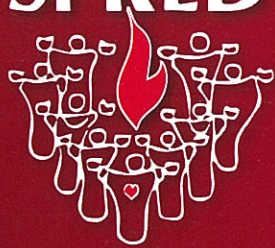


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SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

SPRED COORDINATOR'S REPORT



SPRED Continues with Growth and New Beginnings

This spring, SPRED remains in discussion with parishes to develop new SPRED centers in the Oakland Diocese for the 2018-2019 year; we hope that this is result in the addition of one or two more centers to accommodate our growing population. Additionally, the two new SPRED centers that opened in the 2017-2018 SPRED year at Holy Spirit, Fremont and St. Raymond, Dublin continue to progress and grow strong.

SPRED had its first annual Catechist Reflection Day Retreat- a change from the Catechist Reflection Weekend Retreat. This gathering of SPRED Catechists from around the diocese came together for a deeper exploration of the Method Vivre. The response was positive from those Catechists that attended.

On a personal note, my husband and I had a new beginning with the birth of our son John Gabriel on January 2nd of this year! He is growing very quickly and we are very fortunate to have a happy and healthy child. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, well wishes, and blessings that were sent to us after his birth.

SPRED is continually receiving phone calls, emails and requests to help with placement of our special needs Friends in SPRED Centers around the Diocese. We need your help in recruiting new Catechists to help us serve our Friends. Your donations continue to make the creation of new SPRED Centers, observations, trainings, and retreats possible!

Thank you for all your support.

Michelle Martinez-Kilty
Coordinator for SPRED



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Advisory Board Corner

By: Michele Banks, SPRED Advisory Board member

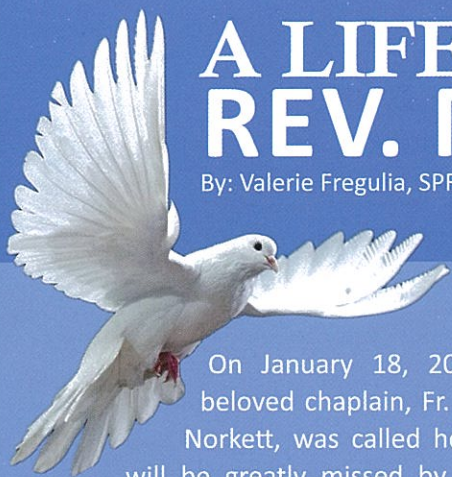
Teamwork SPRED's the Word to Friends in need!

The Advisory Board Members of SPRED are a collaborative, engaged and powerful group gathered to help with empowered decision-making and fund-raising for SPRED's mission and goals. For those Friends requesting Special Religious Education, our objective is to provide a meaningful, fun and fulfilling program to teach, pray and enhance relationships with God. With our partners and donors, we are pleased to open TWO new centers in 2017-2018! There are so many families with Friends in need on our wait list. Please consider helping us with a donation to help SPRED the Word!



A LIFE OF HONOR REV. MICHAEL NORKETT

By: Valerie Fregulia, SPRED Advisory Board member

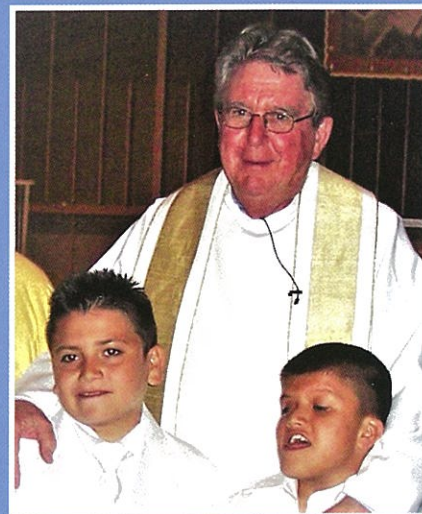


On January 18, 2018, our beloved chaplain, Fr. Michael Norkett, was called home. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but most especially by those of us on the SPRED Advisory Board. He was not only a priest, Board member, and confidant, but also a friend.

You always felt at ease in his company, but also knew that he would be straight forward in dealing with serious matters. He was always a people-person first, leaving the paperwork and details to

others. You could never go anywhere with Fr. Michael that he didn't know someone in the crowd. On many occasions when attending functions with him, he would disappear - working the room - then show up again when it was time to leave.

