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I had the opportunity to interview three scholars from the second graduating class of De La Salle Cristo Rey East Bay High School, St. Elizabeth Campus. They graciously shared their success stories. One hundred percent of the graduating class received college admission offers. They credit the caring staff of the high school dedicated to serving students from low-income families and its corporate work study program. If you know a student who would benefit from this form of education or you have a job to offer, contact the school and be part of shaping the future. (See Page 20)

St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Berkeley celebrates its centennial with a full year of programs. On July 22, the St. Mary Magdalen Festival begins with a talk on the parish's patron saint. The speaker will be Heather Skinner, who began teaching at the School of the Madeleine in 1977. She serves as vice principal for the school and director of faith formation for the parish. Just imagine all those first communions every May. It would be delightful to see many of her former students at the parish during the festive weekend. (See Page 11)

Writer and poet Patricia Maniatis dropped a gem in my inbox, which I am honored to share with our readers on Page 10.

Michele Jurich, Editor, *The Catholic Voice*

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# Navigating the stormy seas

**ST. PAUL SAYS IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES THAT BEING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS WILL NOT BE EASY. HE PREDICTED SAVAGE WOLVES WILL COME AMONG YOU, AND THEY WILL NOT SPARE THE FLOCK.**



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

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

Jesus uses the example of the Good Shepherd to show what kind of a person a priest and bishop should be. But I also like St. Paul's imagery of the captain of a ship for who Jesus is in the Acts of the Apostles. A few chapters later, in Acts Chapter 27, Paul is aboard a ship in the Mediterranean Sea and the ship is beset with terrible storms, and the sailors were full of fear. They were

throwing overboard all of the cargo, anchors, ropes — everything — in order to make the ship lighter so that they could be saved.

The entrance hymn we sang today in this Mass was the Navy Hymn “Eternal Father.”

When I was aboard a Navy ship going from San Diego to Pearl Harbor, I was brought aboard as a priest to offer Catholic services. We would all be at sea during Holy Week. They predicted rough weather ahead.

The doctor gave each of us, sailors and officers, a shot for the seasickness that would come. We were told at night in our bunks in our racks to brace ourselves and lock ourselves in so as the ship started to go up and down in the waves we would not fall out and get injured.

The worst of the storm came on Friday, which was Good Friday. I was trying to

conduct a Good Friday service in the evening. It was 1800, six o'clock. I was standing in a room; the sailors were all there. I had my little altar set up with the candles and the Blessed Sacrament in a ciborium.

The waves came and they were so strong I went smashing onto the deck. All my candles went on the ground. We grabbed the Blessed Sacrament and we had to conduct the rest of the service all seated and holding onto our chairs, which were bolted to the deck of the ship. So rough were the waves we all thought the ship might capsize. The captain confined everyone to being inside the skin of the ship. As the ship went up and down, any one wave could have flipped us over.

Paul was in the same situation. He encouraged the sailors. St. Paul said this to them: An angel of the Lord stood

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beside me and said, “Do not be afraid.” Some of the sailors of Paul’s ship wanted to abandon ship. They started to put down a lifeboat to escape

St. Paul said to them: No.

Unless you remain with the ship, you cannot be saved.

The ship is the Catholic Church, the Barque of St. Peter, and it takes a whole crew to man the ship. Christ is the captain and we are the sailors and the crewmembers there, and our mission is to save people who are lost bobbing around the sea where they are at the peril of sharks or drowning.

All who come aboard the ship will be saved.

Each of us has a role in that; on a Navy ship, the cook is just as important as the navigator, as the people in the engine room keeping the engines going, as the guys keeping lookouts, as those doing the medical. Everybody’s role is absolutely important and crucial because no one can pilot a ship all by himself.

On our journey from San Diego to Pearl Harbor, we had the worst of the storm on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday morning, the storm was gone. The clouds were gone. We woke up; the sea was perfectly at rest and so peaceful we had Easter Sunday

Mass outside on the deck with the sun coming up and warm breezes coming because we were so near to Pearl Harbor.

There are storms at sea. It is rough with the waves, but after Good Friday is Easter Sunday. After a storm, there is fair winds and following seas.

Last week, I was at a conference of bishops in Europe; we were 120 bishops from 138 countries. At the end, they invited four bishops from four continents to get up and say what are you dealing with and what can we support you with and how do we pray for you.

The bishop from Nigeria got up and said I have to travel with attack dogs and an armed escort because of Islamic militants that are willing to shoot me and shoot any Catholic priest or nun that they can see.

