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San Diego Walk for Life Draws Almost 4,000 with Pro-Life, Pro-Woman Message

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — “Pro-Life=Pro-Women” was the theme of the sixth annual San Diego Walk for Life.

Almost 4,000 people gathered in Balboa Park for the three-hour event, which featured a one-mile walk, a line-up of speakers, and about 45 exhibitor booths representing a variety of pro-life and pro-family organizations.

Though unwavering in their opposition to abortion, many of the event’s speakers expressed sympathy for the frightening situation in which many pregnant women find themselves, and they stressed that forgiveness is always available to those who seek it.

“The thing that’s important to remember is that women that choose abortions don’t really want to abort their babies,” said Sarah Jensen, director of Adoption Center of San Diego, during her remarks. “They’re desperate and afraid.”

Sarah Saccone Lanza, director of the Lamb of God Maternity Home for women in crisis pregnancies, said it isn’t enough to tell a frightened pregnant woman not to have an abortion, but that the pro-life community must provide “real options,” including that of open adoption.

The life-affirming alternative of open adoption, in which parents can select their child’s adoptive parents and continue to be actively involved in their child’s life, was among the topics presented. Some speakers introduced birth parents who shared their positive experiences with the process.

Michaelene Fredenburg, president and CEO of Life Perspectives, shared her personal abortion story.

“It was not an easy decision, but it was one that I felt would allow me to go back to my life the way that it was before,” Fredenburg said. But “I wasn’t able to do that.”

The guilt and grief she experienced as a result of her abortion was “unbearable,” she said. When she finally worked up the



LIFE-AFFIRMING: Participants in the sixth annual San Diego Walk for Life listen intently to one of the many speakers.

courage to share her secret with a friend, she was relieved to be met with compassion and not judgment. Her friend encouraged her to seek additional support in the pro-life community.

“I want to thank you for embracing me when I felt that there was no hope for it to ever get better,” she told the pro-life advocates gathered around the stage, “and

for helping not only me to get better, to thrive and to flourish, but for helping so many others.”

Pastor Jake McDonnell, lead pastor of Tribe Church in City Heights, recounted how his own parents had chosen life, despite doctors’ warnings that he would be born with myriad health problems.

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New Catholic School to Open in 2018-2019

SAN DIEGO — St. Katharine Drexel Academy, an integrated model for Catholic education, will welcome its first students in 2018-2019.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School and Blessed Sacrament Parish School, located only two miles apart in the Center City Heights and College District area, will be merged to form the new school. This strategic move comes with a strong commitment to sustain Catholic education in the most needed area of the diocese.

The integration project creates the possibility of consolidating the strength of two Catholic schools to serve a broader audience in the region. This model also opens the opportunity for innovation and creativity in providing quality, accessible and cutting-edge Catholic educational formation for the children in the neighborhoods previously served by the two schools.

Each school community that will form St. Katharine Drexel Academy brings a rich legacy from decades of forming and transforming the lives of many generations of alumni from Blessed Sacrament Parish School and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School.

“We wanted to honor their legacy with a name and patron saint

reflecting the future of these two communities as they come together to carry on the mission of Catholic education in the region,” said John Galvan, director of the diocesan Office for Schools. “After the careful consideration of names and patron saints and the collective feedback of over 160 people from both communities, St. Katharine Drexel was chosen as the patron saint for our new school.”

St. Katharine Drexel, S.B.S., (Nov. 26, 1858-March 3, 1955) was the second canonized saint to have been born in the United States and the first to have been born a U.S. citizen. She established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. The Vatican cited fourfold aspects of Drexel’s legacy, including: a love of the Eucharist and perspective on the unity of all peoples; courage and initiative in addressing social inequality among minorities; her belief in quality education for all and efforts to achieve it; and selfless service, including the donation of her inheritance for the victims of injustice.

“We believe these tenets will serve as a compass for the future legacy this school will create over the next decades,” Galvan said.

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Catholic Charities Working Overtime to Assist Immigrants

By Aida Bustos

SAN DIEGO — Catholic Charities staff in the San Diego region continues to work overtime to help immigrants young and old shaken by orders from the Trump Administration.

On Jan. 10, a U.S. District Court blocked the Administration’s decision to end DACA on March 5, ruling that it must continue the program while legal challenges proceed. Days later, the government announced that it would begin accepting applications for renewals once more.

The Immigrant Services program at Catholic Charities in San Diego immediately began planning workshops across the diocese to process renewals for DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The staff prepared 53 applications for renewal from Sept. 5 to Oct. 4 of last year, the period the Trump Administration allowed for such a process after announcing it was terminating the program.

In all, the local staff has helped 750 young immigrants obtain DACA protection and a work permit in San Diego and Imperial counties since the program began in 2012. Nationwide, around 800,000 migrants received this protection.

DACA permits were good for two-year periods and could be renewed. Following the court order, the government has resumed accepting renewal applications, however, it’s unknown how long that window will stay open. To renew, immigrants will have to file the appropriate forms and pay a \$495 fee. Those who have never applied for DACA protection cannot do so now.

DACA recipients may contact Catholic Charities at (619) 287-1270 or e-mail them at immhelp@ccdsd.org to make an appointment to process their renewal at their offices in San Diego and Imperial counties or attend a workshop at a parish or other community center near them.

Meanwhile, the Administration has announced that it was canceling a program that gave Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for some immigrants from Nicaragua, Haiti and El Salvador. The Administration gave the migrants from six to 18 months to leave the country or face deportation, depending on their country of origin. The Administration has signaled that it also will terminate TPS for migrants from Honduras.

The Catholic Church criticized the decision to end TPS, which is a temporary, renewable humanitarian program that permits migrants to remain and work lawfully in the U.S. during a period in which it is deemed unsafe for them to return home. About two-thirds of the 300,000 TPS recipients are Salvadoran.

“We believe that God has called us to care for the foreigner and the marginalized: ‘So you too should love the resident alien, for that is what you were in the land

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Cristo Rey Network Extending to San Diego Diocese

New high school to serve low-income families

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — If all goes according to plan, San Diego will be home to a new Catholic high school in 2020.

Cristo Rey San Diego High School will be the sixth high school in California and the 34th nationwide to be founded by the Cristo Rey Network, a nonprofit whose schools provide Catholic, college-preparatory education exclusively to low-income students.

The educational landscape in San Diego already includes five Catholic high schools: Cathedral Catholic, Mater Dei Catholic, Vincent Memorial, St. Augustine and the Academy of Our Lady of Peace. But Cristo Rey San Diego is positioning itself as a collaborator, not a competitor, with these institutions.

Brian Melton, senior vice president for external relations and general counsel for the Cristo Rey Network, said the goal is expanding access to Catholic education. Cristo Rey doesn't poach potential students from other Catholic high schools, he said, because its target demographic is limited to those students for whom Catholic education would be otherwise unattainable.

Many Cristo Rey students come from underperforming public elementary schools, he said, and are one or two grade levels behind their peers. As a result, many of them wouldn't meet the academic standards required for admission into San Diego's other Catholic high schools.

On the other hand, he added, many students who attend those other schools couldn't enroll at Cristo Rey San Diego because their parents' annual income is too high.

"We simply don't compete with other schools," said Elizabeth Goettl, president of the Cristo Rey Network. "It's a different population of students we're serving."

Goettl explained that there is a limit to how many scholarships and financial aid packages the traditional Catholic school can offer, and there will always be greater demand than supply. At a Cristo Rey school, she said, "our doors are open only to students who would be recipients of that sort of aid."



CRISTO REY: Jesuit Father John Foley discusses Cristo Rey San Diego High School during a November event at the University of San Diego.

John Galvan, director of the diocesan Office for Schools, welcomes Cristo Rey's introduction to the diocese and greets it as a positive development.

"With two-thirds of our elementary school students in the diocese opting out of Catholic education when they get to high school, we have to seek alternative models and methods to clear that pathway," he said. "A Cristo Rey

high school will increase the accessibility and affordability of a Catholic school experience into these critical adolescent years."

Inspired by the belief that education can break the cycle of poverty, the first Cristo Rey high school was founded in Chicago in 1996. Since then, the network has spread to 21

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Joyous Revival to Celebrate Black Spirituality

By Aida Bustos

SAN DIEGO — In the 1930s, Christ the King Parish in a neighborhood southeast of downtown San Diego was the "mother church" for black Catholics in San Diego. Racial segregation was the law of the land at that time.

Some 50 years later, much had changed in that neighborhood and surrounding ones. A series of landmark laws and rulings had ended official segregation at work, schools, housing and public settings. Blacks took advantage of new social and economic freedoms and had started moving away, settling in other parts of the county as well as moving out of the area altogether.

"We're all spread out now," said Deacon Marvin Threatt from Christ the King. "We don't have the collective community."

The mother church needed a way to invite black Catholics to return to their traditional faith home. Thus began in 1981 the first Revival, a multi-night celebration of African-American culture and spirituality at Christ the King.

The 37th Annual Revival will take place this year over three nights, Feb. 5-7, at St.

Rita Parish, also in Southeastern San Diego.

It's organized by the Diocesan Commission for African American Catholics, one of several ethnic groups formed to serve as liaisons between the faithful in the pews and the diocese.

The deacon, one of the commission leaders, explained that a revival is an African American tradition.

"It's a way to evangelize among ourselves using a format that's culturally relevant to us," he said. "It's a time to renew your faith, to rejoice in what God has done for you."

The event is also a way to share the gifts of the black faith community with the people of the diocese.

"We're different but we're still Catholic."

In 1985, the Revival began to rotate with two other churches, St. Rita and Holy Spirit. The three "remain the epicenter of African American life in San Diego," the deacon said.

The Revival consists of three nights of praying, singing and testimonials. In fact, this year's theme is "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." The guest preacher will be Father Chester Smith, a member of the

Society of the Divine Word, who is based in Indianapolis and travels around the country celebrating black spirituality.

The final night will feature a special prayer for six African Americans being promoted for sainthood. They are Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, Venerable Henriette Delille, Servant of God Julia Greeley, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, Father Augustus Tolton and Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

"This is really special because for the first time we have six African Americans being considered for sainthood," Deacon Threatt said. "We certainly honor them and what they stood for."

At one of the final planning sessions for the Revival, two long-time commission members reflected on their faith.

"I'm able to share my personal relationship with Jesus with people of my cultural background," said Jo Hart-Lloyd, the commission's president.

Marion Adams' eye is on the next generation.

"It's important to work with our youth to keep them educated and close to the cause."

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Revival Program

The entire Catholic community is invited to the 37th annual Revival, a free celebration of African American culture and spirituality at 7 p.m., Feb. 5-7, at St. Rita Parish, 5124 Churchward St., San Diego 92114.

On Feb. 5, the celebration features the World Beat Cultural Center Drummers and St. Rita's Gospel Choir. The second night, Feb. 6, features the St. Stephen's Church of God in Christ Mimes, Christ the King Sanctuary Choir and St. Rita's Gospel Choir. And the final night, Feb. 7, is focused on youth, and features a libation ceremony that honors ancestors, and the ecumenical youth choir A-Squad.

More information is available from Deacon Marvin Threatt at (619) 670-8339 or threatts@cox.net.

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Bishop McElroy was among the final speakers

He challenged those who would argue that supporters of abortion rights are “pro-women.”

“How could you call for the abandonment of our youngest women in the womb and be ‘pro-women?’” he said. “How can hurting and killing our daughters be ‘pro-women?’ Friends, it just doesn’t make sense.”

At the root of the abortion issue, he said, is the fact that society fails to understand what love is: “the desire for the best good of another person, even at your own expense.”

Many supporters of legal abortion also assert that the pro-life community doesn’t care about babies after they are born, Pastor McDonnell said. But as proof that this is simply not true, he noted the many exhibitor booths, which were “full of people who love from conception to death.”

As one of the event’s final speakers, Bishop Robert W. McElroy noted how technological innovations like sonograms have helped young couples to recognize the humanity of the unborn child.

Referencing the Santo Niño de Cebú, a Filipino devotion to the Christ Child,

Bishop McElroy said the image of Jesus as a baby should shape our view of unborn life.

“Our faith as Christians remains rooted in the image of Jesus Christ ... who comes as a vulnerable, innocent child,” he said. “And if Jesus came to us in this way, how can we not be committed to protecting unborn children in our midst?”

Walk for Life Coordinator Evangely Aliangan Ward described herself as “physically exhausted” by the end of this year’s walk, which represented the culmination of an entire year of planning. But she added that she also felt spiritually “re-energized” by the speakers’ words and by the presence of the many exhibitors and walk participants.

“I think the joy and the excitement at this event is catchy,” said Kent Peters, director of the diocesan Office for Social Ministry. “People see it and feel it, and my hope is that all throughout the year they are more committed to serving human life because they had this mountaintop experience.”

