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# Lent and Easter. Death and Resurrection.

*“Where sin abounds, there grace abounds all the more.” (Romans 5:20)*

**E**very year we celebrate the two great events that define us as Christians: the death of Jesus on the Cross, and His resurrection from the dead. We commemorate the worst sin, deicide, the killing of the Savior – and the greatest of all graces, His resurrection from the dead.



**BY BISHOP  
MICHAEL C.  
BARBER, SJ**

*Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ has been bishop of the Diocese of Oakland since May 2013.*

When we were baptized, we were immersed into Jesus’ own death – and into His resurrection. Thus our own lives contain small deaths and resurrections, in preparation for our “final” death on this earth – and resurrection into eternal life. For some people, these aren’t really “small” deaths and resurrections, but life changing.

Let me give an example.

Living in the late 19th century, Father Augustus Tolton was the first African American ordained to the Catholic priesthood in the USA. In January of this year, a group of parishioners from St. Patrick’s West Oakland and I traveled over to Star of the Sea Parish in San Francisco to see a production of the play “Tolton: From Slave to Priest,” the story of his life. Few plays have made such an impact on me.

Born into slavery in Missouri in 1854, Augustus Tolton was allowed to be baptized by his owners, and raised in the Catholic faith by his mother. In 1862 his mother escaped and took her three children – traveling forty miles by night – and crossed the Mississippi River to the free state of Illinois. (It reminds me of Moses crossing the Red Sea, as we read at the Easter Vigil.)



But all was not easy for free Blacks. The play shows how the Tolton family struggled to survive with manual labor jobs in factories while enduring harassment and segregation. Yet all the while their Catholic faith sustained Augustus and his family – even when white Catholic families objected to the presence of a Black child in one all-white Catholic school.

Yet the pastor of St. Peter’s Parish in Quincy, Illinois, took Augustus into his school, and the nuns took him under their wing, tutoring him so he could catch up with his peers. The young man served Mass and taught as a catechist for other Black children, and over time, expressed an interest in studying for the priesthood.

His pastor, an Irishman named Father McGirr, believed in Augustus, and the local bishop offered to pay his seminary expenses. Yet there was one problem. After seven years applying to diocesan seminaries and religious order novitiates, no seminary in the United States

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would accept him as a candidate for the priesthood because of his race. (Another experience of “death.”) Father McGirr appealed to the Vatican on Augustus’ behalf, and the young man was accepted to

study in Rome at the missionary seminary of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. (Ecco: an experience of the “Resurrection.”)

Augustus kissed his mother goodbye and set sail for the Eternal City. He completed the six-year course of philosophy, theology and Scripture – and mastered Latin, Italian, Greek and Hebrew. Father Augustus was ordained a priest in the Archbasilica of the Lateran on Holy Saturday, 1886, and celebrated his First Mass on Easter Sunday morning

in St. Peter’s Basilica. (A dream come true, and an experience on earth of “Resurrection.”)

Father Tolton had been preparing to work as a missionary and thought he would be sent to Africa, but the cardinal in charge sent him back to the USA – to his hometown of Quincy. It did not go well. Not because of Father Tolton – he was an outstanding priest – but because of the racism and clerical jealousy. One local priest in particular was upset because both Black and white Catholics came to Father Tolton’s Mass – at a time there was strict segregation. People came because Father Tolton preached so well, and had an outstanding singing voice for celebrating High Mass. The Catholic priest was upset Father Tolton was “stealing” his white parishioners. And Protestant Black clergymen were not happy that some of their people were converting to Catholicism. Jesus said, “No prophet is welcome in his

hometown.” Luke 4:24. (Another experience of “death.”)

In the midst of this trial, the Archbishop of Chicago invited Father Tolton to come and found a parish for Black Catholics. In those days, most ethnic groups gravitated to “national parishes” for Italians, Poles, Germans, Irish, etc. Father Tolton poured his whole self into his ministry, starting his parish from scratch to serve the Black Catholic community on the South Side of Chicago. He started out using the basement of another Catholic church, and eventually raised enough money to buy land and build St. Monica’s.



Chicago was kinder to Father Tolton. Neighboring priests took up collections in their churches to help him build his. Father Tolton received invitations to speak all around the East to Black and white congregations, and used the occasions to raise consciousness on the plight of his neglected and disenfranchised brothers and sisters. He lived to see his new church consecrated. (“Resurrection.”)

Father Tolton’s hard work on behalf of African Americans in society and in his parish took its toll. On a hot and steamy day in July of 1897, Father Augustus collapsed on the street from heat stroke and died the same evening. He was only 43. (His final “death.”)

St. Monica’s Church was packed for Father Tolton’s funeral Mass, attended by over 100 priests. His mother Martha was in the front row. He was buried, at his expressed wish, back in his hometown of Quincy, in the priests’ plot, in the town that “kicked him out.” Resurrection!

Father Tolton’s cause for canonization has been opened and Pope Francis has declared him venerable. Now many of us are praying for miracles to be granted through his intercession. I believe he is a saint, and I am praying to him to intercede to God for our diocese.

If you would like to experience death and resurrection, please attend the Holy Week and Easter services at your parish. I also recommend you join me in helping raise awareness of Father Tolton’s cause. We are raising money and sponsors to host at least five performances of “Tolton: Slave to Priest” in our diocese in early May. If you would like to honor his memory, and experience through his eyes the evil of racism in our country – and the power of Faith, ask your pastor if your parish or school can host this event.

Father Tolton’s life proves that “Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more.” May Christ guide you through all life’s “deaths and resurrections” until we experience, with and in Jesus Christ, our final death and eternal Resurrection. †

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# Holy Week and Easter

**AT THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT  
PRESIDED BY  
BISHOP MICHAEL C. BARBER, SJ**

**April 10, 11 a.m.** - Palm Sunday

**April 12, 10 a.m.** - Chrism Mass

**April 14, 7 p.m.** - Holy Thursday Mass

**April 15, 3 p.m.** - Good Friday Service

**April 16, 8 p.m.** - Easter Vigil

**April 17, 11 a.m.** - Easter Sunday

*Masses and services will be available on YouTube*

**Contact the Cathedral of Christ the Light Website  
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[www.ctlcathedral.org](http://www.ctlcathedral.org)

**Cathedral office:** 510.832.5057



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**To: All Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, and people of good will of the Diocese of Oakland**

*"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved, and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."*

EVANGELIUM VITAE- Saint Pope John Paul II

I write once again to invite you to join in a "Great Prayer for Life", as Saint Pope John Paul II once called it. As we continue pleading to God for the end of this pandemic, for peace in our world, we remember the most vulnerable, our defenseless unborn brothers and sisters. I invite you to be involved in the efforts to help defend their fundamental right to life. We are called to be a voice for the most vulnerable in every stage of their life, from the moment of conception until natural death. Let us be beacons of hope for the mothers and fathers struggling with a difficult pregnancy, to know they have support and an alternative to abortion.