The archbishop from Pakistan got up and said a terrorist got into a Catholic school and was shooting indiscriminately at the children.

The bishop from Guatemala got up and said we’ve had a civil war in our country for 40 years and only now are we having some peace and we hope to have a future.

And we think we may have difficulties here. We do. But in the context of the global Church, Christ is in charge. He’s the captain.

He’s taking care of us. He’s taken care of us in the past. He’s taking care of us now.

One last thing: The old

sailing ships from Catholic countries — Spain, Italy, France and even England until the 16th century — when they built those ships and they laid the main mast, right at the bottom of the mast where it would rest at the bottom of the ship, they put a Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary there to be the foundation of that mast. That ship, as long as the mast stood, could raise their sails and they would make progress; if the mast ever was snapped or destroyed by a cannon, they’d be dead. The Blessed Virgin Mary was the foundation of life aboard that ship and its success.

Mary Mother of God, Mary Mother of the Church, Mary Queen of the World is the foundation of our diocese, of our Church and our life. She is the patroness of our diocese and as long as she is there, everything is going to be all right.

Our Lady Queen of the World, pray for us. ●

*The column is from Bishop Barber’s homily on May 25, 2023, the 10th anniversary of his episcopal ordination and installation as Bishop of Oakland.*

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ celebrated Mass on April 23 at the merged Christ the King - St. Stephen Parish.

The process that resulted in the merger began four years ago.

# Mission Alignment Process

## PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION REPORT



**I**t has been more than two years since the Bishop of Oakland, Michael C. Barber, S.J., called for the formulation of a task force to assess how to meet the challenges of declining Mass attendance and underutilized parish facilities in our diocese. These challenges are not unique to the Diocese of Oakland. Dioceses throughout the United States are impacted with similar challenges.<sup>1</sup>



The priests of the diocese were asked to recommend candidates to contribute to this task force, and in March 2021 this task force was introduced as the Mission Alignment Process (MAP) Commission. The Commission was composed of 15 members representing laity and clergy of the diocese. The composition of the MAP Commission is contained on Page 7.

The Commission commenced meeting in April 2021 to evaluate and guide the parishes of the diocese in a process of self-reflection and renewal.

Data from our parishes, parishioners, schools, priests and diocesan demographics were analyzed, and a presentation was developed for presentation to the presbyterate of the diocese. This data included facts about parish-by-parish Mass attendance, the historical decline in priests serving in parish ministry and projections of a decline in the number of future priests under 70 years old for parish ministry. Over a period of 14 months, a series of additional meetings with clergy and parish and school lay leadership at the region and deanery level were held. Input was sought for dealing with these challenges and to increase our focus on Bishop Barber's three priorities for the parishes. See Page 7 for an explanation of these priorities.

In September 2022, an interim report was produced by

MAP co-chairs, Very Reverend Lawrence D'Anjou, Vicar General and Mr. Rick Medeiros, chancellor to the diocese. This report contains the information provided at the region and deanery meetings and the feedback received.

In November 2022, Bishop Barber arranged 14 additional meetings of the priests assigned to each deanery to discuss feedback from the region and deanery consultative meetings and to deliberate on a path forward for each deanery. This path forward included the consideration of clustering, merging or closing of parishes. See Page 6 for an explanation of these terms. These meetings began with an extended time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord assures His Church, "I am with you always." (Mt 28:20)

<sup>1</sup><https://angelusnews.com/news/nation/pew-mass-attendance/>



### Recent Developments

On May 8, 2023 Bishop Barber announced that, as there are over 300 potential lawsuits against the Diocese of Oakland brought about by passage of California Assembly Bill 218, the diocese is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Though MAP did not anticipate this eventuality, the work done through MAP will be useful as the courts assess how the Diocese can restructure and constitute a source of funds for settlements of cases.

Aware that the Chapter 11 process will affect how MAP is implemented, it has been decided that a phased approach to MAP implementation is best. The report contains recommendations for MAP Phase 1 implementation. These are expected to begin in the second half of 2023.

### Moving Forward

Bishop Barber recognizes that these changes will be a challenge. But we have a track record of successful parish clusters, mergers and

closures that we have learned from and will improve upon. The diocese intends to take the greatest care to help ensure that every Catholic is assisted as best as possible in each parish transition so that each parish may become an even more vibrant and faith-filled Catholic community. The diocese is assembling resources to assist parishes as they transition.

On the topic of “Healing the World” at a general audience in September 2020, Pope Francis said, “Everyone must be listened to. Everyone — those on the top, those on the bottom. True change comes about with everyone, all the people,” who make up a community.