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2018 Divine Mercy Conference Returns to the Fall Season

PALA — The 20th annual Divine Mercy Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Mission San Antonio de Pala.

Conference speakers will include Father Donald Calloway, a member of the Congregation of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception; lay Catholic evangelist Jesse Romero; and Father Wade Menezes, a member of the Fathers of Mercy.

The event, which had been held in the winter months for the past 13 years, is returning to the fall in 2018.

The diocese's first Divine Mercy Conference, which took place at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Oceanside, was held in November. The date served as a reminder that the Divine Mercy devotion is to be lived out all year round and not just on Mercy Sunday, which is observed on the second Sunday of Easter. The conference was

pushed back to January and then February for logistical reasons.

It has been held at Mission San Antonio de Pala since 2008.

Carol Pallazola, who organizes the conference with her husband, Joe, is enthusiastic about the conference being held in the fall once again.

"One of the reasons we are changing back to the fall is the weather; the other is Daylight Saving Time," she said. "Many people are nervous about driving the winding road [to and from Pala] in the dark. Therefore, they would leave before the last talk. Now, they will have an extra hour of daylight!"

For more information, visit SDdivinemercy.org or call (619) 276-6637.

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Father Joe's Villages Opens Bridge Shelter for Homeless Families

SAN DIEGO — Father Joe's Villages on Jan. 4 opened a City of San Diego Temporary Bridge Shelter for families and single women experiencing homelessness. Located at the intersection of 14th and Commercial Streets, this shelter accommodates up to 150 individuals, including men, women and children who are part of a family as well as single women. It will remain at Father Joe's Villages' campus until November 2018, through a contract with the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), which administers the City of San Diego's homeless shelters and services programs. In early 2019, Father Joe's Villages expects to begin construction on a permanent supportive housing facility at the same site. The City of San Diego Bridge Shelter at Father Joe's Villages' 14th and Commercial site is one of three locations approved by Mayor Kevin Faulconer and the San Diego City Council since September. Bridge shelters provide temporary relief from the streets with a stable environment and supportive services, with the goal of helping people find permanent housing.

In Loving Memory



A Divine Mercy image was recently installed in the chapel at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum. The mosaic was donated by Anthony and Ninfa Navarra to mark the one-year anniversary of the death of their son, Michael, who passed away on Jan. 27, 2017. "When my husband, Anthony, told me he would like some kind of a memorial in Michael's honor, I knew exactly what would work, since I have had a devotion to the Divine Mercy for many years," Ninfa Navarra said. "The wall we selected [seemed to be] just waiting for it."

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Training Scheduled for New Marriage Prep

SAN DIEGO — All clergy and ministers are invited to attend a training in February for the diocese's new marriage preparation program to be led by its nationally acclaimed founders. Mary-Rose and Ryan Verret, from Louisiana, will lead the training of Witness to Love, which has been adopted by leading dioceses across the country. The program's goal is to provide the engaged couple with a spiritual foundation that will sustain them long past their wedding day. It's based on the couple choosing a mentor couple to prepare them for marriage and to introduce them to parish life. The training, organized by the Office for Family Life and Spirituality, will be offered on two days: Feb. 9 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and Feb. 10 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person and \$80 per married couple; and scholarships are available. The training is in English but all materials are available in Spanish. *More information is available from John Prust at (858) 490-8256 or jprust@sdccatholic.org. More information about the program is available at witnessstolove.org.*

Foreign Sailors Receive Christmas Joy in San Diego

SAN DIEGO — Foreign sailors whose work keeps them away from home for most of the year had a merry Christmas, courtesy of the Stella Maris Seafarers Center in San Diego. During the Christmas season, the center's chaplain, Father James Boyd, celebrated Mass aboard three commercial ships that docked in the Port of San Diego. He was accompanied by the choir from the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at Holy Family Parish. Following Mass, there were Christmas carols and even a visit from "Santa Claus," bearing presents for each of the crew members. Those presents consisted of Christmas-wrapped shoeboxes filled with toiletries, including toothbrushes, tooth-

paste, deodorant and shaving cream. These boxes were donated by Catholics throughout the diocese in response to Father Boyd's annual request. Father Boyd expressed gratitude to the Holy Family Parish choir and to all who provided Christmas gifts for the sailors. He said 16 ships made stops in San Diego around Christmas, and there were enough presents available for every crewmember on board.

Obituaries

BRAWLEY — Father Thomas Dermody, a retired priest of the Diocese of Sacramento who had been living in Brawley, died Dec. 1. He was born Dec. 18, 1937, in Kilkenny, Ireland. A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 9 at Sacred Heart Church in Brawley. He was to be buried in Ireland.



DAYTON, Ohio — Precious Blood Sister Gladys Marie Lowe died Jan. 5 at the Maria-Joseph Center in Dayton, Ohio.

Sister Lowe, 103, had been a Sister of the Precious Blood for 87 years. Born in 1914 in Dayton, she formally entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Precious Blood on Sept. 4, 1930. Sister Lowe was active in many ministries. For five years, she ministered at seminaries in Denver and San Diego. She later devoted 23 years of ministry to child care at Mission San Luis Rey and in Oceanside. She retired to Salem Heights in Dayton in 1994 and, because of failing health, she moved in 2017 to the Maria-Joseph Center. A memorial Mass for Sister Lowe was celebrated Jan. 10 at the Salem Heights chapel in Dayton.



ATHERTON, Calif. — Sister Anita Lapeyre, a Religious of the Sacred Heart for 58 years, died Dec. 4, in Atherton, Calif. Born on March 12, 1938, in New

Orleans, Louisiana, she was best known for her work in pastoral care and spiritual direc-



AIDA BUSTOS

Santo Niño

The Filipino Catholic community hosted a colorful Mass on the 25th anniversary of the Feast of Santo Niño at St. Mark Parish on Jan. 13. Bishop Robert W. McElroy led the festivities, assisted by the parish pastor, Father Bruce Orsborn, and current and previous clergy. In 1993, nine families began the Filipino tradition at the parish honoring the Holy Child Jesus. It's grown ever since, attracting faithful from across North County, including second-generation participants. Many of those participating in this devotion have gone on to serve in parish ministries, one organizer said, strengthening the community. After the Mass, the families participated in a vibrant procession across the parking lot, with many carrying brightly colored Santo Niño statues, followed by a potluck meal of traditional dishes.

Pictured: After the 25th anniversary Mass, Bishop McElroy asked the participants to bring up their Santo Niño statues so he could bless them.

tion. She served as director in pastoral care and held positions with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in chaplain services and with the Commission on Certification and Accreditation. Among her many other assignments, Sister Lapeyre served as president of the St. Madeleine Sophie Center in

El Cajon. A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 16 in the Oakwood chapel, followed by burial in the Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Society of the Sacred Heart, 4120 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108.

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Members of the Nashville Dominicans serve as the speakers for the first installment of a three-week series of Theology on Tap. Each week, young adults will gather to hear a spiritual talk and to enjoy dinner and fellowship. Subsequent speakers will include Paul J. Kim (Feb. 8) and David Bates (Feb. 15). For \$10 per person, attendees can enjoy tacos and Ballast Point Beer.

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 1, 7-9 p.m.

WHERE: St. Michael Church, 2643 Homedale St., San Diego 92139

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Catholic women throughout the diocese are invited to attend an information session about "Walking with Purpose," a women's Bible study now offered at four parishes in the Diocese of San Diego. The event is free; continental breakfast will be provided. For information or to RSVP, contact Karen O'Malley at komalleywvp@gmail.com or (619) 701-2718.

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 3, 9 a.m.-noon

WHERE: St. Therese Parish's Social Center, 6400 Saint Therese Way, San Diego 92120; located off of Camino Rico Road

NOUWEN'S LEGACY

"Revolution of the Heart: The Counter-Cultural Spirituality of Henri Nouwen," a national conference exploring the theologian's legacy takes place in San Diego. The Henri Nouwen Society and Point Loma Nazarene University are sponsoring the event with the University of San Diego. For registration and more information, visit sandiego.edu/nouwen or call (619) 260-4656.

WHEN: Friday, Feb. 9, and Saturday, Feb. 10

WHERE: University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego 92110

LOVE OUR PRIESTS

The Love Our Priests prayer group gathers for Mass, followed by a potluck luncheon. Father Richard Pagano will celebrate the liturgy and also share his vocation story. All are welcome and invited to bring a friend and a dish to share. For information, e-mail jeanlaskey@hotmail.com.

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.

WHERE: Ascension Church, 11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego 92124



YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

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The San Diego chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) welcomes Mike Murphy, CEO of Sharp HealthCare, for this month's installment of its Executive Speaker Series. The free event is open to all young professionals in their 20s and 30s. Dress for the event is business casual. Free beer, wine and appetizers will be available, as well as time for networking. For more information, visit ycpsandiego.org.

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7-9 p.m.

WHERE: Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, 7669 Girard Ave., La Jolla 92037

CHRIST-CENTERED HEALTHCARE

ACTheals, an ecumenical Christian organization of healthcare professionals and associates in the physical, mental and spiritual healthcare disciplines, gathers for its 2018 conference. This year's theme is "Healing Trauma Through Christ-Centered Healthcare." For registration information, visit actheals.org or call (760) 745-2529.

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 15, to Sunday, Feb. 18

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Late Priest Remembered for Living Simply, Putting Others First

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — Msgr. Donald Kulleck, a retired priest of the Diocese of San Diego, died Jan. 12. He was 90.

The son of Otto and Lauretta Kulleck, he was born on Sept. 21, 1927, in Chicago. He entered Chicago's Quigley Preparatory Seminary in 1944. He continued his studies at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee and Immaculate Heart Seminary in El Cajon.

Msgr. Kulleck was ordained to the priesthood on Feb. 2, 1952.



MSGR. DONALD KULLECK

During his almost 66 years of priestly ministry, he served in a variety of roles, including as a parish priest and an educator at Catholic secondary schools. He also served as a bishop's secretary and a prison chaplain.

For 22 years, Msgr. Kulleck was pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Chula Vista. He retired from active ministry on July 1, 1998.

Msgr. Joseph "Father Joe" Carroll, president emeritus of Father Joe's Villages, served along-

side Msgr. Kulleck for three years as associate pastor of St. Pius X Parish and was the homilist at his funeral Mass.

Describing Msgr. Kulleck as "very parish-oriented" and a strong supporter of lay leadership, Father Joe recalled how reluctant the late monsignor had been to spend the parish's money on items for his own benefit. Among other things, the rectory's dinner table would be set with mismatched plates. In honor of the feast of the Epiphany one year, and taking advantage of Msgr. Kulleck's temporary absence, Father Joe encouraged parishioners to follow the gift-giving example of the Magi and provide some needed items for the rectory.

"He was simple and humble" and "never took anything for granted," agreed Richard Kulleck, the late monsignor's half-brother.

"If it wasn't a book, he didn't really have anything," he added, noting that the priest's book collection reflected his wide-ranging interests, from theology to politics, history, biography, and even science-fiction and fantasy stories like the "Harry Potter" series.

In his final years, Richard Kulleck said, his sibling "became very enamored" of and "read everything he could find on" the Gospel of Mark.

He was an avid fan of the San Diego Padres.

But of all of Msgr. Kulleck's interests, one was always paramount.

"The defining piece of his character was his love for the Eucharist," Kulleck said. "He loved being a priest."

Father Joe said that priesthood meant "everything" to him. In various ways, including the manner in which Msgr. Kulleck took care of the retired priest who lived with them

in the rectory, Father Joe said, "He taught me a lot about true priesthood, the brotherhood of the priesthood."

Msgr. Kulleck is survived by his half-brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Catherine Kulleck; two nephews, Nate and Brendan Kulleck; and many cousins.

The vigil for Msgr. Kulleck was held Jan. 21 at St. Pius X Parish. Bishop Robert W. McElroy presided over the funeral Mass the following morning, also at St. Pius X Parish. Burial was at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum.

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Thanks to Columban Missionary Father Ronald Kelso, who often assists there, the altar cloth came to St. Thomas More Parish in Oceanside last December.

The altar cloth's journey began on Nov. 23, 2017, in Dalgan Park, Navan, home to Columban Missionaries in Ireland, and it will conclude in Chile on Nov. 23, 2018.

Pictured: Father Kelso celebrates Mass on the centenary altar cloth at St. Thomas More Parish, assisted by Deacon John Fredette.



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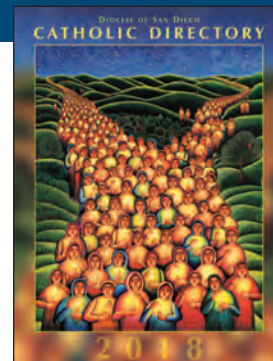
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FORWARD THINKING

Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration that recognizes the value of Catholic education, takes place Jan. 28-Feb. 3.