Please help us spread the word and encourage those in your parish community to join.

**The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ  
Bishop of Oakland**

## **Peaceful, Prayerful 40 Days for Life Vigil from March 2 – April 10 in these locations around the Diocese:**

### • **Concord Planned Parenthood**

2185 Pacheco Street, Concord, 7 am-7 pm Daily, except Sunday  
[Friendsforlifeconcord@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsforlifeconcord@gmail.com)  
[www.40daysforlife.com/ConcordCA](http://www.40daysforlife.com/ConcordCA)

### • **El Cerrito Planned Parenthood**

8000 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito, 7 am-7 pm Daily  
[Ana.aceves1@yahoo.com](mailto:Ana.aceves1@yahoo.com)  
[www.40daysforlife.com/ElCerrito](http://www.40daysforlife.com/ElCerrito)

### • **Hayward Planned Parenthood**

1032 A Street, Hayward, 7 am-7 pm Daily  
[spiralxp@aol.com](mailto:spiralxp@aol.com)  
[www.40daysforlife.com/Hayward](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Hayward)

### • **Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood**

1357 Oakland Blvd, Walnut Creek, 7 am-7 pm Daily, except Sunday  
[Friendsforlifetrivalley@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsforlifetrivalley@gmail.com)  
[www.40daysforlife.com/WalnutCreek](http://www.40daysforlife.com/WalnutCreek)

### • **Concord Planned Parenthood**

2185 Pacheco Street, Concord, 7 am-7 pm Daily, except Sunday  
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# FIGHTING HUNGER ABROAD *and close to home*

**C**RS Rice Bowl, the annual program of Catholic Relief Services, includes education and action with the Lenten traditions of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Parishes and schools throughout the Diocese of Oakland, like dioceses across the country, make available small cardboard boxes that fold into the shape of a rice bowl to remind parishioners and students to answer the call to feed the hungry.

The Rice Bowls are returned to the parish or school on Holy Thursday in some parishes, Easter in others. The collection is distributed both globally (75 percent) and locally (25 percent).

Contributions to CRS Rice Bowl locally dropped dramatically in 2020, as churches were closed during Lent and Easter. Gifts rebounded in 2021, and hopes are high that there will be a robust response in 2022.

The need is great.

“The number of people who have fallen into poverty has increased over the past couple of years as Covid struck,” said Marc McKimmey, who is the CRS coordinator for the Diocese of Oakland.

“Part of it is that people are out of work, even more in developing countries than here in the United States,” he said. “Most of the people are not doing jobs they can do from home in other parts of the world, especially in the low-income places. A lot more people have fallen into poverty and hunger. The Rice Bowl program is needed now more than ever.”

Reminders about Rice Bowl each week in a bulletin or an announcement help keep parishioners engaged in participation, Marc said.

“People have been trying to do their part,” Marc said. “Still a lot of people are staying home from church, especially during these surges.”

For those who aren’t able to get to church, the CRS Rice Bowl website offers tips for a do-it-yourself Rice Bowl.

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— MARC MCKIMMEY



**FOR STORIES AND MENUS:**  
[www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)  
[www.crsplatodearroz.org](http://www.crsplatodearroz.org)



**Ever wonder where the dimes, quarters and dollars you slip into CRS Rice Bowl during Lent – and return to your parish on Holy Thursday or during the Easter season – go?**

Catholic Relief Service puts those donations to work, not only by assisting hunger-related missions around the world, but also by leaving 25 percent in the diocese to help feed our neighbors.

Thirty organizations, including 11 parish-based conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in both Alameda and Contra counties, received grants totally \$26,500 from the CRS Rice Bowl collection in 2021. The awards were announced in December, and, on Valentine's Day 2022, the youngest group of recipients put their \$1,050 grant to use for the first time this year. Volunteers from the seventh grade at All Saints School prepared bag lunches for their neighbors in need in Hayward.

*The pandemic shut down their sandwich-making enterprise in March 2020.*

*Almost two years later, the students had not lost a step.*

The students work in collaboration with the Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group at the parish, which received its own grant to prepare hot breakfasts.

Principal Jennifer Diaz said students have been providing lunches since before she arrived 12 years ago. At first, students were encouraged to bring an extra bag lunch from home on Tuesdays. These lunches were given to breakfast guests to take with them for later.

In 2014, Marianne Landis, who was teaching third grade, wrote a grant proposal to CRS Rice Bowl. She received the check at an annual breakfast for grant recipients, telling the audience she needed to get back to school quickly to show the check to the students.

The first lunches supported by the CRS Rice Bowl were served up in 2015; seven years later, the students are still at it.

The pandemic shut down their sandwich-making enterprise in March 2020. Almost two years later, the students had not lost a step.

Ms. Landis has retired. Ms. Diaz writes the grants and did the shopping for the return of the All Saints bag lunch brigade.

The sandwich bags had been decorated by the fourth-graders, who used their considerable love and talents to turn plain white bags into messengers of happy thoughts as well as a meal.

Nine seventh-graders were chosen – something of a lottery – to help make the sandwiches.

As they filed, masked, into the auditorium, their first stop was the kitchen sink to wash their hands before donning the food service gloves.

"I know you all know how to make a sandwich," Ms. Diaz told her students. She showed them the bread, sliced turkey, sliced cheese and lettuce that awaited them. They wouldn't be adding condiments. Packets of those would be available for the guests the next day.



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The new-to-them wrinkle was the paper in which to wrap the sandwiches. Better for the environment, they agreed, and fun to fold on the diagonal.

The students proved to be no novices at sandwich making and approached the work with care. Giving back is a good thing when done in a group of people who compliment each other along the way.

They made quick work of the assignment; soon 40 sandwiches were stacked on a tray destined for overnight refrigeration.

The next morning, they would be placed in bags and sent off to First United Methodist Church down the street, where they would be distributed to guests.