It was always the children that he loved the best. His interactions with the students of various parish schools throughout the diocese and the SPRED Friends made him come alive. Fr. Michael will always be with us in our hearts and prayers.



SPRED Catechist Reflection Day Retreat

By: Mary Huston, SPRED Leader Catechist

The gift of *water*- be it peaceful, refreshing, flowing, powerful, tears of joy or sorrow - is essential to our being. This was the Catechist Reflection Day Retreat theme for the 24 catechists who attended from various SPRED centers in the diocese. In the beautiful setting at San Damiano Retreat Center, they spent time in reflection and prayer. Each wrote a session based on one personal experience with water that brought them to a new awareness of its gift in their life. As one catechist wrote, "The theme of water reminds me of the gifts through water that Christ gives to us through the sacraments. I felt rejuvenated."



INTERESTED IN OPENING A SPRED CENTER IN YOUR PARISH?

GIVE US A CALL AT 510-635-7252 OR EMAIL: INFO@SPREDOAKDIOCESE.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP CREATE A NEW SPRED CENTER FOR YOUR LOCAL FRIENDS.

CATECHIST APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

By: Tamara Filener, SPRED Office Manager

It was Cinco de Mayo and SPRED and SPRED Advisory Board members hosted a colorful celebration for our catechists. Fellow catechist and Advisory Board member, Carmen Romo, designed and decorated the hall and the luncheon was catered by La Bonita located in Oakland.

The hall was beautiful, the food was great and everyone had a fabulous time meeting and celebrating with our catechists. It's our way of thanking everyone for all of their dedication, hard work, and time they have given so freely, without which, there would be no ministry. Thank you!



ST. JOSEPH, MISSION SAN JOSE SPRED LITURGY

By: Sandy Pimperton, SPRED Leader Catechist



On February 4th, St. Joseph's MSJ Parish in Fremont, celebrated Mass with a SPRED liturgy. SPRED Friends and Catechists participated fully by bringing up the gifts, leading the congregation in using sacred gestures during the readings, and singing beautiful songs.

The highlight was when Lawrence Wang played the recorder and, along with all SPRED participants and a few members of the upcoming First Communion class, led the congregation in singing, "Father, we Adore You".

During the preparation and practice, no one from SPRED was aware that Bishop Barber would be the presider so a special day became even more so!



CATECHIST SPOTLIGHT:

JOSIE RAMOS

By: Tamara Filener, SPRED Office Manager



We've all seen her at SPRED functions, cheerfully chatting and smiling. Josie is very busy, not only doing work for SPRED, but taking on various leadership roles at St. Cornelius Parish.

We have been lucky to have had Josie involved with the SPRED community for almost 20 years! Fellow parishioner and

SPRED volunteer, Betty Gutierrez describes Josie as someone, "who always helps people. If someone asks for help, she always helps in any way she can." On a personal note, Josie just celebrated her 46th wedding anniversary with her husband, Rogelio. We are grateful to have such a dedicated person in our ministry. Thank you, Josie, for all of your service!



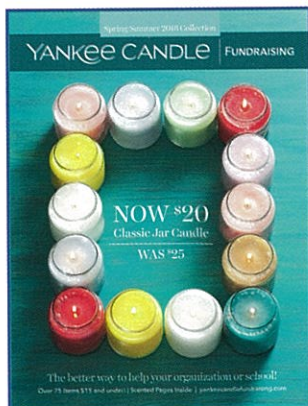
FRIEND SPOTLIGHT DAN QUINN

By: Sandy Pimperton, SPRED Leader Catechist

Dan Quinn has been part of SPRED for about 30 years, starting when he was in public school in Oakland. Later, he received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joan's and has been an integral part of the Model Center's Monday night group for the past 7 or 8 years. Dan is also a regular at the Labor Day retreat and all SPRED the Word functions.

Dan can be confident yet shy, boisterous yet contemplative, silly yet reverent. Dan is always concerned when someone is absent, late or sick; "Where is he? He's late!"