Learning by Doing: Mater Dei Science Academy Is Cause for Celebration

By Kevin Eckery

CHULA VISTA – If you go to a pep rally at Chula Vista’s Mater Dei Catholic High School, you may be in for a surprise. That boisterous crowd celebrating Mater Dei’s latest victory is just as likely to be celebrating a big win in a science competition as it is to have conquered its latest opponent on the basketball court or the football field.

Welcome to the Mater Dei Academy of Science, one of the outstanding academic programs supported by the Diocese of San Diego and one of the great reasons to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 28 - Feb. 3. That’s when schools across the diocese welcome parents who want to explore a Catholic education for their children with open houses and other activities. The theme of this year’s week is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”

The diocese has three schools that offer a specialized curriculum — the Juan Diego Academy (on the Mater Dei campus) and Our Lady’s School have dual language immersion programs. At Mater Dei’s academy, however, there’s no question what subject is king.

“Science is a big deal here,” said Dr. Suzanne Till, director of the Academy of Science, a component of Mater Dei Catholic High School. “More than a quarter of our student body participates and the ‘science kids’ here are treated the same way other schools treat their star athletes.”

When Till was hired in 2012, the Academy of Science had just 30 students. Today, it has 220 and climbing.

“Science is cool at our campus,” said Till, talking about the number of student athletes who also participate in the Academy of Science. “I like to remind our students that they could be the generation that explores Mars, so they need to be physically ready to handle the rigors of space travel.”

Students who participate in the Academy of Science don’t just learn from textbooks and laboratories; at its heart, the program is about “work-based learning.” In other words, students spend time outside of the classroom, in the field, not just study-

ing science, but doing science.

“Students study biomedical science, environmental chemistry, big data science, nanotechnology and other disciplines by working with our partners in San Diego’s STEAM community and experiencing science in action,” explained Till.

The curriculum at the Academy of Science follows the concept of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). Partners include the University of San Diego; the University of California, San Diego; San Diego State University; the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute; the Living Coast Discovery Center; the National Weather Service; the Old Globe Theatre; the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; and many more. Student coursework includes:

- Seabass in the Classroom, in conjunction with the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Students study the biology of the Pacific White Seabass, along with ocean chemistry and modern aquaculture. They raise fish from hatchlings in a 120-gallon seawater fish tank with the goal of releasing juvenile seabass in the ocean off La Jolla Shores. Students must closely track water quality, feeding rates, aquaculture power requirements, and keep proper records to maintain their permit to release fish into the wild.
- Aviation Careers Education Camp, where students interact with professionals and aviation technology from the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Federal Aviation Administration. The camp ends with flight time for each student.
- Environmental Science Camp with USD, studying invasive species in San Diego Bay.
- Ethnobotany/Pharmacy Camp with the UCSD School of Pharmacy, designed to make chemistry fun, useful and approachable.
- SDSU Big Data Hackathon: In 2017, the Academy of Science sent the only high school student teams, and won two of the six awards – Third Place Overall and Most Innovative Proposal.

Science can also show up in unexpected places. After viewing rockets flying in the musical “October Sky,” students received technical notes from the Old Globe Theatre explaining the engineering behind launching rockets inside a theatre.

Sergio Cuadra, Mater Dei Catholic’s 2017 Valedictorian,



ACADEMY OF SCIENCE: Amorette Hernandez had an organic chemistry internship at the UCSD Skaggs School of Pharmacy during her time at the Mater Dei Academy of Science.

credits the Academy of Science with giving him the training and skills that resulted in his acceptance by MIT.

“Your test scores have to be good,” said Cuadra, who was given a full scholarship by MIT, “but [schools] want to see you have experience. They like to see you’ve done actual science as much as they like to see good grades.”

Till credits the success of the Academy to a number of factors, but especially to the fact that the program is open to any student willing to put in the work.

“The program is merit-based. We teach students to be responsible. We do everything we can to be supportive.” Maybe they weren’t great students when they got here, she

said, “but they might be a superstar by the time they leave.”

Till also points to the diversity of the Academy of Science as a crucial element in its success, pointing to fact that a majority of the students are female (52 percent) and that the racial and ethnic makeup of the campus very much reflects the community.

Something must be going right. The growth of the Academy of Science is matched by its success. The “washout

rate” of students leaving the program for academic reasons last academic year was less than 1.5 percent. Only three students out of 220 failed to maintain the academic requirements to stay in the program.

“Not everyone goes through the program intending to have a science-based career,” said Till, “but everyone who graduates from the program will be literate in science and able to apply those lessons to their everyday life.”

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‘We Know It’s Worth the Sacrifice’

Parents say strong academics paired with Catholic values make a difference

By Aida Bustos

SAN DIEGO — Cecilia Villatoro knew what she wanted in a school for her children. After all, she worked as a teacher’s assistant at a public school for eight years and got an intimate view of classroom life.

That’s what made her decide to enroll her two daughters at a Catholic school. Now ages 8 and 13, they attend Our Lady’s School in Barrio Logan.

For starters, “the schools were too big,” she said, “they had far more students than I wanted for my children.”

She wanted them to be in smaller classes, where the teachers could focus on individual students. She knew that it can be challenging for a teacher to manage a large classroom, particularly the students’ behavior.

Indeed, the average student-teacher ratio in the diocese’s Catholic elementary schools is 12:1, and at the high schools 13:1, creating an intimate environment where everyone feels like family.

Parents across the San Diego region spoke candidly about their children’s experiences at Catholic schools. They spoke of the strong academics the schools offered, the integration of Catholic values into the curriculum, and the loving, supportive environment the staff created.

Jessica Rosas Hernández has been a part of the St. John of the Cross School community for 14 years. Her 9-year-old son, Alan, attends there, as did her older son, Fernando, now a 17-year-old senior at St. Augustine High School. She spoke about why she and her husband opted for a Catholic education.

“We choose to come here because we were looking for a school with a strong academic structure,” said Rosas on a recent Thursday morning when about 20 students received an award from Johns Hopkins University for their academic achievement, including her son, Alan.

The diocese’s Catholic schools produce high-achieving students at all levels. In both math and reading, Catholic school students are performing above the national average at all elementary grade levels based on Renaissance STAR results. And the average 8th-grade student leaves with the grade equivalency of a 12th-grader in mathematics, according to the 2017 fall Renaissance STAR results.

Further, research shows that Latino and African-American students who attend Catholic schools are more likely to graduate from high school and more likely to graduate from college than their public school peers. And it shows that graduates from Catholic high schools are likely to earn higher wages than public school graduates.

Rosas said that St. John of the Cross School has helped both of her children to develop self-discipline and a sense of responsibility.

“Our almost 18-year-old son has developed a strong moral character based on faith, love, self-respect, respecting others and making good decisions,” she said. “As parents, we know it is worth the sacrifice to be paying for such great guidance. The result of the education they are getting is beautiful and worth monetary sacrifices.”

Tuition varies from school to school, however, the average tuition for Catholic elementary school is \$5,630 per year and for high school \$15,229, which are rates far below private schools, according to the diocesan Office for Schools.

What’s more, each Catholic school and the diocese has made a commitment to support all families that want their children to have a Catholic education. The diocese has created the Bishop Flores Fund (<http://www.bishopfloresscholars.org/>) that distributes more than \$1 million of financial assistance each year.

Eric Allen’s daughter, Laura, 11, is in the fifth grade and has studied at St. Didacus School for several years. He values the way students are taught as well as what they are taught.

“Students must raise their hands if they have a question or wish to help another student,” he said. “The teachers routinely call on everyone in the class, and everything comes down to God’s love; for your neighbor, your world, and yourself.”

He noted that every student knows what’s expected of them.

“They know they’re Catholic, and not just because they know their prayers or go to Mass,” he said. “They know that they’re expected to take a part in God’s world by helping those less fortunate, and they look forward to every single one of their outreach projects.”

Christian service is integral to a Catholic education. The diocese’s schools pride themselves on holistic education that is tied to social responsibility, said John Galvan, director of the Office for Schools.

“While every school has a minimum requirement for service, our students collectively exceed these expectations by thousands of hours every year for the betterment of their local and regional communities,” he said. “From working with the underserved to helping with ecological issues, our students are making a difference.”

The reason Catholic schools produce amazing students is their focus on developing a personal relationship with the person of Jesus Christ, Galvan said.

In testimonial after testimonial, parents confirmed that their choice of a Catholic education was the right one. Leticia Polanco and her husband enrolled their daughter at St. Rose of Lima School nine years ago.

“As my daughter prepares to graduate this spring, we are excited and convinced that we made the right choice in school,” Polanco said. “We have seen all four of our children thrive academically and become active community members.”

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If parents are considering a Catholic education for their child, it’s recommended they start with their home parish, if it has a school, because their son or daughter would have a sense of community there. That is, they would learn with the same children who attend parish services. If the home parish does not have a school, it’s recommended that the parents review the Catholic schools in their area and schedule tours. Most schools have a special day when they are open during Catholic Schools Week or parents can schedule a visit at another time. Parents should decide what school best suits their family’s needs. All schools and the Diocese of San Diego are committed to helping families to obtain a Catholic education. Parents can request financial help through the Bishop Flores Scholars Tuition Assistance program. *For information, visit bishopfloresscholars.org or call (612) 259-3350.*



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www.goodshepherdcatholic.net

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Jan. 28, 9 a.m.-noon
509 Ballard St., El Cajon 92019
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Contact Leticia Oseguera to schedule a personal tour.
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Jan. 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
2755 55th St., San Diego 92105
(619) 544-9455, ext. 230
www.nativityprep.org

Notre Dame Academy

Feb. 2, 8-9:30 a.m.
4345 Del Mar Trails Rd., San Diego 92130
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Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
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(760) 944-8227
www.saintjohnschool.com

St. Katharine Drexel Academy

Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
4551 56th St., San Diego 92115
RSVP to (619) 582-3862
www.skda-sd.org

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Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
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(760) 352-7285
www.elcentrostmarys.com

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(760) 743-3431
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Jan. 28, noon-2 p.m.
515 Wisconsin Ave., Oceanside 92054
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St. Michael Academy

Jan. 29, 6-8 p.m.
2637 Homedale St., San Diego 92139
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www.stpaddys.org

St. Patrick (San Diego)

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www.stpatrickssd.com

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(760) 629-6250
www.spacschool.com

St. Pius X

Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
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(619) 422-2015
info@spxcv.com

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Feb. 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
6400 Saint Therese Way
(619) 583-6270
www.sta-sd.org

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Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-noon; Jan. 31, 9-11 a.m.
4061 Ibis St., San Diego 92103
(619) 296-2222
www.svscatholic.org

Santa Sophia Academy

Jan. 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
9800 San Juan St., Spring Valley 91977
(619) 463-0488
www.santasophiaacademy.org

School of the Madeleine

Jan. 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-noon
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Scenes of Consecrated Life in Our Local Church

SAN DIEGO — Feb. 2 is the World Day for Consecrated Life. (It will be observed in parishes during the weekend of Feb. 3-4.)

As Catholics prepare for this annual celebration of the lives and ministries of religious sisters and brothers, here is a round-up of a few recent events involving consecrated life in San Diego.

Women religious gathered at the diocesan Pastoral Center Dec. 16 for their annual Fall Sisters Day. Franciscan Sister Kathy Warren, director of the diocesan Office for Women Religious, offered a reflection that day titled “Incarnation: Behold! The Presence of God!” The sisters in attendance also shared their own personal thoughts on the meaning and message of the Incarnation.

On Dec. 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Missionaries of Charity Sisters Pio Maria Nihombere and Giovanna Marie Zekah renewed their vows during a Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop John P. Dolan.

Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart Angela Cardozo and Carmen Romero of Chula Vista were joined by Sisters Elena Pacheco (General Superior), Maria Santos (Vicar and Regional Superior), other council members, parish priests and parishioners on Dec. 2 to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the canonical erection of a congregational house in the Diocese of San Diego. In November, Bishop Robert W. McElroy gave his consent for this new canonical status.

Both the men and women religious of the diocese are deeply grateful to the members of local parishes who contributed so generously to the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which took place during the weekend of Dec. 9-10.

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HELLO, SISTER: Participants in the Fall Sisters Day, held Dec. 16 at the diocesan Pastoral Center, are seen waving to Sister Jeanette Lucinio, former director of the diocesan Office for Women Religious.

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This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl — Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program — will help us answer that question. We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can be transformative. That’s why families and faith communities are encouraged to use CRS Rice Bowl this Lent.

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CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parish and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our brothers and sisters in need around the world. This year’s CRS Rice Bowl connects us with the global migration campaign, Share the Journey, launched by Pope

Francis and the Church last fall. Through stories, videos and lesson plans, we can be in solidarity with migrants and refugees through our Lenten prayers as we fast from food and other activities.