There was a time when the students brought the sandwiches along; pre-Covid, students could help carry the sandwiches to the church where the breakfast is served.

They put bottled water and bags of Famous Amos cookies into each of the white bags, pausing to admire the work of the younger students

Emily Barillas is a veteran at helping. "I've done this in past years," she said.

The morning brought back memories, too, for classmate Raymond Torrey. "I remember doing this a lot," he said. Helping feed those in need, he said, made him feel "good."

Their classmates concurred. When posing for a photo, they were asked what words came to mind from their morning's work: "Fun" and "hopeful" were among them.

The students were assisted by seminarian John Paul Rabago, who is serving his pastoral year at All Saints. In addition to helping with the preparation, he told the students he had heard that they had been practicing a song.

With a little bit of encouragement, the sandwich makers, their task completed, sang joyfully.

Then they returned to class. †



**SANDWICHES:** The return to lunch-making at All Saints School coincided with Valentine's Day. After a demonstration by Principal Jennifer Diaz, nine seventh-graders made turkey sandwiches, which would be given to homeless people in Hayward.





# SYNOD Off to Robust Start

BY MICHELE  
JURICH

The Diocese of Oakland's participation in the Synod for Synodality got off to a robust start. Orientation meetings and workshops for priests and lay leaders, led by the Synod core team, drew 460 participants. Parishes, ministries within parishes, schools and religious were represented.

Most Holy Rosary Parish in Antioch was well represented in those workshops, as the parish core team prepared for listening sessions that would begin with Adoration in the church and continue on to parish town hall meetings in the gym. In addition, ministries held their own listening sessions.

Among the key to participation in the process was the personal invitation, said Father Ramiro Flores. Ministry leaders in both the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities were invited to learn about the synod. Announcements at Mass and praying the Synod prayer were part of the preparation. Phone calls were made to parishioners the day before the listening sessions.

Jennifer Lozada, who serves on the diocesan Synod core team, also has responsibilities on her parish's core team. She will part of the group that synthesizes the data before it is sent to the diocese, to be joined with reports from all the contributing parishes.

"We are a big parish, very diverse," she said of Most Holy Rosary Parish, which was established in 1874.

Why does she think parishioners responded so well to the invitation?

"I believe it's really to be heard," she said. "They were talking about how MAP [the Mission Alignment Process] came in, and is this another survey?"

She assured her parishioners this time there were no boxes to check. "No, this not a survey. This is for you to be heard and share with the Holy Spirit's guidance, and hopefully our parish can meet some of that need."

With the town hall meetings – one drew 150 participants – and ministry leaders holding listening sessions, there was more work to be done before deadline, Father Ramiro said.

The parish was reaching out to the people on the margins, people at food pantries, shelters and on the street, to ask their guidance. ✚

Members of the chancery and cathedral staffs were invited to a Synod listening session, which began with prayer and Adoration in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral of Christ the Light before moving to the Cathedral Parish Hall. Father Jimmy Macalinao is the diocesan point-of-contact for the Synod.



**HAVE A SYNOD STORY TO SHARE?**

Email Michele Jurich at [mjurich@oakdiocese.org](mailto:mjurich@oakdiocese.org) or mail to The Catholic Voice, 2121 Harrison St., Suite 100, Oakland CA 94612.

# An invitation to pilgrimage to Mission San José



*Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Oakland,*

*May the Lord, who entrusted himself to the care of St. Joseph, bless you with strength and wisdom to fulfill the missionary task of evangelizing our people in love, faith and hope.*



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GHEKIERE-MINTZ

**W**e'd like to invite you to Mission San José/St. Joseph Parish to celebrate a yearlong commemoration and celebration of the 225th anniversary of the founding of the 14th mission, Mission San José in honor of the glorious St. Joseph. As the Savior himself entrusted his life to St. Joseph, the 14th mission was established and placed under the protection and paternal care of St. Joseph.

As Pope Francis reminds us, the greatness of St. Joseph lies in the fact that he is the spouse of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph was not afraid to obey God in accepting Mary and fathering Jesus. He was a courageous father who guided and protected the holy family in times of trouble and exile.

As an indispensable part of Jesus' life and mission, St. Joseph offered himself totally in service of

God's mystery of the incarnation. Together with Mary, he was the first disciple of Jesus and now enjoys the reward of eternal blessedness with him in heaven. St. Joseph remains our great intercessor before the throne of God. So, we can confidently go to St. Joseph as our spiritual father and ask for his paternal protection and blessing.

In light of this mystery of faith, our bishop, on the feast day of the Presentation, Feb. 2, 2022, has decreed that Mission San José, Fremont, is a pilgrimage site for the faithful in the Diocese of Oakland during 2022, the 225th year anniversary of its founding.

**You may wonder:  
What is the significance  
of being designated as  
a pilgrimage site?  
Mission San José is a  
pilgrimage site.**



To call Mission San José a pilgrimage site is to say that the extraordinary divine God has touched the ordinary in such a way that its presence alone makes the invisible presence of God felt by those who come here. This is the incarnational principle of faith that makes the visible places like Rome, Jerusalem, Lourdes, Fatima, El Camino and many other famous pilgrimage places proclaim the holiness of God that permeates the air and physical appearances of the ordinary world.

It has always been the case in the history of the Church, since the fourth century, that places where the Lord has been or the Blessed Mother has appeared become the places where the faithful come to get in touch with the divine God who consecrated the places with his divine presence and holiness. The pilgrimage represents an interior act of journeying toward God, outwardly manifested by a physical act of coming to a holy place with a specific intention, such as doing penance, offering sacrifice or simply praying.

Mission San José is a place where the holy faith has been introduced and shared with all. The divine God has touched and entered into this ordinary land and the life of its people. As the Mission still remains faithful to its holy purpose, pilgrims who come to this place will encounter the Son of Joseph and Mary, continue on with “our earthly journey toward heaven,” and receive “special occasions for renewal in prayer.” (CCC, No. 2691)

**As pilgrims visit Mission San Jose, we are blessed with a partial indulgence.**

An indulgence is “a remission of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain conditions” such as receiving Holy Communion, going to Confession and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. (CCC, No. 1472) In order to understand this practice of the Church, we need to see it in light of the sacrament of penance.

While the sacrament of penance makes the forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God possible, the consequences of sins and the temporal punishment due to sins remain. This temporal punishment is not vengeance inflicted by God from without but consequence incurred by the very nature of sin we committed.