From the beginning, our Mission Alignment Process has been about engaging our clergy and the people of our parishes and schools in a process of self-reflection and renewal. With God’s help and with the resilience of our common faith, we press on to bring our hopes for parish renewal and revitalization to fruition.

## DEFINITION OF TERMS RELATED TO MAP IMPLEMENTATION

**Cluster:** Two or more parishes remain separate and retain their names but share one or more priests and one administration.

**Merger:** Two or more parishes are combined to form one new parish while consolidating membership, property and finances.

**Closure:** Church and other buildings sold, rented or used for other purposes. Parishioners are assisted to attend a neighboring parish.

**Inter-Parish Association:** In this situation, two or more parishes remain separate and retain their names. Leadership of the parishes work together to serve the pastoral needs of the Association.



Merger effective April 23, 2023

## MAP PHASE 1 RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Merger of Christ the King – St. Stephen Parish
- Merger of St. Barnabas under St. Joseph, Alameda
- Merger of St. Benedict under Divine Mercy
- Cluster of Our Lady of Lourdes under Corpus Christi, Piedmont
- Cluster of St. Ambrose under St. Joseph the Worker
- Cluster of St. Leo the Great under the Cathedral of Christ the Light
- Cluster of Transfiguration under Our Lady of Grace
- Cluster of St. Mary Walnut Creek under St. John Vianney
- Cluster of St. Patrick Oakland under the Cathedral of Christ the Light
- Inter-Parish Association of St. Joseph the Worker and St. Augustine, Oakland

### Compiled by:

- Very Rev. Lawrence D’Anjou, Vicar General, Diocese of Oakland
- Mr. Rick Medeiros, Chancellor, Diocese of Oakland

## Bishop Michael C. Barber's Three Parish Priorities

- 1 **We need greater attention to be paid to the Sunday Mass and everything associated with it:** an intelligent and inspirational homily, sacred music that communicates the presence of God, friendly and warm hospitality. We do the “horizontal church” well, and that is important — but what about the “vertical” dimension of worship? Celebration of the Sunday liturgy should be a personal and communal encounter with Jesus Christ. Pope Francis said that every Mass should be like the experience Peter, James and John had at the Transfiguration. They were so overwhelmed at the beauty, mystery and transcendence of Jesus, they exclaimed, “It is good for us to be here!” How many of our parishioners can say that on Sunday?
- 2 **We need to continue to emphasize the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.** The “Year of Mercy” has been a big success in our diocese, from people coming back to Confession to be reconciled with God after many years, to students and young people who have discovered the joy of helping the poor and destitute. The Catholic Church is always having a “Year of Mercy.” It is what we are and what we do.
- 3 **We need to form our people as Missionary Disciples.** It is not enough just to practice our faith on our own. We need to spread our faith. We do that by sharing it — by communicating the joy and consolation we have received from Jesus with others. How can we practice Pope Francis’ call for engagement with social justice? How can we grow in our spiritual life?

PHOTOS OF THE APRIL 23 MASS AT CHRIST THE KING-ST. STEPHEN PARISH BY CHUCK DECKERT

## COMPOSITION OF MISSION ALIGNMENT PROCESS (MAP) COMMISSION

- Father Brandon Macadaeg, Cathedral of Christ the Light rector/Amazing Parish Initiative
- Mary Fair, Diocesan Planning Board/Catholic Charities, St. Charles Livermore
- Father Anthony Huong Le, pastor, St. Joseph Fremont/Amazing Parish Initiative
- Jocelyn Pierre-Antoine, Diocesan Catholic Schools representative
- Father Jimmy Macalinao, diocesan director of Faith Formation & Evangelization
- Amanda Wehrman, parish council chair, Newman Hall, Holy Spirit Berkeley
- Father Jayson Landeza, pastor, St. Benedict Oakland
- Cristina Torres, lay minister, Our Lady of the Rosary, Union City
- Father Mark Ruiz, Boston Archdiocese Cluster Parish model
- Father Leo Edgerly, Diocesan Presbyteral Council vice-chair
- Eric Hom, business manager, St. Michael Livermore
- Father Lawrence D’Anjou, vicar general (co-chair)
- Rick Medeiros, director, Order of Malta Oakland Diocese, St. Isidore parish (co-chair)
- Steve Wilcox, chancellor (retired August 2021. Replaced by Rick Medeiros, new chancellor)
- Paul Bongiovanni, CFO, Diocese of Oakland ●