Seventy-five percent of the alms given in the diocese to CRS Rice Bowl will go to Catholic Relief Services to support humanitarian aid projects that bring vital hope and life-saving aid to the poorest of the poor overseas. Twenty-five percent of these CRS Rice Bowl donations will stay here in the region to help those suffering from poverty and hunger in the San Diego community. From these funds, the San Diego Diocese’s Global Solidarity Commission has awarded grants over the last several years totaling more than \$20,000 to various local organizations, such as: So Others May Eat, St. Martin of Tours Academy School Garden, St. Vincent de Paul Societies at Christ the King and Santa Sophia parishes, and Bay Side Community Center.

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More workshops for the remainder of the year will be posted in March.

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Shea Homes' Gifts Leave a Lasting Impact on Catholic Schools

SAN DIEGO — Two schools in the Diocese of San Diego received a gift that will impact students for decades.

Shea Homes donated facility upgrades to St. Francis of Assisi and Blessed Sacrament Catholic schools that are enhancing the students' experience at both sites. This work continues a long relationship with the company which has donated services to many local Catholic schools.

For St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, nestled in the heart of Vista, the impact of the Shea Homes improvements is manifold, including improving the recreational area for students, increased marketability for the school, and the emotional attitude of the community.

"I thank God for the countless blessings and Shea Homes for their immense generosity," said Principal Elizabeth Joseph.

Shea Homes is also working with St. Francis on some additional improvements, including a shade covering for the lunch area and preschool classes and a STEM lab for the school.

Blessed Sacrament Parish School in east San Diego will be reopened as St. Katherine Drexel Academy in the 2018-2019 academic year. Blessed Sacrament will merge with Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School to become a new innovative blended learning academy.

Shea Homes worked with Associate Micro Systems, Inc. to upgrade the Blessed Sacrament campus with Cat 6 wiring and provided 11 classrooms with new Epson PowerLite 675 Projectors, Epson Wireless LAN Modules, Apple TV 32 GB, and Chromecast. Shea Homes also donated Dell



GIVING THANKS: Members of a grateful St. Francis of Assisi School community wave from the new blacktop donated by Shea Homes.

Inspiron 15 laptops for each teacher and administrative staff member.

The school received 23 Aruba IAP-205 wireless hot spots and upgrades to the server and wireless network system by creating three user categories — staff, guest and students — for added security. In addition, funding from the Shea Homes grant

allowed Blessed Sacrament School to purchase 30 Lenovo laptops, one mobile charging cart, and 10 new and 40 used Apple iPads for student use on campus.

A new STEM lab was also built within the walls of an existing classroom. The lab has new floor tiles, a fresh coat of paint, a new sink, cabinets, window blinds and a projec-

tion system. Shea also made significant upgrades to the facilities for both the lower and upper school buildings that are vital to the functioning of the school. This work is considered critical to implementing the new model of blended learning that will be seen at St. Katherine Drexel Academy.

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Work study program making students excited about school

states and the District of Columbia.

One of the hallmarks of the Cristo Rey educational model is its Corporate Work Study Program, through which students are required to work at a professional job one day each week. One full-time, entry-level job is shared by four students, each of whom works five full days a month.

The students do not lose a day of education each week, Goettl explained, because each school day is typically about an hour longer than at other schools, thereby making up for the day that they are not in the classroom.

Through the work study program, each student earns about half the cost of their education; the remaining funds come from traditional fundraising (40 percent) and tuition payments (10 percent).

Jesuit Father John Foley, founder of the Cristo Rey Network, said the Corporate Work Study Program was initially proposed as a solution to the schools' funding challenge: how to pay for the education of students whose low-income families cannot afford typical tuition costs.

"Everybody thought it was a great economic model that was going to bring money into the school," Father Foley said. "But that's almost secondary. It does bring ... a good quantity of money into the school, but by far the most important thing about the work study program is the fact that these young people are introduced into a world that they never thought they had access to and it actually makes them excited about going to school."

Goettl agrees that what may have been proposed as "a great way to pay the bills" turned out to be a "remarkable learning opportunity," through which students learn about setting goals and being persistent and productive — quali-

ties that will serve them well in the high school classroom, in college and in the workforce.

The work study program has placed students at hospitals, banks, law and accounting offices, technology firms, and many other professional settings.

Beginning in July, incoming students are prepared for the program by attending a mandatory training that includes instruction in Microsoft Office, communication skills and how to comport themselves in a professional setting.

'The Cristo Rey high school we hope to open here in San Diego will change children's lives. Could there be a more exciting goal than changing a child's life for the better?'

About a decade ago, the Cristo Rey Network began a feasibility study to determine whether it should start a school in San Diego. But after the global economy "took a severe nosedive" in 2008, Melton said, it was determined that the timing just wasn't right.

In early November 2016, members of the Cristo Rey Network met with Bishop Robert W. McElroy to inquire about his openness to the idea of a Cristo Rey school in his diocese. With his support, a new feasibility study was commissioned.

Before completing the study, the Cristo Rey

Network will conduct community surveys to assess the interest of potential students and families, identify a yet-to-be-determined site for the San Diego school, receive 35 commitments from local companies to provide student jobs, and place the school under the sponsorship of a religious order.

Melton said the network hopes to conclude its study in 2018 and present a written report for the approval of Bishop McElroy. Once approved by both the bishop and the network, the network will begin an 18-month period of preparation for the opening of the school, which will include the hiring of faculty and acceptance of student applications.

The co-educational school would open with a freshman class of about 125 students, adding one grade level each year until reaching its full enrollment of about 500.

Brian Caster, who along with Deacon Mike Daniels serves as co-chair of the feasibility study, describes the effort to launch Cristo Rey San Diego High School as an "extraordinary and noble project."

"This school will provide each student the opportunity to improve their future through hard work and determination; the jobs they will hold in professional businesses will open their eyes to how to succeed in the workforce," he said. "We have the immense privilege of helping each student that comes to this school to end the cycle of poverty in their family."

"The Cristo Rey high school we hope to open here in San Diego will change children's lives," added Deacon Daniels, who ministers at St. Brigid Parish in Pacific Beach. "Could there be a more exciting goal than changing a child's life for the better?"

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Augustinian Ordained to Transitional Diaconate

The 37-year-old seeks 'to heal and inspire' others as a priest

By Aida Bustos

SAN DIEGO — Augustinian Brother Philip Yang was ordained to the transitional diaconate at St. Patrick Parish in San Diego.

His family attended the ordination Mass on Dec. 16, celebrated by retired Bishop Robert H. Brom at the North Park parish, where he's assigned for the next six months.

He's to be ordained into the priesthood on June 23 at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish in Los Angeles.

"I wanted to be a priest in order to heal and inspire the hearts of people," he said.

Deacon Yang, 37, was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Orange County, the son of immigrants from South Korea. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in History from UC Irvine and then worked as an analyst for the Izusu Motor Company.

He participated in the Catholic Bible Life Movement and became involved in youth ministry at his home parish in Anaheim, St. Thomas Korean Catholic Church. Those experiences inspired him to enter religious life.

He's been in formation for eight years with the Augustinians as part of the California province. In that time, he's earned a master's degree in theology at

Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Fluent in Korean, he served for four months at St. Columba in San Diego, home to the local Korean Catholic Community before being assigned to St. Patrick's.

Deacon Yang said his love of the Catholic faith comes from two sources.

"First, from studying the Word of God," he said, "and from parish life, especially working in youth ministry."

When he becomes a priest, he's looking forward to working with families at his parish "to translate the Word of God for them. I want to become the go-to priest for people who need spiritual counsel."

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ORDINATION: Newly ordained transitional Deacon Philip Yang assists at the altar as retired Bishop Robert H. Brom celebrates Mass Dec. 16 at St. Patrick Parish in San Diego.

► IMMIGRANTS

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Migrants with TPS urged to meet with Catholic Charities

of Egypt' (Deut. 10:19)," said Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the Committee on Migration for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Our nation must not turn its back on TPS recipients and their families; they too are children of God."

The San Diego region has relatively few immigrants from the countries that have TPS. Catholic Charities' Immigrant Services program has processed a handful of applications to renew TPS and work permits in the last year, said its director, Vanessa Ceceña. To do so, the migrants must meet program requirements, pay a fee and pass a criminal-background check.

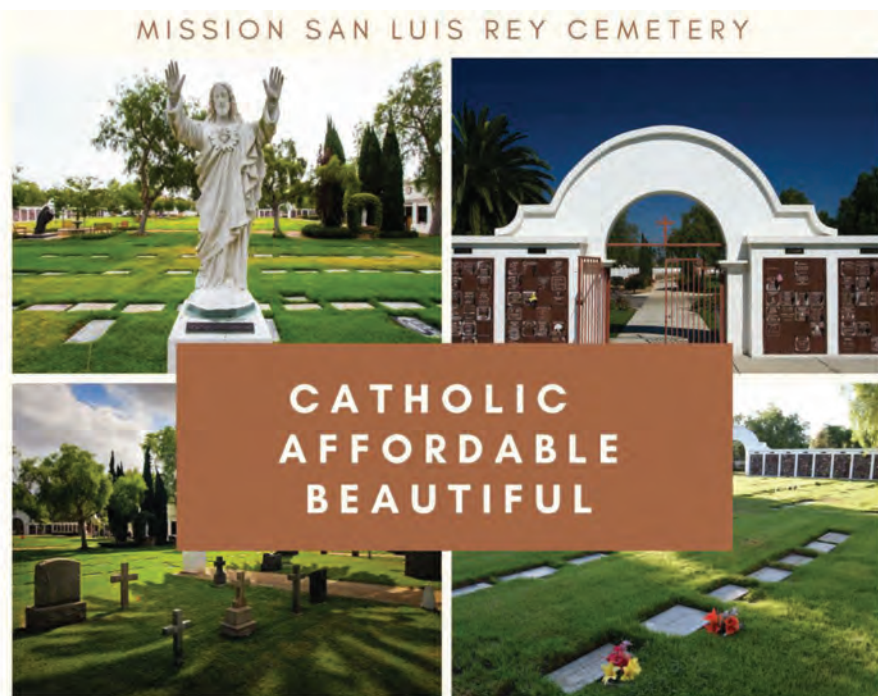
She described the dire situation these migrants face. Most have lived in the country for 20 years or more.

"These individuals are the breadwinners of their families," she said. "They have U.S.-citizen children."

Immigrants with TPS are being urged to come in to the Catholic Charities office for a legal review of their case to see if they qualify for any other form of immigration relief. In the cases reviewed so far, the migrants do not, given that they don't have a spouse or family member with U.S. citizenship who can sponsor them.

The migrants have told the staff that returning to their country is not an option for them, Ceceña said, given that most of their life has been built in the U.S. and that their loved ones in their home countries depend on the money they send back to survive.

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With Lent soon upon us, a lot of people will soon be going to confession. So, this seems to be a good time to consider the warning Pope Francis gave at a recent papal audience about the sacrament of reconciliation. He said that, during confession, penitents should not confess other peoples' sins but only their own.



Father Charles L. Fuld

The pope's remarks certainly resonated with me, because I can't begin to tell you how often people enter the confessional and precede to recite a history of all the sins people have committed against them. I guess it just seems easier to confess other people's sins than to confess

Don't Confess Other People's Faults

our own. Or perhaps we feel that the sins of others somehow serve as an excuse for our own failings.

Francis recalled a story an old missionary priest had told him about a confession he had heard: "She began by telling her husband's faults, then went on to her mother-in-law's faults, and then the sins of her neighbors." At a certain point, the confessor asked her if she was done telling the sins of others; when she reluctantly said that she was, he told her, "Great! Now start to tell me yours ..."

Yes, many people have problems with their spouses, their siblings, their in-laws, their fellow workers, a neighbor or two, or a fellow motorist on the roadway from time to time. There are always challenges; the question is

how do we respond to those things. It's when we fail to respond with kindness and compassion that we sin.

Our Lord taught us a prayer that says, in part, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser added another dimension in one of his recent columns by suggesting that "the real tragedy of sin is that often the one who is sinned against eventually becomes a sinner, inflicting on others what was first inflicted upon him or her." That's just what we need to avoid at all costs.

It's when we reject the forgiveness that Jesus demands of us and adopt some sort of an "eye for an eye" mentality that we leave ourselves open to the worst kind of sinning.

Pope Francis has noted that "the perfect family does not exist [here on earth], nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife, and let's not talk about the perfect mother-in-law!" He said that life requires frequent use of the phrases "May I?" and "Thank you," and he stressed that one must "never, never, never end the day without making peace."

A short temper and a desire for retribution do not earn you a free pass to sin.

One more Francis quote: "It's not a problem that we're sinners; it's that we aren't ashamed of our sins and don't seek forgiveness."

So, see you in the confession line during Lent ... if not sooner.

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Father Charles L. Fuld is the managing editor of The Southern Cross.