On Feb. 2, 2022, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ granted a partial indulgence for all the faithful of the Diocese of Oakland as they visit the Mission for themselves or apply it to the dead. According to the Bishop’s Decree, “This indulgence may be applied to the souls of the faithful held in Purgatory as the lives of each of God’s children, both still on this earthly pilgrimage and those who have died in the peace of Christ, are joined together in Christ, and strengthened by the communion of spiritual blessings.” Furthermore, “those faithful in the Diocese of Oakland who are aged, sick or are unable to leave their home, and who have the intention to fulfill the prescribed condition; and who spiritually unite themselves to those visiting Old Mission San José on the occasion of the 225th Anniversary of its founding

offer their prayers and sufferings to our merciful Father.”

While this degree indicates that as a successor of the Holy Apostles, our Bishop exercises his pastoral care and authority in dispensing the spiritual treasury of the Church, we feel his loving care as a father of our diocese. We thank our Bishop for this awesome gift of grace.

**We invite all of you, the faithful of the Diocese of Oakland, to please come and draw from the treasury of grace the gift of renewal and heavenly blessing.**

At the Mission San José Church, we celebrate:

- Daily Mass at 8 a.m.
- First Wednesday Mass at 7 p.m. in honor of St. Joseph
- Daily Adoration in the Eucharistic Chapel from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sacrament of Confession 30 minutes before all Masses
- First Friday and Saturday Mass at 8 a.m.
- Sunday Masses at 5:30 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. in Vietnamese, 5 p.m. in Chinese and 7 p.m. Sunday.

For more information and a complete list of events, you can visit us at <https://mission225.org>, or send us an email via [info@mission225.org](mailto:info@mission225.org) or call 510-657-1797.

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may the Lord bless you always.

Sincerely,  
Father Anthony Le, Pastor  
Mission San José / St. Joseph Parish  
43300 Mission Blvd.  
Fremont, CA 94539 †

## Youth Art Contest

All students in grades 4 through 6 in the Diocese of Oakland are invited to participate in “MISSION 225: THEN AND NOW” Art Contest as part of Mission San José’s 225th Anniversary Commemoration.

Young artists are invited to express their talents in drawing and painting through illustrations of the Mission San José’s history, faith and community. Deadline for entries is May 1.



**MORE DETAILS:**  
[mission225.org](https://mission225.org)





## World Day of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick was conferred, and caregivers blessed, at the annual World Day of the Sick Mass on Feb. 12 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. The Order of Malta Western Association supported the Mass, providing assistance to the bishop and priests as they moved through the congregation to confer the sacrament, and at the end of Mass, giving bottles of Holy Water from Lourdes to those present.

**Watch the Mass:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSINISjd728](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSINISjd728)

**PHOTOS BY RICH ANDERSON**



## 24 Hours for the Lord

Eleven parishes across the Diocese of Oakland observed 24 Hours for the Lord March 4-5. Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation were offered in the parishes. Some parishes also offered the rosary, devotionals and Stations of the Cross. "24 Hours for the Lord" is an initiative of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. Shown are Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish in Berkeley, top, and St. Elizabeth, Oakland.

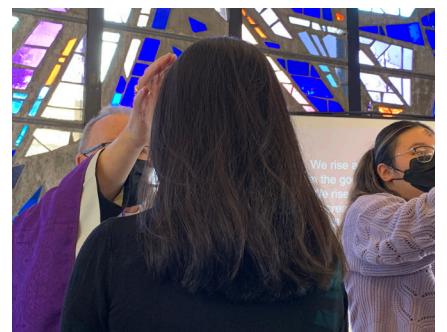
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## Ash Wednesday at Cal

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ celebrated Mass in the Tilden Room of the Martin Luther King Student Union on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley, on Ash Wednesday, March 2. The bishop called those assembled in the room, and those seated on the patios, with doors open, to a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. That almsgiving began at the Mass, where the collection was directed to the Church in Ukraine to assist with relief efforts. The Mass on campus on Ash Wednesday was coordinated by the Paulist Fathers of Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish. Father Ivan Tou and Father Steven Bell participated in the Mass, along with the students who served as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and ashes, as well as musicians.

**PHOTOS BY MICHELE JURICH/THE CATHOLIC VOICE**





## Lunar New Year Mass

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ celebrated the Lunar New Year Mass and the veneration ceremony to ancestors at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Feb. 12. Deacon Danny Wong coordinated the event on behalf of the Chinese Catholic Community of the Diocese of Oakland. After Mass, the faithful approached the altar to receive the traditional red envelopes from Bishop Barber.

**Watch the Mass:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWdKvTiPRs8>

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# Stations of the Cross Walk at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Please join us for our Stations of the Cross Walk. Each walk will be led by our Diocesan priests in our *NEW Way of the Cross* section.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

March 25th | April 1st | April 8th

**ALL WALKS BEGIN AT 3:00 PM**

### **For more information, please contact:**

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44th Annual Gala: An Evening of Scholarship  
Blackhawk Auto Museum, Danville  
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### ► April 30

Las Casas English as a Second Language  
Celebrates 20 Years  
Open House 1-3:30 p.m. at Cristo Rey De Las Salle  
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Also: a matching grant opportunity  
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### ► April 30

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# HERE TO STAY

BY J.A. GRAY

*J.A. Gray is a writer and editor and a member of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Berkeley.*

“... I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35)

**CATHOLICS OF THE OAKLAND DIOCESE WERE CALLED TO “WELCOME THE STRANGER.” WE RESPONDED, AND THAT CALL IS STILL BEING ANSWERED TODAY.**

PHOTOS BY DOMINIQUE GHEKIERE-MINTZ







***“Are we ready to do this?”***

Anna Rossi recalls asking herself. She and her fellow Catholics had recently founded the Alameda Deanery’s “Welcome the Stranger” Committee – and they were about to take on their first assignment: In ten days, a family fleeing war-torn Afghanistan would arrive in Oakland for resettlement in the Bay Area. ***“Do we know what we’re doing?”*** Anna wondered.

Then she answered herself:

***“Not really – but there’s a first time for everything.”***

**T**hat was more than five years ago. Since then, Welcome the Stranger – a joint ministry of three parishes: St. Barnabas, St. Joseph Basilica and St. Philip Neri-St. Albert the Great – has accompanied a total of seven families escaping from danger in their native lands, three from Guatemala and four from Afghanistan.