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Good Shepherd, Pittsburg  
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St. Joseph, Fremont  
5:30 p.m. – English

St. Jarlath, Oakland  
5 p.m. – English

## July 22

St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg  
7 p.m. – Spanish

St. Joseph the Worker, Berkeley  
7 p.m. – Spanish

St. Felicitas, San Leandro  
4 p.m. – English

## August 5

St. Mark, Richmond  
7 p.m. – Spanish

St. Bede, Hayward  
6:30 p.m. – Spanish

Holy Spirit, Fremont  
5 p.m. – English

St. Joachim, Hayward  
4:30 p.m. – English

## August 19

St. Perpetua, Lafayette  
5 p.m. – English

St. Bonaventure, Concord  
5 p.m. – English

St. Joseph, Pinole  
6 p.m. – Spanish

## September 2

St. Anthony, Oakland  
7:30 p.m. – Vietnamese

St. Catherine, Martinez  
4:30 p.m. – English

St. Francis, Concord  
5:30 p.m. – English

St. Callistus, El Sobrante  
5:30 p.m. – English

All Saints, Hayward  
7 p.m. – English

Our Lady Queen of the World, Bay Point  
5 p.m. – English

Our Lady Queen of the World, Bay Point  
7 p.m. – Spanish

St. Leo the Great, Oakland  
5 p.m. – English

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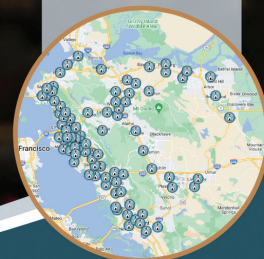
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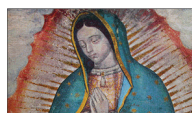
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# HOLINESS IS WHOLENESS

BY PATRICIA MANIATIS

**“H**oliness is wholeness.” I read that line in my early thirties and stuffed it in my pocket. I liked the succinctness. It was a quote I could remember, although maybe not mature enough, nor quiet enough (my life replete with a houseful of children) to fully comprehend.

Now, in my eighties, my memory has weathered better than the vessel that holds it. Some days are much too quiet. There is no question about my maturity. I consider myself a bit wiser for the wear and tear of years. Steadfast on my journey.

Holiness is a journey; the journey home. I don’t need a crystal ball or the mirror on the wall to tell me I am getting closer. And I have come to realize as I navigate these senior years that the closer I get to the Gate, the less baggage I need.

I am not growing old gracefully. Rather, reluctantly accepting the inevitable. But it is by grace that I am still here — firm in my faith that this grace will suffice.

A good and faith-filled friend gifted me with a book recently and I tucked these lines from Frederick Buechner’s *Beyond Words* in my memory: “Faith is not being sure where you’re going, but going anyway. A journey without maps.”

Unfortunately, old age and holiness are not synonymous. But we can turn this stage into an opportunity. As we lose both the mobility and energy we once enjoyed, and are freed from the many responsibilities, we are left with a bucket of time. Albeit our “bucket list” is brief. Mary Oliver describes it best, in her poem *The Gift*:

Be still, my soul, and steadfast.  
Earth and heaven both are still watching  
though time is draining from the clock  
and your walk, that was confident and quick,  
has become slow.

So, be slow if you must, but let  
the heart still play its true part.  
Love still as once you loved, deeply  
and without patience. Let God and the world  
know you are grateful.  
That the gift has been given.

**“Because we can  
no longer rush  
through the day,  
we can savor  
the mundane  
miracles that  
greet us each  
morning.”**

Growing older gracefully requires counting your blessings over and over; not grieving what you can no longer do but finding joy in what you still can.

I was becoming frustrated and depressed that not only were my morning walks becoming slower and shorter — I had to keep stopping. Pausing. But it was in the pausing that “the gift had been given.” My sense of awe and wonder was awakened by the wispy pink wildflowers, the delicate silver horns on the snail, the speckled limed-lichen on a rock, which I had never noticed. Because we can no longer rush through the day, we can savor the mundane miracles that greet us each morning. Multitasking is no longer a necessity or even a possibility.

In my younger years, I identified with Martha, the sister of Mary and Lazaraus. I would have offered Jesus a quick hug, a cup of wine and then dashed back to the kitchen and busy myself with the tasks of hostess — while giving my sister Mary an exasperated eye as she sat, seemingly idle, listening to Jesus.