The New York Times concluded its Dec. 28 article about the Jan. 1, 2018 legalization of recreational marijuana in California by stating, "People are gaining confidence as legalization spreads, and the growth is going to be huge." Medical marijuana is legal in 28 states, and recreational marijuana legal in eight states. Companies investing in marijuana are growing exponentially, well-exemplified in Silicon Valley and Oakland, especially since selling marijuana in California has the potential to generate \$5 billion yearly.

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The moral slope is worrisome and dangerous as society grows in its support of recreational marijuana use (about 58 percent of Americans). California led the nation in legalizing medical marijuana in 1996. As demonstrated in the 2013 documentary "Weed" by *CNN* medical correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta, positive medical effects have been witnessed, e.g., treating pain and relieving nausea. Since these facts are generally accepted, it is now a simple next step to conclude that recreational marijuana likewise carries curative effects. Its facile to believe that what is legal is beneficial and moral.

In January 2017, the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine released a pivotal report on professional research carried out about the use of marijuana for recreational purposes. Along with

Recreational Marijuana: Pleasure, Panacea, Poison?

December 2017 facts released by the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA), serious concerns are raised that demand schools and local municipalities put into place as quickly as possible substance abuse prevention programs. Parishes would do well to consider educational workshops for parents and youth.

These reports raise grave concerns. Despite efforts to the contrary, the use of recreational marijuana has increased in Colorado and Washington among 10th-graders and teenagers below the age of 16. There is overwhelming evidence showing that when persons of this age begin to use marijuana, they become addicted and fall into bottomless pits, e.g., serious driving accidents, truancy, memory impoverishment, respiratory problems leading to bronchitis, especially heightened when also smoking cigarettes. Heavy use of marijuana, especially when started in early years, has been shown in some cases to lead to schizophrenia.

Marijuana (*cannabis sativa*) is known by several names, e.g., reefer, pot, dope, weed, bud, Mary Jane, hippie lettuce. It is often called "grass." Adults who smoked grass in their teenage and young adult years might think that present-day "grass" is the same. It is not. Marijuana is a drug composed of at

least 86 diverse chemical compounds, with THC (*tetrahydrocannabinol*) being the compound that stimulates the brain to release dopamine, creating euphoria while often inducing hallucinations and delusions.

CBD (*cannabidiol*) is the compound primarily responsible for alleviating certain medical problems. Most marijuana dispensaries make their money on products that are high in the psychoactive compound (THC) and low in the compound (CBD) that offers medical benefits. Today's recreational marijuana contains higher doses of THC than ever before. It is naive to believe that it is just like "smoking a little weed" or having a vodka and tonic.

Recent statistics released by JAMA present grim data that go to the heart of the moral use of recreational marijuana. Between 2009-2016, the use of marijuana among pregnant women in California jumped from 4.2 percent to 7.1 percent. THC can be transmitted from the mother to her fetus, as well as to her baby while breastfeeding. This ushers in the addictive cycle. If the mother smokes, so does the fetus.

The use of marijuana among California teenagers under 18 jumped by 12.5 percent to 21.5 percent during this same time period. *Smoke Signals: A Social History of Marijuana*

— *Medical, Recreational, and Scientific* (2012) testifies that troubled adolescents who start smoking marijuana at a young age are more likely to become heavy users, drop out of school, and display various behavioral problems. Seventeen percent of teenagers who use marijuana regularly become addicted to its use. Roughly 36 percent of 12th-graders in 2013 reported having used marijuana on a regular basis. This is a severe and moral issue that legislation exacerbates, no matter what safeguards are in place.

Pope Francis has spoken out against the "liberalization of drug use." "Drug problems already ravage the lives of young people, and society should not multiply this problem exponentially. Instead of sowing the seeds of suffering and death, we should educate young people in the values that build up life in society."

What's to be said, then, about recreational marijuana: pleasure? panacea? poison?

Statistics lean heavily, convincingly and despondently toward poison.

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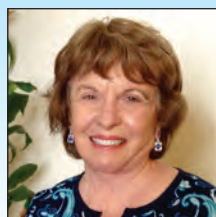
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Morning Bible Study
“Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance.” Began Jan. 17, 2018, 9-11 a.m., in the upper level of the parish center at St. Thomas More Parish in Oceanside. For information or to register, e-mail pattg@stmoside.org. Cost: \$25 for eight weeks.

Annual Rummage Sale
7 a.m.-noon, Feb. 3, at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church (11451 Blue Cypress Dr., San Diego 92131). The pro-

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ceeds will help fund scholarships for students attending Our Lady of Angels School. Gently used items will include art, sporting goods, tools, clothing, kitchen items, furniture, toys, books and more.

Prayer Ministry and Healing Mass
Now that the church renovations have been completed, St. James Prayer Ministry will be returning from its temporary leave. The kickoff event will be its quarterly healing Mass at 7 p.m., Jan. 31; preceded by worship and testimony at 6:30 p.m.

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Women’s Bible Study
An information session about “Walking with Purpose,” a women’s Catholic Bible study now offered at four parishes in the Diocese of San Diego, will be held from 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 3, at St. Therese Parish in the Social Center (6400 Saint Therese Way, San Diego 92120; located off of Camino Rico Road). No cost; continental breakfast

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will be provided. For information or to register, contact Karen O’Malley at komalleywup@gmail.com or (619) 701- 2718.

Mardi Gras Dinner Party
St. Patrick Parish (Carlsbad) will hold its fifth annual Mardi Gras Dinner Party from 5-9 p.m., Feb. 3, in the parish hall. Cost: \$20/person or \$50/family; drinks available for additional cost. Includes live band and dancing. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 15076.

Parish Mission
“New Beginnings, Back to Basics,” presented by Deacon Glenn and Linda Harmon. 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 18-20 (plus one session at 10 a.m., Feb. 19), at St. Kieran Parish (1510 Greenfield Dr., El Cajon 92021).

Lenten Mission
Renew your faith and prepare for Easter by joining a Lenten mission given by the Fathers of Mercy, who are known for their powerful preaching. Daily talks, March 4-8, from 7-8 p.m., at Ascension Parish (11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego 92124). For information, call (858) 279-2735.

Shroud of Turin Seminar
The Knights of Columbus “Father J.T. O’Callahan Assembly” #2652 will host a Shroud of Turin seminar presented by John and Rebecca Jackson of the Turin Shroud Center (TSC) of Colorado. 7 p.m., March 14, in the San Rafael Parish Hall (17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego 92128. A free-will donation will be requested from attendees to offset expenses. For information, call (858) 673-7392 or e-mail paul@valhallatechsales.com.

Day of Recollection
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., March 7, at St. Thomas More Parish (1450 S. Melrose Dr., Oceanside). Speaker: Sister Carol Quinlivan, CSJ. Cost: \$15/ person or \$25/couple and includes lunch. For information and/or to register, contact Judy Smith at moundkidii@yahoo.com or call (442) 273-7896.

Divine Mercy Celebration
A Divine Mercy Sunday celebration will be held from 2:30-4 p.m., April 8, at St. John

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- Deaf Social, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 9
- Retreat with Father Ghislain Bazikila, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Feb. 10, in the St. Rose of Lima School Library
- Deaf Mass (celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop John P. Dolan and Father Ghislain Bazikila) followed by potluck, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Feb. 11, in the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall
- For more information, e-mail deacongerardo@strosecv.com or call (619) 754-9507.

School Open Houses
• St. Michael School in Poway will hold an open house from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Jan. 28. For more information, visit www.smspouway.org or call (858) 485-1303, ext. 4505.

• St. Martin of Tours Academy will hold an open house at 6 p.m., Feb. 1. The campus is located at 7708 El Cajon Blvd., La Mesa 91942.

Sweetheart Dinner Dance
Annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 3, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Encinitas. Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Cost: \$50/couple. Sign up at www.wume-sandiego.org or (858) 679-8764.

Charity Luncheon
Father Joe’s Villages Ladies Guild will hold a charity luncheon and silent auction, “Swing Time: Tribute To The 1940s,” at 10:45 a.m., Feb. 19, at the Town & Country Resort (500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108). Proceeds benefit the children at Father Joe’s Villages. Cost: \$55; free validated parking. For information/donations, contact kmcocoo@gmail.com or (619) 207-9546, or ndb@dc.rr.com or (760)399-2640.

Children of the Immaculate Heart
The fifth annual Children of the Immaculate Heart Gala will be held from 6:30-9 p.m., Feb. 17, at Our Mother of Confidence Parish. Keynote speaker: Catholic author/journalist Dawn Eden.

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Evening includes a silent auction and benefits the Children of the Immaculate Heart, an apostolate serving survivors of sex trafficking. For information or tickets, call (619) 431-5537.

Beginning Experience
Divorced, widowed and separated persons are invited to attend a weekend May 4-6 at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside to focus on healing and moving beyond grief in a supportive and caring environment with others in similar situations. For information, call (619) 504-4410 (English) or (330) 607-8774 (Spanish).

Council of Catholic Women
The Oceanside Council of Catholic Women will meet Feb. 7 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (525 W Vista Way, Vista 92083). Cost: \$5. RSVP to (760) 724-0724.

WORKSHOPS, RETREATS AND CONFERENCES

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Rachel’s Vineyard will host a post-abortion healing retreat, March 16-18. The organization’s confidential, nonjudgmental retreats are offered in the Catholic tradition and open to women and men wounded by abortion. For information, visit www.atimeformercy.org, call (951) 325-7702 or e-mail RVTemecula@verizon.net.

After-Abortion Healing
Rachel’s Hope is offering a retreat for women seeking healing and reconciliation for a past abortion. Feb. 22-25. For information, visit www.RachelsHope.org.

“Reboot”
A life-changing event featuring internationally acclaimed speaker, author and TV host Chris Stefanick will be held from 7-9:30 p.m., May 9, at St. Rose of Lima Parish, 293 H St., Chula Vista, CA 91910. Tickets: \$22. For information or to purchase tickets, call (619) 427-0320 or visit RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot.

Final Broadcast



The hosts of “Setting Things Right” and their in-studio guests are seen on Dec. 13, the date of the show’s final broadcast. Pictured (from left) are Maria Valencia, call screener; Evangely Aliangan Ward, San Diego Walk for Life coordinator; Bill Buess, substitute call screener; “Setting Things Right” co-host Kent Peters, director of the diocesan Office for Social Ministry; Joseph Horejs, associate director of the Office for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry; Marioly Galvan, director of the Office for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry; and “Setting Things Right” co-host Deacon Jim Walsh, associate director of the Office for Social Ministry. Immaculate Heart Radio and Relevant Radio merged last year. Given that each network already had a complete lineup of weekday shows, it was necessary to drop the locally-produced shows like “Setting Things Right,” which was hosted by the directors of the Diocese of San Diego’s Office for Social Ministry. “Setting Things Right” had been broadcast since early 2011 and aired about 280 shows. You can stay in touch with the Office for Social Ministry by visiting www.socialministrysandiego.com and signing up to receive timely updates on events and resources, or by following them on Facebook or Twitter, both at: @OSMsandiego.

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PÁGINA 5

¡LISTOS! Los estudiantes de preparatoria Chloe Webb y Jorge Tagle participaron el Campamento para Carreras en Aviación de la Academia de Ciencia Mater Dei, en sociedad con la Marina y la Guarda Costera. Se invita a los padres a conocer programas como este durante la Semana de Escuelas Católicas, 28 de enero al 3 de febrero.

La Iglesia Ofrece Apoyo para Migrantes con Futuro Incierto

Caridades Católicas ofrece consultas gratuitas para migrantes

Por Aída Bustos

“¿A qué voy a regresar?”

Maribel Pacheco es una inmigrante de Honduras que llegó a San Diego en 1989. Ella considera qué haría si el permiso que ha tenido para vivir y trabajar legalmente en este país, conocido como “TPS”, es cancelado por el presidente Trump, como se espera para este verano.

“No hay nada para mí allá”, aseguró la madre soltera de tres hijos adultos.

Es parte de una población de alrededor de 300,000 inmigrantes de Centro América y de Haití que enfrenta un futuro incierto. Se unen a otra gran población de migrantes, unos 800,000 jóvenes, que perderá su permiso de DACA tras la cancelación de ese programa.

El personal de Caridades Católicas, parte de la Diócesis de San Diego, continúa trabajando horas extra para apoyar ambas poblaciones de cualquier manera posible.

Los jóvenes con DACA recibieron una noticia positiva el 10 de enero. Una corte federal en San Francisco temporalmente

VEA INMIGRANTES, PÁGINA 7



CRISIS: Inmigrantes en todo el país con el permiso TPS enfrentan su cancelación. La salvadoreña Mirna Portillo asistió una junta en Nueva York el 8 de enero.