My favorite experience with Dan was one Labor Day Retreat when he was looking forward to spending his (last) dollar at the soda machine. He mentioned it several times but this was also the year of Hurricane Katrina and the only year a collection was taken during the retreat. Without a second thought, that dollar went in the basket. Dan has been a good friend, teacher, and mentor to me for the past 15 years and I look forward to the many more life lessons he will, no doubt, provide.



ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Who doesn't love a good candle? Good news, you can support SPRED and get a Yankee Candle simply by downloading the Yankee Candle App on your phone or ordering online at <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm> and inputting the group number: 999978481.

If you do this, a portion of the proceeds support SPRED, plus you get a great candle! You can, literally, help light the way for our ministry.



OUR MISSION

TO INTEGRATE PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES INTO THE FAITH AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

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Black cotton tagless shirt features SPRED flame on front pocket and SPRED logo in back

Available in Small, Medium, Large, XL.



Red SPRED Shirt

Red cotton tagless shirt features "KEEP CALM AND SPRED ON" on front side of shirt printed in white.

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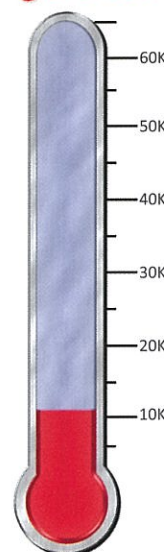


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GOAL!



Our Programmatic goal is \$65,000 for the SPRED year.

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January 1, 2018 -
May 15, 2018
\$11,000.

Want to Help?

SPRED is always looking for generous donations to help us SPRED the word. SPRED is a nonprofit 501(c)(3).

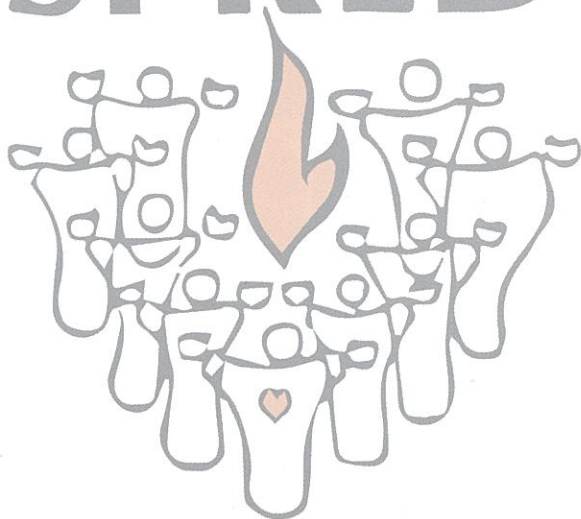
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UPCOMING SPRED EVENTS

JUNE 2018

We Recall & Plan Mtg. for Parish Chairpersons' & Core Team Catechists

Saturday, June 2, 2018 10 am
St. Paschal Baylon, Oakland, CA

SPRED The Word Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Saturday, June 9, 2018
4 pm Liturgy, 5:15pm Dinner Dance
Church of the Transfiguration, Castro Valley, CA

Helper Catechist Training

Saturday, June 16, 2018 9 am- 4 pm
St. Paschal Baylon, Oakland, CA

SEPTEMBER 2018

Labor Day Retreat

Fri- Sun. August 31- September 2
San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville, CA
Invitation only

Helper Catechist Training- English

Saturday, September 15, 2018 9 am- 4 pm
St. Paschal Baylon, Oakland, CA

Helper Catechist Training- Spanish

Saturday, September 22, 2018 9 am- 4 pm
St. Paschal Baylon, Oakland, CA

Manuscript Handout- Bilingual

Saturday, September 29, 2018 10 am- 12pm
St. Paschal Baylon, Oakland, CA

OCTOBER 2018

SPRED Diocesan mass
TBA

DECEMBER 2018

Christmas Liturgy
Tuesday, December 18, 2018 7 pm
St. Paschal Baylon, Oakland, CA



Prayer for Openness

*Living and true God,
You created all that is good and holy,
be close to us your servants,
who gather here today.
Be our constant help and protection.
Enable us to reach out lovingly to all your children,
to show understanding and awareness,
comfort and consolation,
justice and equality,
so that together we may participate fully in
parish life and worship.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son,
our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

<http://thecatholiccatalogue.com/prayers-for-persons-with->

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RSVP and Check out the SPRED Calendar online at www.spredoakdiocese.org or call 510-635-7252.
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