la creación. Escucha las oraciones de la gente y da a todo el trabajo que realza su dignidad humana y los acerca entre sí. Podemos nosotros llevar el espíritu de Cristo y todos nuestros esfuerzos y trabajar con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en nuestra tarea común, establecer el verdadero amor y guía tu creación hasta su cumplimiento perfecto.

A Testimony from Colorado!

My name is Derek Abrahamson and am married with four children, originally from Colorado. I am a missionary catechist for the Neocatecumenal way sent by the church in 2008 to northern California. I want to briefly give an experience of my life before the Neocatecumenal way and after.

I grew up in Denver as an only child with my mother and step-father. My step-father had converted my mother to Catholicism who at the time was a non practicing Mormon. I had a lot of trouble accepting my father while growing up, as many children do, because of his behavior towards me and the fact that my parents didn't tell me he was my step-father, yet I knew anyways. He was coming off alcoholism and a violent history which meant sometimes he took this aggravation out on me, especially since I was no angel. I also didn't accept being an only child, I didn't even have friends really until 7th grade. I was always made fun of in school and beat up on more than one occasion. I didn't accept to be poor. I grew up in a mobile home in a very poor area. I couldn't accept to always be with my father and never with my mother. I never liked my name or where I came from thus I began to be a habitual liar. I created for myself another reality while I was with other people.

Despite all of this I never rebelled outwardly because of the fear I had of my father but the day I turned 18 I moved out to live with guys who were doing heavy drugs. I began to have insomnia and would get sick from not sleeping and so someone recommended that I smoke some marijuana. After that day I became a slave to it for almost two years. There came a time shortly after that where I got sick from chicken pox and had to move back home for a week. I couldn't get out of bed for the entire time and thought I was going to die. It was the first time that I had a serious dialogue with God. In that moment I was sick of life as I had been for most of it but now I really wanted it to end. I asked God if he really existed to take my life. Life was absurd and pointless to me.

I know that if I had more courage in that one moment that I wouldn't be writing this testimony, but God did take my life in a way I didn't expect. Shortly after this episode I met a beautiful girl who would become my wife. She is

from Italy and was in the Neocatecumenal Way there. She knew that this way was beginning in a parish near me and told me I should go to listen. Of course I went, being madly in love with her I would have done anything she asked of me. When I listened to these catechists it was unlike any other experience I've had. I wasn't looking for God because I found a girl I was in love with, but I see that God found me. For the first time in my life I felt truly loved just the way that I was. I was still smoking a little marijuana then but because of this love that I felt I was able to stop. I also recognized that my history was something incredible and I fell in love with my father after hating him to the point of contemplating to kill him. I saw that the problem was never him, the problem was me. I wanted to

be the god of my own life and to have everything the way I wanted it to be, not seeing that God had created a history for me that was perfect.



This way is made up of small communities and becomes like a family. My community is in Denver but we felt called to leave everything, house, cars, jobs, schools to be sent here to evangelize for free, never asking anyone for money but living in complete providence of God. I could only do this because God's spirit is in this Neocatecumenal way as all the popes have said. This spirit has given me and my family a peace to

completely lose my life for this parish so that those in it can have an even deeper relationship with the risen Christ and experience new life. Maybe you're suffering in your marriage, with your children, with your parents, problems with drugs and alcohol, looking for more meaning in your life, whatever, this catechesis is for everyone. The communities of the way aren't communities of perfect people but of all kinds, young, old, married, single, rich, poor, problems, not problems etc.

We will be beginning the catechesis for ADULTS (no younger than 12) September 6 downstairs in Mercy Hall, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The parking garage will be available for use on those nights. The catechesis will last for 2 months after which, God willing, a community will be born from those attending and will begin a journey like that of the communities of the primitive church. Come and listen!

SACRAMENTO CATHOLIC FORUM

THOMAS SMITH

Topic: From Mormon, To Baptist, To Catholic

Date & Time: September 16, 2011 - 12:00pm

Check-in begins at: 11:30 am

Location: Sacramento Radisson Hotel (500 Leisure Ln.)

About the Presentation:

Thomas Smith will share the “scenic route” of his conversion from sixth generation Mormon missionary to Catholic Evangelist by way of Baptist preacher. As a dynamic, acclaimed scripture scholar, he will equip us with great hints and tools to share the faith fruitfully with others. Down to earth and engaging, he brings humor and passion as he connects faith with life to audiences across the U.S.