Hay que Hacer la Cuaresma Parte de Nosotros

Como ya muchos nos habremos dado cuenta, este año de un modo peculiar, nos marca el calendario gregoriano y el calendario litúrgico que la cuaresma comienza con el Miércoles de Ceniza que cae en el mismo día de San Valentín.

Basado en esto, el otro día estaba platicando con parejas jóvenes aquí en San Marcos, y bromeaba dirigiéndome a los novios y les decía, “este año les va a salir barato la cena de San Valentín por que la Iglesia manda ayuno y abstinencia”.



El Padre Bernardo Lara

Entre broma y broma, pero este puede ser un recordatorio para todos nosotros de hacer la cuaresma parte de nuestra vida.

Hace unos meses celebramos la Navidad y la hicimos parte de nuestra vida. La gente decoraba la casa, se preparaba para la cena, los regalos y demás. Entonces, ¿Por qué no hacemos la cuaresma parte de nuestra vida también?

Quizás precisamente porqué, a diferencia de la Navidad,

la cuaresma es un tiempo más marcado para ayunar y hacer penitencia. Sin embargo, la ocasión lo amerita.

Es un tiempo de preparación para celebrar sí, la Resurrección de Jesús y el punto máximo de nuestra salvación; pero también es una resurrección que antes tiene que pasar por una pasión y una cruz.

La cuaresma es de las temporadas litúrgicas más antiguas dentro de la Iglesia. Tenemos el color morado, tenemos el no comer carne los viernes, el viacrucis y el “ayunar algo”. Esto es nuevamente, el ejercicio de la Iglesia para ayudarnos a regresar precisamente a lo básico, a lo que de verdad importa, a lo que en verdad necesitamos para vivir.

Esto a su vez nos ayuda a quitarnos lo saturado de la vida y de la mercadotecnia, para enfocarnos en lo fundamental.

Es por eso que, regresamos a lo mismo, hay que hacer la cuaresma parte de nosotros. Son solo 40 días. Más aun, se me hace interesante ver como el mundo comercial muchas veces hace la cuaresma parte de la vida de uno, más incluso que uno mismo que va a la Iglesia.

Por ejemplo, no vamos a tardar en ver que cierto restaurante de comida rápida (con la letra “M” en grande y amarillo) va a poner sus sandwiches de pescado en descuento durante los viernes de cuaresma. Lo mismo sucederá con otros restaurantes y con los supermercados que pondrán también el

marisco en oferta.

Si ellos, en su afán de conseguir clientes y ganar dinero, hacen la cuaresma parte de su vida (sin creer en Jesús muchas veces), ¿Por qué nosotros no?

Que no nos den miedo las palabras de “abstinencia” y “penitencia”. El propósito no es castigarnos si no al contrario. Es ayudarnos a NO depender de los placeres materiales que, a final de cuenta, distraen de la verdadera felicidad.

El único que nos puede llenar ese vacío es el mismo Jesús y esta es la invitación que nos hace la Iglesia. Es el ejemplo que Jesús nos pone en la cruz y nos enseña que la renuncia e independencia de la vida material nos hará hombres y mujeres virtuosos y con eso podremos estar más cerca de aquel quien es fuente de la vida misma. Que no sea el cuerpo y los deseos lo que nos controlen si no que nosotros podamos controlar al cuerpo y los deseos. De otro modo, pudiéramos terminar solos y vacíos.

El Padre Bernardo Lara es vicario parroquial en la iglesia St. Mark en San Marcos. Se puede contactar en fatherbernardolara@gmail.com.

Se Invita Participación en el Programa CRS Plato de Arroz

Por Catholic Relief Services

Somos llamados a amar a nuestro prójimo. Pero como el legista en la Parábola del Buen Samaritano (Lc 10:25-37), nos podemos preguntar, “¿Quién es mi prójimo?” Esta Cuaresma, CRS Plato de Arroz- el programa de fe-en-acción de la organización Catholic Relief Services-nos ayudará responder esta pregunta.

Somos invitados a reflexionar sobre como un encuentro con nuestro prójimo nos puede transformar. Es por esto que la Iglesia anima a familias y comunidades de fe que participen en el programa Plato de Arroz.

Este programa provee recursos para fomentar una espiritualidad cuaresmal en familias, parroquias y escuelas y a la vez crear un puente de solidaridad con nuestro prójimo alrededor del mundo.

Este año el programa Plato de Arroz nos conecta también con la campaña global de migración, Compartiendo el Viaje, inaugurado por el Papa Francisco y la Iglesia en

septiembre 2017. Por medio de historias, videos, recursos educativos, oraciones y ayuno podemos estar en solidaridad con los migrantes y refugiados en nuestro mundo.

El 75 por ciento de las donaciones recibidas por el programa Plato de Arroz en la diócesis se va directamente a apoyar los proyectos humanitarios que dan esperanza y nueva vida para los más pobres y vulnerables en todas partes del mundo. El 25 por ciento se quedan a nivel local para ayudar a quienes sufren de pobreza y hambre en nuestra propia región de San Diego y Valle Imperial.

De estos fondos, la Comisión de Solidaridad Global de la diócesis de San Diego ha otorgado becas en los últimos años de más de \$20,000 a organizaciones locales, incluyendo So Others May Eat; el jardín comunitario de la escuela St. Martin of Tours Academy; la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul en Cristo Rey y Santa Sofía, y en el centro comunitario de Bay Side.

Busque el programa Plato de Arroz de

CRS en su parroquia o escuela esta cuaresma. Para más información y para hacer su pedido de recursos gratuitos nos puede visitar en línea crsplatodearroz.org o comunicarse con la Oficina Regional de CRS en el Oeste al 619-618-2363. También puede bajar el app gratuito a su celular.

El programa Plato de Arroz puede enriquecer profundamente su vida esta cuaresma. Juntos podemos hacer nuestra parte para responder al llamado de Cristo de construir una cultura de encuentro con nuestro prójimo.

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Alegre Evento Celebra Espiritualidad Afroamericana

Por Aída Bustos

En la década de 1930, la parroquia Cristo Rey en el vecindario sureste del centro de San Diego era la “iglesia madre” de los católicos afroamericanos en la ciudad. La segregación de las razas era la ley del país.

Unos 50 años después, mucho ha cambiado en ese vecindario y los alrededores. Una serie de leyes y fallos trascendentales oficialmente terminaron con la segregación en el trabajo, la escuela, vivienda y lugares públicos aunque la lucha por la igualdad y justicia social continua. Los residentes afroamericanos aprovecharon de nuevas oportunidades sociales y económicas y comenzaron a mudarse a otros lugares del condado e inclusive a otros estados.

“Ahora estamos todos desparramados”, dijo el Diácono Marvin Threatt, de la parroquia Christ the King, su nombre en inglés. “No tenemos una comunidad unida”.

La iglesia madre necesitaba una forma de invitar a sus “hijos” a regresar a su casa. Así comenzó el primer “Revival”, una tradición afroamericana que significa “renacimiento de fe”. El Revival es una celebración de la cultura afroamericana y espiritualidad que dura varios días.

El Revival número 37 se llevará a cabo por tres noches este año, del 5 al 7 de febrero, en la parroquia Santa Rita, también en la zona sureste del centro de San Diego.

Es organizado por la Comisión Diocesana de Católicos Afroamericanos, uno de varios grupos étnicos formados para servir como enlace entre los feligreses y la diócesis.

El diácono, uno de los líderes de la

comisión, explicó la tradición de “revival” en la comunidad afroamericana.

“Es una forma de evangelizar entre nosotros utilizando un formato que es culturalmente relevante para nosotros”, aseguró. “Es un momento para renovar nuestra fe, de regocijar lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros”.

El evento es también una forma de compartir los regalos de la comunidad afroamericana con la gente de la diócesis.

“Somos distintos pero de todos modos católicos.”

En 1985, el Revival comenzó a rotar con otras dos iglesias, Santa Rita y Espíritu Santo. Las tres “permanecen el epicentro de la vida afroamericana católica de San Diego”, dijo el diácono.

El Revival consiste de tres noches de oración, canto y testimonios. De hecho, el tema de este año es “Haz ruido alegre para el Señor”. El padre invitado es el Rev. Chester Smith, SVD, quien vive en Indianapolis y viaja por todo el país celebrando la espiritualidad afroamericana.

La noche final incluirá una oración especial por seis afroamericanos religiosos que se promueven para beatificación. Son la Servidora de Dios Hermana Thea Bowman, la Venerable Henriette Delille, la Servidora de Dios Julia Greeley, la Madre Mary Elizabeth Lange, el Padre Augustus Tolton and el Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

“Esto es realmente especial porque por primera vez tenemos a seis afroamericanos que los están considerando para santidad”, aseguró el diácono. “Definitivamente los



TRADICIÓN: El “Revival” el año pasado se llevó a cabo en la parroquia Cristo Rey, donde cientos gozaron de la espiritualidad afroamericana.

honraremos y lo que representaban”.

Durante una de las últimas juntas para planear el evento, dos miembros de la comisión hablaron de su labor y fe.

“Puedo compartir mi relación personal con Jesús con gente de mi propia cultura”, dijo Jo Hart-Lloyd, presidente del organismo. “Eso me mantiene en esto”.

Marion Adams tiene el ojo puesto en la nueva generación.

“Es importante que trabajemos con nuestros jóvenes, mantenerlos educados y cerca de la causa.”

El programa del “Revival”

La entera comunidad católica es invitada al Revival en su edición 37, una celebración de cultura y espiritualidad afroamericana, el

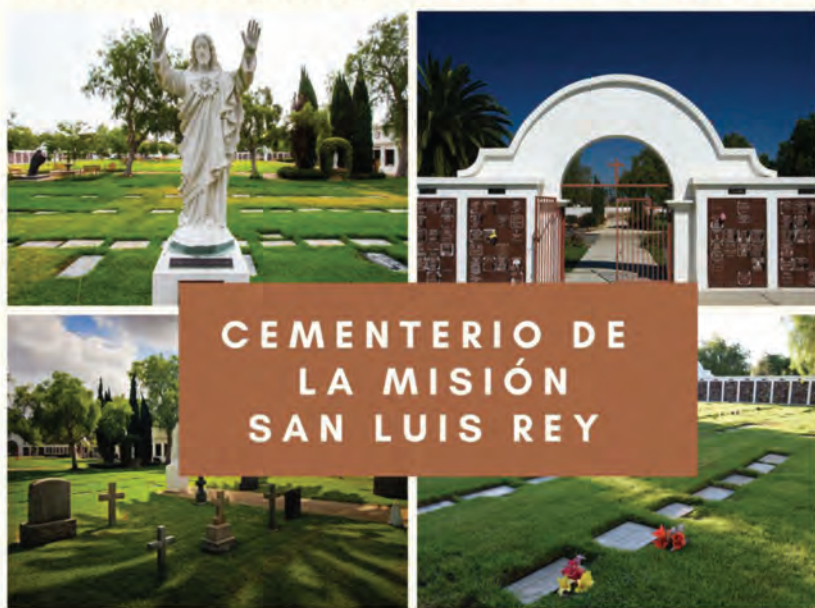
5 a 7 de febrero, a las 7 p.m., en la parroquia Santa Rita, 5124 Churchward St., San Diego 92114.

El lunes 5, se presentará los bateristas World Beat Cultural Center Drummers y el Coro Gospel de Santa Rita. En la segunda noche, el martes 6, se presentarán la tropa de mimos St. Stephen’s Church of God in Christ Mimes, el Coro de Cristo Rey y el Coro de Santa Rita. La noche final tendrá en enfoque en los jóvenes; habrá una ceremonia tradicional africana en homenaje a los predecesores, y se presentará el coro juvenil A-Squad.

Más información está disponible del Diácono Marvin Threatt en el teléfono (619) 670-8339 o threatts@cox.net.

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Varios miles participaron en la Caminata Pro Vida el 20 de enero en el Parque Balboa, entre ellos familias, parroquias, movimientos y religiosos, una de muchas tal caminatas en todo el país. Su mensaje fue claro: Toda la vida tiene valor y debe ser protegida. La sexta anual caminata marcó el aniversario número 45 de la decisión que legalizó el aborto. Una serie de oradores, incluyendo el Obispo Robert McElroy y el Obispo Auxiliar John Dolan, extendieron una mano de apoyo a aquellas mujeres que una vez optaron por el aborto y promovieron la adopción como una decisión que mantiene la santidad de la vida.

Estudiantes viven la ciencia

CORTESÍA DE LA ACADEMIA DE CIENCIA

Academia representa innovación de las escuelas católicas locales

Por Kevin Eckery

CHULA VISTA – Si asistes a una celebración estudiantil en la Preparatoria Mater Dei, tal vez te sorprenderás. Es igualmente posible que estén vitoreando un triunfo en una competencia de ciencia que una victoria en un partido de basquetbol o futbol.