Welcome the Stranger (WTS for short) has persevered in its ministry to foreign families uprooted and in distress, and its volunteers, now numbering 30 or more, have honed their skills. The locals apply their diverse talents in 17 task groups with names like Education, Employment, Everyday Tasks, Fundraising and Medical, Dental and Social Services. To set the new arrivals on a path to independent living, WTS provides short-term help (setting up an apartment, mastering public transit) and long-term assistance (learning English, getting a driver’s license, enrolling in school, finding a job and more).

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How does it work? Nonprofit resettlement agencies contract with the State Department to sponsor refugees in the U.S., and WTS is a volunteer partner with several of them, such as International Rescue Committee and Jewish Community and Family Services, and initially with Catholic Charities East Bay, which is no longer active in refugee resettlement.

Many refugees receive transitional financial support from the federal government, but these benefits are modest and temporary, and none of the money goes to WTS. To carry out its mission of support, WTS gratefully accepts donations of cash, household items, clothing and professional services such as dental and medical treatment. WTS also welcomes inquiries from landlords who might assist with temporary housing.

Anna Rossi is an attorney who practices employment law. She is a parishioner at St. Barnabas, but in 2016 was attending St. Joseph Basilica. “I was a fairly inert parishioner for many years,” she says, “at Sunday Mass, putting my dollar in the basket, and thinking about what briefs I had to write when I got home, but not doing much with the religious community. In 2016, when Pope Francis called on us to respond to the plight of these refugee families, something in me answered.”

She has chaired WTS since its inception and has gone from novice to expert in the tradecraft of refugee resettlement.

“If you try to help people resettle in the Bay Area,” Anna says, “you see immediately that the number one problem is housing.” In 2018, Anna and others founded a sister

***“I’m happy that I’m here with my kids and wife but kind of sad to be far away from my family. There is no word that I could describe how thankful we are for the community regarding all the help we have got through them. We are appreciating all the help from the bottom of our hearts.” - RAHIMI***



organization to WTS called Shelter in Peace (SIP). SIP is a nonprofit 501(c)3; its mission is to provide transitional housing. “While WTS is a support team, accompanying one refugee family at a time toward independence,” she says. “SIP is a corporation, finding affordable transitional housing and acting as the Master Tenant on contracts for places that the refugees can call ‘home’ for their first six months to a year.”

SIP now has contracts for five residential units in Alameda of



varied sizes. “My wish, my goal, my prayer, is that SIP will secure contracts for five more residences during 2022, for a total of ten,” Anna said. “SIP has been blessed by being able to contract with, among others, the City of Alameda and St. Joseph Basilica, and is always looking for more assistance with this great need.”

The recent upheavals in Afghanistan – a restored Taliban regime and the departure of the U.S. military – have resulted in a new wave of fleeing citizens, and the world watched anxiously as some 130,000 Afghans were airlifted out of their country in late summer 2021. The Wall Street Journal reports (Jan. 21, 2022) that 76,000 have been brought to the U.S., and more than 62,000 have been moved off of U.S. military bases and into receptive communities around the nation.

The Bay Area is one such destination, and WTS’s proven program is an ecumenical inspiration to its





neighbors in Alameda, an island city of 78,000 people with more than 40 different faith communities. Anne Marie Fourre, director of faith formation at St. Joseph Basilica Parish, reports that at a meeting of the Alameda All Faiths Coalition, “When the WTS sponsoring of its newest family was shared, another congregation expressed interest in helping. Anna Rossi gently guided them into forming a new group of their own. The group is named ‘Never Alone in Alameda’ – and it welcomed its first refugee family in November 2021.”

This newest coalition was organized by Rev. Cindy Towle Kephart, pastor of Alameda’s First Presbyterian Church, and Robin Seeley, the chair of the team. Pastor Cindy confirms the foundation story of Never Alone in Alameda and enriches the tale with some humor: “I could see the need, but my first reaction was, ‘I don’t think we have the human capital

to support such an undertaking.” She chuckles at the memory: “Anna Rossi put on her trial lawyer’s face and turned to me and began to cross-examine my testimony....”

Pastor Cindy was feeling the same initial anxiety that Anna Rossi once had once felt. But today her report is positive: “We found the human capital, and they are First Presbyterian members, Rotary Club members, St. Vincent de Paul Society members, and others: about 30 volunteers working together.

“Most of us didn’t know one another before the creation of this service group, but we each bring our particular skills. As Paul says in the First Letter to the Corinthians: We are many parts, but we are all one body.”

When we recall the dreadful TV pictures of the news from Afghanistan in 2021, with swarms of terrified people seeking help, another

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**– ANNA ROSSI**



piece of Scripture comes naturally to mind: “At the sight of the crowds, His heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.’” (Matthew 9:35-37)

Laborers for this particular harvest, for the rescue of persecuted fellow humans, have indeed come forward in Alameda. And the fruits of their labor are evident. Consider the story of the very first Afghan arrivals supported by WTS.

Husband Rahimi and wife Afsanah were in their twenties, and their baby boy was eight months old.

Rahimi was in a dangerous position at home, having worked with the U.S. government, and the couple’s parents urged them to find a better — and safer — life elsewhere.

Rahimi, diligent and entrepreneurial, first worked in Afghan restaurants, then got his driver’s license, and with a car that had been donated to WTS, he began working as a driver (passengers for Uber, deliveries for Amazon).

Both husband and wife made use of educational opportunities at adult school and community college. Afsanah

now speaks English and has a driver’s license, and Rahimi is finishing his training to be a registered dental assistant.

The hardworking couple has saved money toward a down payment on a house, and when they find that house, it will be home not only to the three original arrivals but also to two more sons born here in California.

Anna Rossi and the members of WTS know the Rahimi family well and maintain an enduring relationship with them. As Anna’s colleague Anne Marie says, “I find it inspiring not only to see this one family’s success, but also to see that this ministry, formed as a result of the diocese’s initial Welcoming the Stranger workshop back in 2016, has chosen to continue to accompany one family after another, not only assisting with the short-term ‘resettlement’ component, but also staying connected in friendship through the years, without regard to religion or nationality.” †

## IN MEMORIAM



### *Sister Ann Patrice Remkus, OP*

Sister Ann Patrice Remkus, baptized as Lucille Judith Remkus, died on Dec. 24, 2021, at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Michigan. She was 93 years of age and in the 74th year of her religious profession in the Adrian Dominican Congregation.