Bringing a wealth of experience and insight on the Word of God to audiences across the U.S., Thomas is a repeat guest on EWTN and Catholic radio as

well as a sought after parish mission and conference speaker. He is the co-author of Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come and an international presenter for The Great Adventure Bible Timeline. Thomas holds two degrees in philosophy, including one from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, magna cum laude and did his graduate studies in theology at the St. John Vianney Theological Seminary. He has taught as an adjunct professor at the St. Francis School of Theology in Denver, and is the former Director of the Denver Catholic Biblical School, the oldest and largest school of its kind in the U.S., and the Denver Catechetical School, responsible for lay formation and the continuing education of over 1,000 Catholic educators. Thomas now lives on his family ranch in southeastern Idaho and writes for his website at <http://www.gen215.org>

STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE 2011

Interested in transforming your parish community? Come take part in this year’s stewardship track, part of the Diocese of Sacramento’s Catechist Ministry Day, on Saturday, Sept. 17, at St. Francis High School in Sacramento. This year’s keynote speaker is James Kelly who will be giving a presentation entitled *Tending the Soul of the Parish: Why Stewardship Makes Sense*. For more information and to register online at www.CatechistMinistryDay.com.

EL ENVÍO DEL CATEQUISTA

Hermanos/as Catequistas, este es un recordatorio para invitarles al Envío del Catequista. Se llevara acabo el sábado 17 de Septiembre, en St. Francis High School en Sacramento. El tema de este año es: “Hagan esto en Memoria Mía” enfocado en la Liturgia. Se ofrecerán más de 40 talleres en español e Ingles, más las conferencias. Si desea mas información llame al Departamento de Evangelización y Catequesis al (916) 733-0123 o visite www.enviodelcatequista.com para más información o para inscribirse.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAINCY

Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Sacramento is a volunteer program in partnership with local law enforcement agencies. When tragedy strikes, like infant deaths, suicides or fatal accidents, community chaplains offer the on-scene practical and emotional support that police officials often can’t. If you or someone you know might be called to this uniquely challenging and fulfilling ministry, visit www.sacchaplains.com, or call 916-993-7783.

INTERFAITH NIGHT OF FAITH TO FEATURE AREA CHURCHES

The Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento is sponsoring an Interfaith Night of Music at the Cathedral at 7:00 pm on Saturday, September 10th to commemorate 9/11 Patriotic music and readings will begin at 7:00 pm, including the singing of Amazing Grace by our Cathedral Choir. All are invited to attend.

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

NAME #1: _____ (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME) NAME #2: _____ (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME)

ADDRESS: _____ (STREET ADDRESS) _____ (CITY) _____ (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE: () _____ (HOME) () _____ (CELL) () _____ (WORK)

EMAIL: HOME _____ WORK _____

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.)

PLEASE RETURN BY: 1) PUT INTO COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS; 2) SCAN TO PDF FILE AND EMAIL TO: BLESSED@CATHEDRALSACRAMENTO.ORG; 3) FAX TO: 916-443-2749; OR 4) MAIL TO: 1017 11TH STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT COLLECTION SEPT 11

On September 11, there will be a second collection—the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement. This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our priests for their long and loving service to the diocese. Please consider making a donation. Special envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

COLECTA PARA EL FONDO DE JUBILACIÓN DE SACERDOTES DIOCESANOS SEPT 11

El 11 de septiembre, habrá una segunda colecta de donaciones para el Fondo de Jubilación de Sacerdotes Diocesanos. Es una oportunidad para que los feligreses puedan agradecerle a nuestros sacerdotes por su largo y dedicado servicio. Por favor consideren hacer una donación. Sobres especiales para este fin se encuentran en el vestíbulo de la iglesia.

CATECHIST MINISTRY DAY 2011

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

The Book of Revelation- Come here Thomas Smith, Mormon missionary turned Protestant minister and now enthusiastic Catholic, explain the connections between the Book of Revelation and the Mass! This workshop, *A Marriage Made in Heaven*, is just one of over 40 workshops offered at the Diocese of Sacramento's Catechist Ministry Day on Saturday, Sept. 17, at St. Francis High School in Sacramento. Full workshop descriptions and online registration is available at www.CatechistMinistryDay.com.

ENVÍO DEL CATEQUISTA 2011

HAGAN ESTO EN MEMORIA MÍA

Hermanos/as continuamos invitándoles y recordándoles a este evento anual en el cual estamos ofreciendo gran diversidad de talleres para los diferentes ministerios. Esta es una gran oportunidad para continuar creciendo en la fe y servir de una manera mas adecuada en nuestros ministerios. Para más información o registrarse visite: www.EnviodelCatequista.com

'A TASTE OF ITALY' FOOD & WINE GALA

CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER

Please join our Honorary Chair, *Rev. John Boll*, and enjoy our Food & Wine Gala at Christ the King Retreat Center on **Saturday, September 24, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.**, at 6520 Van Maren Lane in Citrus Heights. A dozen wineries and restaurants along with music, entertainment and a live auction will be part of this fundraising gala to help raise much needed funds! Tickets to the benefit are \$75. You may call 916/725-4720 and ask for John, or, email him at jrieschick@passionist.org. Credit cards are welcome.