Bienvenido a la Academia de Ciencia de Mater Dei, uno de los excelentes programas académicos apoyados por la Diócesis de San Diego y una de las grandes razones para celebrar la Semana de Escuelas Católicas, el 28 de enero al 3 de febrero. Durante este período, las escuelas abren sus puertas y organizan eventos especiales para padres considerando una educación católica para sus hijos. El tema de la semana es “Escuelas Católicas: Aprender. Servir. Liderar. Triunfar”.

Además de la Academia de Ciencia, la diócesis tiene dos escuelas que ofrecen currículo especializado – la Academia Juan Diego y Our Lady’s School, ambas que tienen un programa de doble inmersión en lenguaje (inglés y español).

“La ciencia es muy importante aquí”, dijo la Doctora Suzanne Till, la directora de la Academia, parte de la preparatoria Mater Dei Catholic High School. “Más de un cuarto de nuestro cuerpo estudiantil participa y tratamos aquí a los ‘chicos de ciencia’ como otras escuelas tratan a sus atletas estrella”.

Cuando contrataron a la directora en 2012, la Academia apenas tenía 30 estudiantes. Hoy, cuanta con 220, una cifra que sigue aumentando.

“La ciencia es muy padre en nuestro campus”, dijo la directora, añadiendo que estudiantes que son atletas también participan en la Academia. “A menudo les recuerdo a los estudiantes que ellos podrían ser la generación que explora Marte, así que tienen que estar físicamente preparados para manejar las exigencias de viajar por el espacio”.

Los estudiantes que participan en la Academia no solamente aprenden de libros y en laboratorios; fundamentalmente el programa es aprendizaje a través de trabajo directo. En otras palabras, los estudiantes deben pasar tiempo fuera del salón, en el campo, no solamente estudiando ciencia, sino practicándola.

“Los estudiantes estudian ciencia biomédica, química ambiental, ‘big data science’, nanotecnología y otras disciplinas trabajando con nuestros socios en la comunidad sandieguina STEAM y viviendo la ciencia en acción”, explicó la directora.

El currículo de la Academia de Ciencia sigue el concepto conocido como STEAM (por us siglas en inglés para Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts y Mathematics). Entre los socios de la Academia se encuentran la Universidad de San Diego (USD), la Universidad de



CONCENTRADOS: Estudiante-atletas de la Academia de Ciencia Mater Dei, Uriel Beristáin, Gustavo Carranza y Danny Zora participaron en un campamento de Ciencia Ambiental en la Universidad de San Diego.

California en San Diego (UCSD), la Universidad Estatal de San Diego (SDSU), el Instituto Mundial para Investigación Hubbs-Sea World; el Living Coast Discovery Center, el Servicio Nacional del Tiempo; el Teatro Old Globe, el Distrito Metropolitano de Agua del Sur de California, y muchos más. El trabajo de curso de los estudiantes incluye:

- Róballo en el Salón, en coordinación con el Instituto Mundial para Investigación Hubbs-Sea World y el Departamento Estatal de Pesca y Vida Silvestre. Los estudiantes estudian la biología del róballo blanco del Pacífico, junto con la química del océano y acuicultura moderna. Crían el pescado desde nacimiento en tanques de 120 galones de agua del mar con el propósito de liberar a los peces juveniles en el océano cerca de la playa de La Jolla.
- El Campamento para Carreras en Aviación, donde los estudiantes interactúan con profesionistas que utilizan la tecnología de aviación en la Marina, la Guarda Costera y la Administración de Aviación Federal. El campamento termina con un vuelo para cada estudiante.
- El Campamento de Ciencia Ambiental con personal de USD, donde estudian las especies invasivas en la Bahía de San Diego.
- Campamento de Etnobotanía/Farmacia, con la Escuela de Farmacia de UCSD, diseñado para hacer la química divertida, útil y accesible.
- Big Data Hackatón de SDSU en dónde los estudiantes de la Academia fueron los únicos de preparatoria el

año pasado. Ganaron dos de los seis premios otorgados – Tercer Lugar General y La Propuesta Más Innovadora.

La ciencia puede surgir en lugares inesperados. Después de ver cohetes volando en la obra musical “October Sky”, los estudiantes recibieron notas técnicas del Teatro Old Globe explicando la ingeniería de como lanzar cohetes adentro de un teatro.

Sergio Cuadra, el graduado con las mejores calificaciones en la Academia en 2017, aseguró que la preparatoria le dio capacitación y habilidades que lo llevaron a ser aceptado por la prestigiosa universidad MIT.

“Sí, tu resultados en los exámenes de entrada tienen que ser buenos”, dijo Cuadra, quien recibió una beca completa para asistir MIT, “pero las universidades quieren ver que tienes experiencia. Les gusta ver que has hecho ciencia real además de buenas calificaciones”.

La directora atribuye el éxito de la Academia a varios factores, especialmente al hecho que el programa está abierto a cualquier estudiante que está dispuesto a hacer el trabajo. “El programa es basado en lo que el estudiante logra. Enseñamos a nuestros estudiantes a ser responsables. Hacemos todo lo que podemos para apoyarlos.”

Tal vez no sean gran estudiantes cuando llegan aquí, aseguró, “pero pueden ser una súper estrella cuando salen”.

Ella subraya la diversidad de la Academia de Ciencia como un elemento crucial de su éxito, apuntando al hecho que 52 por ciento de los estudiantes son femeninas y que el campus refleja la población étnica y racial de la comunidad.

Definitivamente están haciendo algo bien. El crecimiento de la Academia de Ciencia corresponde con su éxito. La tasa de los estudiantes que la abandonan por razones académicas es menos de 1.5 por ciento. El año pasado, solamente tres de los 220 estudiantes falló cumplir con los requisitos para mantenerse en el programa.

“No todos los que participan en este programa planean tener una carrera en la ciencia”, dijo a directora, “sin embargo, todos los que se gradúan del programa serán cultos en la ciencia y podrán aplicar esas lecciones a su vida diaria”.

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¿Le gustaría saber más sobre la escuela católica?

Si padres están considerando una educación católica para sus hijos, se les recomienda que empiecen por visitar su parroquia, si tiene una escuela, para conocer los detalles de asistir ahí.

Si la parroquia no tiene escuela, se les recomienda que analicen las escuelas católicas cerca de su casa. La Semana de Escuelas Católicas, del 28 de enero al 3 de febrero, ofrece una excelente oportunidad para hacer eso, dado que muchas escuelas abren sus puertas con “open houses” y organizan otras actividades para toda la familia. Se insta a los padres que soliciten un visita a la escuela que les interese.

Todas las escuelas y la misma diócesis están comprometidas a apoyar a las familias que desean que sus hijos tengan una educación católica. Los padres pueden solicitar apoyo financiero para cubrir la colegiatura al Bishop Flores Scholars Tuition Assistance program. Informes se encuentran en el sitio de web bishopfloresscholars.org o en el teléfono (612) 259-3350.

‘El sacrificio vale la pena’

Padres elogian cursos académicos, valores que ofrecen las escuelas

Por Aida Bustos

Cecilia Villatoro sabía lo que buscaba para la escuela de sus dos hijas. Al fin de cuentas, ella trabajó como asistente de maestra en una escuela pública y sabía muy bien lo que pasa en el salón.

Eso la hizo decidir inscribir a sus hijas en una escuela católica. Ahora tienen 8 y 13 años, y asisten a la escuela Our Lady’s School en Barrio Logan.

Para empezar, “las escuelas públicas eran demasiado grande”, aseguró, “tenían muchos más estudiantes de lo que yo quería para mis hijas”.

La madre quería clases chicas, donde los maestros pudieran apoyar a estudiantes individuales. Sabía que podría ser todo un reto dirigir un salón grande, especialmente el comportamiento de los estudiantes.

De hecho, hay 12 estudiantes por cada maestro en las escuelas primarias de la diócesis, en promedio, y 13 estudiantes por cada maestro en las preparatorias.

Los padres a lo largo de la región de San Diego hablaron francamente de las experiencias de sus hijos en las escuelas católicas de la diócesis. Hablaron del alto rendimiento académico, de la promoción de valores católicos y del medio ambiente familiar que fomenta su personal.

Jessica Rosas Hernández ha sido parte de la comunidad de la Escuela de San Juan de La Cruz de Lemon Grove por 14 años. Su hijo de 9 años, Alan, va a la escuela ahí como lo hizo su hijo mayor, Fernando, de 17 años, quien cursa su último año en la Preparatoria San Agustín. Habló del porqué ella y su esposo optaron por esa escuela.

“Decidimos venir aquí porque estábamos buscando una escuela con buena estructura académica”, dijo la madre durante un reciente jueves, cuando alrededor de 20 estudiantes recibieron un honor de la Universidad Johns

Hopkins por su rendimiento académico, entre ellos su hijo.

Las escuelas de la diócesis producen estudiantes de alto rendimiento académico en todo nivel. El desempeño en matemáticas y lectura de los estudiantes en las escuelas católicas es mejor que el promedio nacional en todos los niveles de la escuela primaria, según los resultados de los exámenes Renaissance STAR. Y el estudiante promedio del grado octavo sale con el conocimiento equivalente del año 12, según esos exámenes.

Es más, investigaciones muestran que los estudiantes hispanos y afro-americanos que asisten a la escuela católica se gradúan de la preparatoria y la universidad en tasas más altas de los que asisten escuelas públicas. Muestran además que los egresados de las escuelas católicas son más propensos a ganar ingresos más altos que los que gradúan de preparatorias públicas.

Rosas dijo que la Escuela de San Juan de la Cruz ha ayudado a sus hijos a desarrollar auto-disciplina y un sentido de responsabilidad.

“Como padres, sabemos que vale la pena nuestro sacrificio para poder pagar por esta gran orientación. El resultado de su educación es maravilloso y vale la pena los sacrificios económicos”.

La colegiatura varía de escuela a escuela, sin embargo, la colegiatura promedio en las escuelas primarias de la diócesis es \$5,630 por año y para la preparatoria es \$15,229, que son tasas bajas comparadas con escuelas privadas.

Es más, cada escuela y la diócesis misma ha hecho el compromiso de apoyar a todas las familias que quieren una educación católica para sus hijos. La diócesis ha creado el Fondo del Obispo Flores (<http://www.bishopfloresscholars.org/>) que distribuye más de \$1 millón de apoyo financiero cada año.

La hija de Eric Allen, Laura, de 11 años, cursa el quinto año en la Escuela St.

Didacus. El padre no solamente valora lo que le enseñan a su hija, valora la forma en que lo hacen.

“Los estudiantes deben levantar la mano si tienen una duda o desean ayudar a otro estudiante”, dijo. “Los maestros les dan oportunidad a todos los estudiantes a participar y todo se enfoca en el amor de Dios; por su vecino, por su mundo, por sí mismo”.

Subrayó que cada estudiante sabe qué se le espera de él.

“Saben que son católicos y no solamente porque saben rezar y van a Misa”, dijo el padre. “Saben que se espera que ellos participen en el mundo de Dios ayudando a los menos afortunados. Y los estudiantes mismos esperan participar en cada uno de sus proyectos comunitarios”.

El servicio cristiano es integral a la educación católica. Las escuelas católicas están orgullosas que su educación está ligada a la responsabilidad social, dijo el director de las escuelas, John Galvan.

“Cada escuela tiene un requisito mínimo de servicio comunitario. Nuestros estudiantes, colectivamente, superan esas expectativas por miles de horas cada año para el mejoramiento de sus comunidades locales y de la región”, dijo. “Desde su apoyo a los pobres hasta la protección del medio ambiente, están marcando la diferencia”.

En uno y otro testimonio, los padres confirmaron su decisión de invertir en la educación católica. Leticia Polanco y su esposo inscribieron a su hija en la Escuela Santa Rosa de Lima hace nueve años.

“A medida que nuestra hija se prepara para graduarse esta primavera, estamos emocionados y convencidos que hicimos la decisión correcta en nuestra decisión de inscribirla aquí”, dijo la madre. “De hecho, hemos visto todos nuestros cuatro hijos florecer académicamente y convertirse en miembros activos de la comunidad”.

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Vitamina 'B' es para Bendecir los Regalos de Dios

Un recorrido por las 'vitaminas' para el alma

“Padre, bendígame”, le dijo un joven al sacerdote de su parroquia. El padre naturalmente le respondió: “Que Dios te bendiga”, y le hizo la señal de la cruz en la frente. El joven insistió, para sorpresa del padre y le dijo, “gracias padre, pero bendígame, diga algo bueno de mí”.

La palabra bendecir es español es la combinación de “bien” y “decir”, decir algo bueno de una persona, situación u objeto. Así como maldecir es claramente la acción de pronunciar palabras que hablan mal, descalifican o disminuyen a las personas.

Cada vez que le dices a tu esposa: “Qué bien te quedaron los tamales”; o le dices a tu hija: “Veo que te has esforzado esta semana en tus estudios”; o al que limpia la oficina: “Esto quedó bien bonito y ordenado”... estás bendiciendo.