Sister Ann Patrice was born in Rockford, Illinois, to Frank and Petronella (Stansel) Remkus. She graduated from Bishop Muldoon High School in Rockford and received a bachelor of arts degree in English from Siena Heights College (University) in Adrian and a master of arts degree in English from Loyola University in Chicago.

She ministered for more than 47 years in education, pastoral and office ministry in Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, California and Arizona.

In the 1962-63 school year, Sister Ann Patrice taught at Bishop O’Dowd High School in Oakland.

She is survived by nieces and nephews and her Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Rite of Committal for Sister Ann Patrice was held on Dec. 24 in the Congregation Cemetery. A Memorial Mass and Ritual of Remembering were held Dec. 29. †



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# Counter-Culture

**JOAN BATISTA'S MINISTRY  
FOCUSES ON CHASTITY  
EDUCATION FOR YOUTHS**

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**BY DIANA  
FARIAS**

*Diana Farias  
is a freelance  
writer.*



The Adoration Chapel of her parish, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Walnut Creek, is a special place of prayer for Joan Batista.



**In 2017, Joan Batista established Ethos California, an educational agency to serve teens. But more than 15 years before that, her Christian service began in religious education publishing and crisis pregnancy center counseling and management.**

**T**hat's when she became convinced that the virtue of chastity and moral formation is best taught prior to and separate from pregnancy counseling. This experience provided the impetus for her to develop a new ministry to teens focusing on chastity education.

"We were doing emergency rescue work to strangers facing a pregnancy crisis," Joan said, "but we were neglecting our own kids when they were young, teachable and vulnerable. We were not bringing a clear message of chastity to our own children, whom we could influence. Meanwhile, the secular culture was marinating them clandestinely in immorality that would inevitably compromise their thinking. Catholic religious education offered in schools did not touch on sexuality and, therefore, was no match for the secularism imposed by the culture upon our families. It became apparent to me that we must be proactive in providing supplemental education to combat secularism. We are responsible for their thinking as their hearts, minds and emotions develop."

Today, Joan is providing comprehensive chastity education through Ethos California. "We want youth to develop into happy, responsible adults," Joan said. "We protect teens by offering education about love, dating, marriage and family at sensitive stages. They are the future of our Church and our country."

The purpose of Ethos is to serve the youth of the Diocese of Oakland, boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 17,

as well as other dioceses, through educational presentations and conferences, both in-person and online. The educational themes are taken from TOB K-12, an adaptation of "Theology of the Body" by Pope St. John Paul II, published by Ruah Woods Press. The age-appropriate lessons build a foundation, sharing God's plan for love, marriage and family, rooted in Catholic moral teaching.

Joan also keeps a blog going at [www.ethosca.org](http://www.ethosca.org) with related resources for parents and teens. Ethos is available to parishes, schools and homes. Ethos also offers support for busy pastors dealing with these kinds of topics, which are central in the lives of teens.

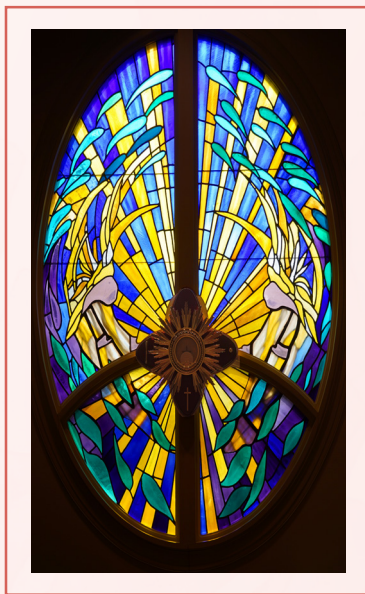
Adults are needed to serve in this ministry to become ambassadors of Ethos in their parishes or teachers who give the presentations. Training is provided for both at no cost. "It can be fun to see the kids blossom and then express gratitude," Joan said. "But to reach kids, we need parents and teachers to be on board. Parents can study the curriculum and attend conferences online. That is the best way to become enthusiastic about the need for this. They can first learn what kids need to know. Then they can talk to their own kids. We find that parents need this in-

formation because they were never taught it, so they do not know how to talk to their kids about it. Once the lightbulb goes off, it all makes sense because it is based on how God made us."

Designing Ethos was a collaborative effort. While Joan used her involvement in pro-life organizations to network at the local, national and international levels, it was leaders from the Diocese of Oakland Respect Life and Marriage and Family Life offices that had an integral part to play in its structure.

Erika Ratto, board secretary and treasurer, was a founding partner of Ethos who also felt the necessity of chastity education after years of working in crisis pregnancy care and leadership. Respect Life ministry members at St. Mary's and

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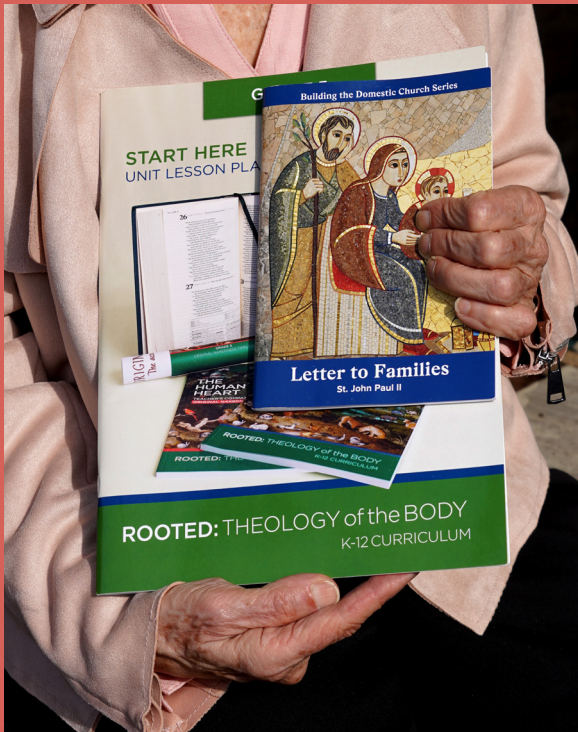


at St. Catherine of Siena parishes also provided assistance. Young adults from the Culture Project made initial presentations and Knights of Columbus councils have supported the work.

There is no cost for the Ethos California services. The work is supported by grants and donations. Joan hopes that Ethos, based on the rich tradition of our Catholic heritage, can help to restore our nation and turn it back to God as it becomes a Culture of Life.