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

El Departamento de Educación Religiosa estará dando inicio a las Inscripciones para el Catecismo 2011-2012 este Domingo 14 de Agosto y posteriormente cada Domingo en la parte baja de Catedral después de terminada la Celebración (Misa) de 1:00pm. Ya que daremos inicio a las clases el día 22 de Septiembre.

NECESITAMOS CATEQUISTAS (POR FAVOR AYUDENOS A PASAR NUESTRA FE CATOLICA A NUESTROS NINOS

Estamos haciendo la invitación a 2 personas de nuestra

comunidad que les interese formar parte del grupo de Maestros de Educación Religiosa como requisito deberán ser Bilingües y tener la disposición de servir los días jueves de 7:00pm a 8:30pm.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

The Sacramento Area Catholic High Schools will be hosting their Annual Open Houses during the month of October. **Open House is for all prospective students and their families.** This is a wonderful opportunity for you to tour the campuses, meet the teachers, administrators and coaches. See the great clubs and academic teams offered, too. Please join us for an informative and entertaining afternoon!

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, October 2nd 11-2pm

Kelly Harrington (916) 733-3690

kharrington@cbhs-sacramento.org

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, October 9th 1-4pm

Moiria O'Brien (916) 737-5095

mobrien@stfrancis.org

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, October 16th 12-3pm

Pre-register at www.jesuithighschool.org

Debbie Case (916) 482-6060 ext.227

cased@jhssac.org

CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, October 30th 1-3pm

Ileana Oseguera (916) 400-3478

IOseguera@crhss.org

A Journey to Spain & Portugal
with the Choir of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Sacramento, California
Under the Choral Direction of Mr. Rexphill Rallanka
11 Days: December 28, 2011 to January 7, 2012
\$2899 Special Cash Discount Price / \$3078 Standard Base Price (Credit Card)
From San Francisco (SFO), including roundtrip motor coach transfer from/to Sacramento
plus \$515 airport taxes, fuel surcharges and \$135 tips
\$2624 Special Cash Discount Price / \$2803 Standard Base Price
Land only plus \$135 tips

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Travel Arrangements by: Catholic Travel Centre of Burbank, California

ENRICHMENT APPEAL COLLECTION TODAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

1. Funding for Cathedral Square Housing for the poor - \$30,000
2. Office improvements e.g. electrical, plumbing, paint, floor work, repairs, restructuring office space, updating computers and phones \$30,000
3. Manogue renovation project - \$130,000
4. Cathedral Renovation Loan Retirement - \$210,000

The number of active families in our Cathedral Parish, based on statistical evidence, is very conservatively estimated to be 1,200. We are confident, given the simplicity and flexibility of the plan, that everyone will participate, but the goal can be reached through reasonable, comfortable pledge amounts from just 80% of the estimated number of families. Some are able to give in amounts greater than shown here, while others will need to look for future opportunities to get involved, but however the goals are achieved, it is a whole family effort!

The following gift plans are presented for your prayerful consideration. All gifts are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Cathedral Parish Enrichment Appeal.

SEE FORM BELOW

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TODAY!

Registration for Religious Education Classes will take place in the vestibule of the Cathedral after all Sunday Masses until classes begin on September 24. English speaking children's classes begin on Saturday, September 24, from 10:00-11:30 am. Please see registration materials for a complete list of Religious Education Classes that the Cathedral offers. In addition to all-year RCIA, we have offer classes in English and Spanish for children below with the listed start date:

SPANISH

CCD Sun Sept. 18 at 11:15am—12:45pm (K to 6th Grade)
Confirmation Thurs Sept. 22 from 7:00—8:30pm

ENGLISH

CCD Sat Sept. 24 from 10:00—11:30 am (K to 6th Grade)
Confirmation Sept. 27 from 7:00—8:30pm

CHILDREN CATECHUMENATE

Sun Sept. 26 from 9:00—10:30am

Contact Sister Jenny at 444-5364 for details or visit the kiosk in the vestibule. We need Catechists for both English and Spanish Programs. For the Spanish Program, the catechists must be bilingual. Thank you.

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 \$ _____

Name (*Nombre*) _____

Address (*Domicilio*) _____

City/Zip (*Ciudad/Zona Postal*) _____ Phone (*Telefono*) _____

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.*