Ricardo J. Márquez, PhD

Bendecir está relacionado con el ver, ver los dones y cualidades del otro para reconocerlos y decírselo. Nuestra mirada a veces está empañada por prejuicios, etiquetas culturales o resentimientos, que nos impiden ver al otro con claridad, como lo que es, un ser único y especial, “bendito”, porque fue creado a imagen y semejanza de Dios.

Todo lo que hagamos para limpiar nuestra mirada de lo que la empaña nos permitirá ver a Dios en las personas, en la naturaleza y las cosas. “Bienaventurados los limpios de corazón porque ellos verán a Dios” (Mt. 5,8).

Bendecir a Dios, es la forma humana de reconocer la grandeza de su misterio, de su presencia y acción entre nosotros. Los Salmos en la Biblia están llenos de esas expresiones: Grande es tu nombre; Quiero cantar las maravillas de lo que has creado; No hay Dios tan grande como Tú; Tú nos proteges y nos amas; Tu amor es mejor que la vida; Tú me sostienes...



UN REGALO: Bendecir está relacionado con el ver, ver los dones y cualidades del otro para reconocerlos y decírselo, tal como lo hicieron algunos de los participantes del V Encuentro Diocesano el 21 de octubre en la Universidad de San Diego.

Se bendice desde la experiencia. Cuando hemos experimentado el amor de Dios en el silencio, en el dolor, o en el gozo, nacen naturalmente y sin esfuerzo las ganas de bendecir, de alabar, de cantar y dar gracias.

Cuando utilizamos rituales de bendición como imponer las manos, o usar agua bendita para bendecir nuestras casas e incluso mascotas, lo importante es la intención y el significado que le damos. Cuando bendecimos estamos manifestando que toda la realidad es un regalo del Creador. Cuando bendecimos a otros con nuestras manos le estamos pasando, “ungiendo” el amor de Dios. Esto sólo se siente y se ve con los ojos limpios de la fe, cuando nos hacemos “como niños”.

El reto mayor es “bendecir a quienes nos ofenden”, es llevar la luz donde hay oscuridad. Es decir, cubrir la ofensa con perdón y bendecir para transformarla.

Bendice cada día cuando te levantes, así reconoces todo

lo bueno que te rodea.

Bendice a la gente en el autobús, en el trabajo, en la escuela, a los que caminan por las calles...

Tu bendición será como un rayo de luz que toca sus vidas, como las frecuencias de radio que están presentes aunque no se sientan.

Bendice a tu Dios que se recrea cada segundo en tu vida.

El efecto secundario de esta vitamina del alma será la expansión del corazón. Sentirás fiebre por la paz y unas ganas inmensas de bendecir a todo el que veas.

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Renovación Carismática Hispana Celebra Sus Coordinadores

Por Aída Bustos

SAN MARCOS – A pesar de una lluvia fría, cientos de fieles hispanos llenaron la parroquia San Marcos para una Misa de Envío para los nuevos coordinadores del movimiento Renovación Carismática Católica Hispana de San Diego.

La Misa reunió a los coordinadores de 37 parroquias y sus grupos base de todo el condado la noche del 9 de enero, los cuales escucharon a los Padres Dickens Remy, de la parroquia Espíritu Santo, e Higinio García, de San Pio X en Jamul.

Luis y Paula Barajas fueron nombrados los nuevos coordinadores del movimiento y Leticia y Eliseo Raggio los coordinadores auxiliares.

La Misa fue una celebración para “renovar nuestro compromiso con Dios y con la Iglesia. Todos estábamos muy contentos,” aseguró Leticia Raggio.

Habló de las raíces del movimiento. Unos jóvenes en Filadelfia lo comenzaron en una universidad de Filadelfia hace 50 años pero ha

tenido el mayor auge ahora con los hispanos.

El propósito es sencillo: Evangelizar a los bautizados e integrarlos a la vida de la Iglesia.

“Muchas personas que se dicen ser católicos no están viviendo su fe o no la conocen”, comentó. “A base de eso se están yendo a otras iglesias con la esperanza de adquirir la ayuda que necesitan. Nosotros les decimos: ‘No te vayas. Aquí la Iglesia Católica tiene lo que necesitas’.

El movimiento local abarca toda la diócesis y está dividido en grupos por parroquia con un enfoque singular, como matrimonios, jóvenes, mujeres, hombres, oración y un taller denominado Quiero Ser Libre, que acompaña a personas a sanar de sus heridas.

Los coordinadores desarrollan un plan de trabajo con el sacerdote de cada parroquia.

“Nosotros lo que hacemos es acompañar a la gente y darles las herramientas para que sigan a nuestro Señor Jesucristo”, explicó.

Hacen retiros dos veces al año en diferentes comunidades, como matrimonios o jóvenes, donde los participantes pueden crecer espiri-

tualmente y aprender cómo mejor servir a sus familias.

Los miembros del movimiento encaminan a las personas al ministerio o programa en la parroquia o diócesis que mejor puede cumplir con sus necesidades. “No los abandonamos”, asegura.

Y también los insta a volverse servidores en sus parroquias.

Dio como ejemplo el grupo de matrimonios en Nuestra Señora de Monte Carmelo en San Ysidro. El grupo, que se llama Matrimonios Emanuel, ha crecido a tener 150 parejas, entre ellos personas que sirven como ujieres, ministros de la Eucaristía o lectores.

Hace unos años, el movimiento abrió una estación de radio por Internet, Renovaciónsandiegoradio.com, y una página de Facebook con el mismo nombre para comunicar sus mensajes utilizando herramientas modernas. Ofrece programación con voces locales de cleros, líderes comunitarios y jóvenes, que comparten su testimonio e información útil, además de la lectura del día y música. Transmiten en vivo los eventos de la diócesis, como la Caminata Pro Vida, realizada hace unos días.

“Todo es para formar a personas en la fe.”

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Congreso de Matrimonios

XXII Congreso de Matrimonios, Feb. 10 y 11, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Golden Hall, Civic Center, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92102. Informes al (619) 423-2474, www.renovacionradiosandiego.com; con los Padres Teo Kranz, Luis Toro y Ronaldo Pulido; preventa \$45, puerta \$50. Para matrimonios casados y no. Con entretenimiento del grupo Roca Fuerte.

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Caridades Católicas Ofrece ayuda para renovar permiso DACA

bloqueó la decisión de Trump de cancelar el programa a partir del 5 de marzo mientras que se continua la revisión de una demanda presentada por la Universidad de California, entre otras entidades. Justo días después, la agencia que administra DACA, conocida por sus siglas USCIS, anunció que comenzaría a aceptar solicitudes para renovar el permiso una vez más.

El departamento de Servicios para Inmigrantes de Caridades Católicas de San Diego inmediatamente comenzó a planear talleres a lo largo de la diócesis para procesar solicitudes de renovación del permiso DACA. El personal preparó un total de 53 solicitudes del 5 de septiembre al 4 de octubre del año pasado, el periodo que la Administración de Trump permitió para ese proceso tras anunciar la cancelación de DACA.

Inmigrantes con DACA que califican para la renovación pueden contactar a Caridades Católicas al teléfono (619) 287-1270 o al correo electrónico immhelp@ccdsd.org para hacer una cita para completar el proceso en San Diego y el Valle Imperial o asistir una taller en una parroquia o centro comunitario cerca de ellos.

Mientras tanto, la Administración Trump canceló el programa de Estatus de Protección Temporal, conocido como TPS, para inmigrantes de Nicaragua, Haití y El Salvador, con la decisión pendiente sobre Honduras. La Administración les dio de seis a 18 meses para abandonar el país o enfrentar una posible deportación, dependiendo de su país natal.

La Iglesia Católica denunció la decisión de cancelar TPS, un programa humanitario que permite a ciertos inmigrantes a vivir y trabajar legalmente en Estados Unidos durante un

REFUERZO: La abogada de inmigración Laura Berumen provee apoyo legal en Caridades Católicas de San Diego en talleres o por cita en sus oficinas a lo largo de la diócesis.

periodo mientras sus países se recuperan de condiciones catastróficas. Alrededor de 200,000 de los 300,000 inmigrantes protegidos por este permiso son salvadoreños.

“Nosotros creemos que Dios nos llama a cuidar al extranjero y el marginalizado”, dijo el obispo José Vásquez de Austin, Texas, quien encabeza el Comité sobre Inmigración de la Iglesia Católica de Estados Unidos. “Nuestro país no puede darle la espalda a los que tienen TPS y a sus familias; también son hijos de Dios”.

La región de San Diego tiene relativamente pocos inmigrantes con TPS. La oficina local de Caridades Católicas ha procesado un puñado de solicitudes para renovar el permiso TPS y de trabajo en el último año, dijo su directora, Vanessa Ceceña. Para realizar el trámite, los migrantes deben cumplir con sus requisitos, pagar un cuota y someterse a una revisión de sus antecedentes.

Ella dijo que estos inmigrantes enfrentan una dura situación. La mayoría ha vivido en

este país por más de 20 años y tiene raíces profundas aquí.

“Estos individuos son el sostén de la familia”, ella aseguró. “Tienen hijos que nacieron en Estados Unidos”.

Además, ayudan a mantener sus familiares en sus países natales. Los expertos temen que si llegará a faltar ese apoyo económico, la situación en cada país se volviera aún más precaria.

Se insta a los inmigrantes con TPS que acu-

dan al personal de Caridades Católicas para ver si califican para cualquier otro alivio migratorio. En los casos que se han revisado localmente, sin embargo, no se ha identificado algún caso que tengan esa opción porque los migrantes no tiene un miembro de su familia que sea ciudadano y los pueda patrocinar.

Estos migrantes han expresado que regresar a sus países no es una opción para ellos, porque han construido una vida en los Estados Unidos.

Tal es la experiencia de Maribel Pacheco. Se arriesgó a venir a los Estados Unidos porque su familia vivía una pobreza devastadora en Honduras.

“A veces no teníamos para comer”, recordó.

En Estados Unidos encontró trabajo en hoteles y restaurantes y comenzó a enviar dinero a casa. En el 2001, recibió el permiso TPS, que le permitió vivir y trabajar legalmente. La madre soltera empezó a ganar más y pudo mejorar la calidad de vida de sus tres hijos, todos nacidos en Estados Unidos.

Por 17 años ha trabajado duro, pagado impuestos y obedecido las leyes. Su hijo mayor estudia con el fin de hacerse médico y su hija para hacerse terapeuta respiratorio. El menor acaba de graduarse de la preparatoria y contempla una carrera en las fuerzas armadas.

Todo apunta que la Administración de Trump cancelará TPS para hondureños este verano.

La madre planea buscar opciones para poder continuar su vida en este país.

“Tenemos que luchar”, dijo. “Regresar a mi país sería una catástrofe”.

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Cómo Recibir Apoyo



Caridades Católicas tiene personal certificado por el gobierno federal para apoyar a los inmigrantes, además de contar con una abogada de inmigración. Se insta a inmigrantes con DACA que califican para renovación del permiso a llamar al teléfono (619) 287-1270 o enviar un correo a immhelp@ccdsd.org para hacer una cita gratuita para completar el proceso en San Diego y el Valle Imperial o para recibir información de un taller cerca de ellos. Igualmente, los inmigrantes con TPS pueden solicitar una revisión de su caso para ver si califican para otro alivio migratorio. El personal también ofrece información para que individuos se preparen y preparen a sus familias para una posible detención o deportación.

Gran Fiesta



La comunidad católica filipina organizó una Misa para celebrar el 25 aniversario de la Fiesta de Santo Niño en la parroquia San Marcos el 13 de enero. El obispo McElroy acompañó el festejo, apoyado por el párroco, Padre Bruce Orsborn, y antiguos e actuales cleros de la parroquia en San Marcos. Después de la Misa, las familias participaron en una colorida procesión alrededor de la iglesia, muchos llevando sus estatuas de Santo Niño. Nueve familias comenzaron la tradición de Santo Niño en esa iglesia en 1993. La celebración de fe ha crecido, inclusive hoy día atrae a una segunda generación de participantes.

Tradición

Dedicado en 1919, Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum es un hermoso campo con más de cuarenta acres, un lugar no solo de servicio reverente a los difuntos, pero de consuelo espiritual para los que permanecen.

Santuario

Holy Cross no es una empresa comercial o cívica, sino una institución de la iglesia operada y mantenida como un encargo sagrado. El entierro se puede organizar como se desee, en tierra consagrada o en el mausoleo imperecedero, que es prueba solida contra el tiempo y los elementos.



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Holy Cross responde a las inquietudes de las familias católicas para darle un lugar final de reposo a los difuntos, en tierra consagrada reservada exclusivamente para los creyentes y para sus familiares inmediatos.

Compromiso

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