As for a spiritual contributor to her life's work, Joan recalls that the primary positive influence in her life has been a professor and adviser, Father Francis Buckley, SJ. She met him while she was completing a master's degree in religious education at the University of San Francisco. "He was a great encourager for women to form their own unique ministry in light of the teaching of the Documents of Vatican II," Joan said.

Joan takes that to heart. As she continues to build Ethos, she attends conferences and workshops offered annually by Ethos affiliates, including Heartbeat International, National Institute of Family and Life Advocates and International Life Services. †



## MORE INFORMATION

To schedule an Ethos California presentation or conference, or to become involved, contact Joan Batista at [Jbatista@ethosca.org](mailto:Jbatista@ethosca.org) or send a message through the website. Joan is a member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Church in Walnut Creek.



## JOAN BATISTA'S RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

### ✦ <https://RuahWoodsPress.com>

The curriculum is shown and information for obtaining sample lessons is provided.

### ✦ <https://Chastity.com>

Jason Evert, the popular speaker shares his take on dating and marriage and family life.

### ✦ [TOBINstitute.org](https://TOBINstitute.org)

Many online and in-person teachings provided by Christopher West through this "clearing house."

### ✦ [oakdiocese.org](https://oakdiocese.org)

Go to: Ministries & Formation; Marriage & Family; TOB

### ✦ [ethosca.org](https://ethosca.org)


The website for Joan's organization.

### ✦ [Jbatista@ethoscalifornia.org](mailto:Jbatista@ethoscalifornia.org)

Joan's email.

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A photograph of a basketball game in progress. In the foreground, a referee with white hair, wearing a black and white striped shirt and black pants, is seen from the back, gesturing with his right arm. In the background, several young players in red and white uniforms are on the court. A basketball hoop and backboard are visible in the upper right. The background wall is wood-paneled and features a large mural of a religious figure.

# PLAY BALL

**When CYO athletes returned to the court last fall, they came back after missing their 2021 season. Basketball for boys around the diocese and girls on the east side of the East Bay hills had wrapped up their playoffs, as had girls volleyball, just before the pandemic paused CYO activity in March 2020.**

**C**ross-country runners had finished their season in 2020, but track didn't make it to the starting line.

Girls' basketball on the west side of the diocese missed the 2020 and 2021 seasons, as had boys sand volleyball.

But the good news is that team sports have returned to courts renovated, refreshed and made safer thanks to two grants from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation.

The first grant of \$2 million was the largest received by CYO in the Diocese of Oakland. The Valley Foundation's generosity refinished floors and installed safety equipment and new scoreboards in 21 parishes.

## VALLEY FOUNDATION GRANTS PROVIDE SAFETY, PRIDE TO GRATEFUL CYO ATHLETES AROUND THE DIOCESE

BY MICHELE JURICH

*Michele Jurich is editor of The Catholic Voice.*



The second grant brought additional safety equipment to 18 gyms. In one case, a small parish that has no school but an active CYO program received a resurfaced floor including a painted team logo, safety equipment, a scoreboard – and a renewed sense of pride.

CYO Director Bill Ford could sense that right away, walking into a gym at game time.

“You’d think we were the Warriors,” he said of the fans at Corpus Christi. “There was a lot of cheering and excitement. It was nice to see that gym in action.”

He also saw “a lot of pride” among the many fans who cheered their team while wearing masks and meeting all required COVID-19 protocols.

Masks were required for players, coaches and fans alike during the seasons.

“When you actually see kids play in it, you really see the impact,” Bill said. “The Valley Foundation is really, really good to work with. Bill Utic [the volunteer project manager] is a godsend. He coordinated all the details with all the parishes we have involved. It was multiple projects with different needs in every parish.”

The impact of the grant was felt around the diocese.

“As we started doing games again, the impact of both of the grants has really become apparent,” Bill said. “The gyms are in top shape. The kids would be really excited to play anyway, but to walk into the gyms – in some of the gyms, the lighting is better; redoing the floors really brightens up the gym. The pads are there.”

The safety padding on the walls of the gym at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Fremont feature an image of the parish’s saint. The gym, which is located near a school, was once a church. The parish renovated the church at its second location in Fremont.

Some of the parishes had limited gym time this season. “Father Joy [Kumathrussemil, MF] was so helpful. We were playing almost every weekend at Our Lady of Guadalupe.”



**By and large, we’ve tackled all of the items required to make the gymnasiums safe and attractive for the students and families. Anywhere you go in the diocese, we have really nice facilities.”**

St. Leo the Great in Oakland, All Saints in Hayward, Assumption in San Leandro and Holy Spirit in Fremont were among the parishes that made gym time available for games during the season.

Participation was down some in the 2021-22 season, Bill Ford said. CYO usually has 900 teams for the winter sports; this year just under 500 teams took the court. Cross-country, which usually draws 900 runners, had 700 this season.

“We’ve had some games have to be canceled because of Covid,” Bill said. “We had a good reporting system.” A game could be suspended or rescheduled.

“We had to pause play for a couple of weeks at the beginning of January because of Omicron,” Bill said.

Depending on the league, play was paused for a week, or two or three.

“We didn’t do playoffs this year because the leagues were ending at different times. The leagues felt like the priority shouldn’t be the playoffs but to finish the season for all the kids,” Bill said.

Bill Utic, a parishioner at St. Joseph/Mission San José Parish in Fremont, served as the volunteer project manager, coordinating the renovations and additions at more than 20 parishes.

The first grant, he said, included many gym floors and safety pads. Bathrooms were renovated in a few gyms, typically at parishes that did not have the resources to do the work.

Some parishes, such as Christ the King, used some of their own funds on their gym projects.

### GYM UPGRADES IN GRANT 1

All Saints, Hayward; Assumption, San Leandro; Christ the King, Pleasant Hill; Holy Spirit, Fremont; Most Holy Rosary, Antioch; Our Lady of the Rosary, Union City; St. Anthony, Oakland; St. Bede, Hayward; St. Clement, Hayward; St. Cornelius, Richmond; St. Elizabeth, Oakland; St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton; St. Felicitas, San Leandro; St. Francis of Assisi, Concord; St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito; St. John the Baptist, San Lorenzo; St. Joseph, Pinole; St. Leander, San Leandro; St. Leo the Great, Oakland; St. Mary, Walnut Creek; St. Patrick, Oakland.

### GYM UPGRADES IN GRANT 2

All Saints, Hayward; Assumption, San Leandro; Christ the King, Pleasant Hill; Holy Spirit, Fremont; Most Holy Rosary, Antioch; Our Lady of the Rosary, Union City; St. Anthony, Oakland; St. Bede, Hayward; Corpus Christ, Fremont; St. Elizabeth, Oakland; St. Felicitas, San Leandro; St. Francis of Assisi, Concord; St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito; St. Joseph, Pinole, St. Leo the Great, Oakland; St. Mary, Walnut Creek; St. Patrick, Oakland. †



#### Photo captions:

1. The gym at Corpus Christi Parish in Fremont was renovated, much to the delight of players and fans.
2. Christ the King Parish added some of its own funds to renovate the gym at the Pleasant Hill School.
3. The padding on the walls of the gym at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish features the image of the parish’s patron saint.

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### April 2

- 11 a.m. Young Ladies Institute Mass and Reception, St. Patrick, Rodeo

### April 7

- 10 a.m. Priest Personnel Board Meeting
- 1 p.m. Presbyteral Council Meeting

### April 10

- 11 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

### April 12

- 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation for the Presbyterate of the Diocese, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland
- 10 a.m. Chrism Mass, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

### April 14

- 7 p.m. *In Coena Domini* Mass on Holy Thursday, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland, followed by Adoration in the Altar of Repose until 10 p.m.

### April 15

- 3 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

### April 16

- 8 p.m. Easter Vigil, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

### April 17

- 11 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

### April 23

- 9 a.m. Day of Recollection for Pastoral Musicians of the Diocese
- 6 p.m. FACE Gala, Blackhawk Auto Museum, Danville

### April 24

- 11:30 a.m. Celebration of the Rite of the Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Bernard, Oakland
- 5 p.m. Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, St. John Vianney, Walnut Creek

### April 26

- 10:30 a.m. College of Consultors Meeting

### April 27

- 12:10 p.m. Eighth Grade Day Mass, Group 1, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

### April 28

- 12:10 p.m. Eighth Grade Day Mass, Group 2, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland
- 7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Rite of the Sacrament of Confirmation, Holy Spirit /Newman Hall, Berkeley

### April 30

- Noon Men's Conference, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brentwood
- 6 p.m. Gala in Celebration of 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines, San Ramon

**NOTE:** Schedule subject to change. Please see [www.oakdiocese.org/bishop](http://www.oakdiocese.org/bishop) for schedule updates. †



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## FRANCISCAN ORDER TO ASSUME PASTORAL CARE OF OAKLAND PARISH

BURLINGAME AND OAKLAND – Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland, and Father Joseph Seraphin Dederick, OFM Cap, Provincial Minister of the Western America Province of Our Lady of Angels, jointly announce the Capuchins will assume pastoral care of St. Jarlath Parish in Oakland, effective Aug. 1, 2022.

For the first time in the history of the Diocese of Oakland, the Capuchin Franciscans, a religious order of ordained and lay men, will assume pastoral care of a diocesan parish.

The Capuchins are no stranger to the diocese, however. Since the early 1980s, the friars have had a house of studies, St. Conrad Friary, in Berkeley.

Also well-known in the diocese, Capuchin Father Hai Ho will be the new pastor of St. Jarlath. He is the former chaplain for Saint Mary's College of California, in Moraga, and currently is his order's vicar-provincial, director of post-novitiate formation and guardian of St. Conrad Friary. Other members of the order will join him in a new Capuchin community at St. Jarlath. Father Enrique Ballesteros, a diocesan priest who is currently St. Jarlath's pastor, will receive a new assignment.

There are approximately 10,500 Capuchin brothers, both ordained and lay, in the world. The order began in the sixteenth century, when a Franciscan priest, Father Matteo de Bascio, felt called to reform the Franciscans. The group adopted the custom of wearing a hooded robe; Capuchin refers to the nickname for the hood (cappuccino).

The Capuchins arrived in Oregon in 1910, eventually finding their way to California. Today, the Western America Province of Our Lady of Angels has a presence in Berkeley, Burlingame, La Cañada, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Ynez and Solvang, as well as five locations in Mexico. General offices are in Burlingame. †

## ORDEN FRANCISCANA SE ENCARGARÁ DEL CUIDADO PASTORAL DE PARROQUIA DE OAKLAND

BURLINGAME Y OAKLAND – El Obispo Michael C. Barber, SJ, Obispo de Oakland, y el padre Joseph Seraphin Dederick, OFM Cap, Ministro provincial de la Provincia de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles de América Occidental, anuncian conjuntamente que los Capuchinos asumirán el cuidado pastoral de la Parroquia de San Jarlath, en Oakland, a partir del 1 de agosto de 2022.

Por primera vez en la historia de la Diócesis de Oakland, los Franciscanos Capuchinos, una orden religiosa de hombres ordenados y laicos, asumirán el cuidado pastoral de una parroquia diocesana.

Los Capuchinos no son ajenos a la diócesis. Desde principios de la década de 1980, los frailes han tenido la casa de estudios St. Conrad Friary, en Berkeley.

El padre Capuchino Hai Ho, muy conocido en la Diócesis, será el nuevo párroco de St. Jarlath. Es el ex capellán de Saint Mary's College of California, en Moraga, y actualmente es Vicario provincial de su orden, Director de formación postnoviciado y Guardián de St. Conrad Friary. Otros miembros de la orden se unirán a él en una nueva comunidad Capuchina en St. Jarlath. El padre Enrique Ballesteros, un sacerdote diocesano que actualmente es el párroco de St. Jarlath, recibirá una nueva asignación.

En el mundo hay aproximadamente 10.500 hermanos Capuchinos, tanto ordenados como laicos. La orden comenzó en el siglo XVI, cuando un sacerdote Franciscano, el padre Matteo de Bascio, sintió un llamado a reformar a los Franciscanos. El grupo adoptó la costumbre de vestir una túnica con capucha; Capuchino se refiere al apodo de la capucha (cappuccino, en Italiano).

Los Capuchinos llegaron a Oregon en 1910 y eventualmente alcanzaron California. Hoy en día, la Provincia de América Occidental de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles tiene presencia en Berkeley, Burlingame, La Cañada, Los Ángeles, San Francisco, Santa Ynez y Solvang, así como cinco localidades en México. Las oficinas generales de los Capuchinos están en Burlingame. †



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*John 21:15*

He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep'. *John 21:16*

Jesus said to Peter the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep'. *John 21:17*

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