Perhaps that is the greatest gift of these slower years. I now have plenty of time to just sit with Jesus. He is still teaching. I am still learning. He is with me on my journey. ●

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## CENTENNIAL

# At its centennial, St. Mary Magdalen looks toward its patron

BY MICHELE JURICH, EDITOR, *THE CATHOLIC VOICE*

the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Barbara Gamba.

One of the hallmark events is the Mary Magdalen Festival. Typically there is a talk on Saturday and a Mass on Sunday.

This year, Heather Skinner, whose teaching career at the School of the Madeleine began in 1977, will present a talk on the parish's patron saint on Saturday.

It would be lovely to see the pews filled with her students from over the years. Principal Joseph Nagel was a third-grader in Mrs. Skinner's classroom.

When the school was undergoing an accreditation process, Associate Superintendent Jocelyn Pierre-Antoine encouraged the staff to look to their patron.

As a Dominican parish for 95 percent of its 100 years, there had been emphasis on St. Dominic. But the patron is St. Mary Magdalen.

The parish also has the only stained glass windows designed by iconic Berkeley artist David Lance Goines.

The images are, left to right, St. Mary Magdalen, Jesus and St. Dominic.

At noon on Sunday, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ will celebrate Mass.

## ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL WITH A YEAR OF MASSES, CONCERTS, TALKS, SCHOLARSHIP AND DINING.

**T**he Scouts have been interviewing the parish elders to augment a lovely history written for

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

#### July 22 (10 a.m.)

Mary Magdalen Festival

Heather Skinner, a talk on our patron, St. Mary Magdalen

#### July 23 (Noon)

Mary Magdalen Centennial Mass, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, presider

#### Aug. 5-15

Centennial Alaska Cruise, Ruby Princess

#### Sept. 10

Parish-School Picnic Live Oak Park, Berkeley

#### Sept. 30

International Dinner, Parish Hall

#### Nov. 4 (morning)

Academic Lecture

#### Dec. 2

Christmas Tea, Parish Hall

#### Dec. 9

Japanese-American Experience, Part II, Parish Hall

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# ‘You, Father Binh, have the quality of gentleness, the quality of comfort.’

## HOA BINH HA IS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

BY MICHELE JURICH | PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

**A**s the procession of servers, seminarians, deacons and priests made its way from the back of the Cathedral of Christ the Light to the altar at the Mass at which Hoa Binh Ha would make the promises and receive the sacrament that would make him a priest of God forever, there were eight smiling faces who may have been unfamiliar to most, but who knew the soon-to-be priest very well.

Seven had studied together at the Pope St. John XIII National Seminary near Boston. Msgr. Robert Oliver, BH represented the seminary. Its program is centered on formation to the priesthood for men over the age of 30.

Father Binh’s classmates had been ordained to the priesthood a year ago and are serving in parishes mostly on the East Coast. But here they were, on May 27, 2023, celebrating with the classmate who, for four years, brought them together.

“Binh took care of us,” said Father Jim O’Rourke of the Diocese of Albany, New York. “He was the ultimate servant: first to volunteer, first to gather us together. He led by serving. He led by doing. A true servant leader.”

A servant leader, it turned out, with a camera. “Binh had

a dream: He wanted our class to have a yearbook,” said Father Jerry Kleponis, who serves in the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

While classes had yearbooks in the past, they had not in recent years. But the seminarian from the Diocese of Oakland had other ideas.

“He loved our class. He wanted us to remember each other,” Father Kleponis said. “It happened. It’s a simple book. We called it ‘Binh’s Yearbook.’”

All year, as he took pictures, he would tell classmates, “it’s for the yearbook,” Father Kleponis said.

Their class started with nine members — some left, some arrived. By graduation, there were 14.

That kindness was noticed in Boston, and beyond.

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ took note of it in his homily.

“At the U.S Naval Hospital in Spain, a brand new Catholic priest chaplain was assigned. He flew in from the United States on a Saturday, got in late, went to bed. In the middle of the night, he got an emergency call from the hospital: Come quickly; someone’s dying. He got up, got dressed, went to the emergency room. A family was gathered around the bed





1. Hoa Binh Ha answers the call to ordination.

2. As the Litany of Saints is sung, he lies before the altar.

3. He kneels before Bishop Barber during the rite.

of a dying patient and when they saw him come into the room they said, ‘Thank God, the priest is here.’

“They had never met him, they did not know his name, they had never seen him before. It was who he represented — Jesus Christ — had come into the room to comfort that dying person and their family.

“That being said, each and every human being is unique, we’re all created by God and we’re all our own person. We don’t need carbon copies of each other. We should all be ourselves and so it is each priest brings his own unique God-given qualities to the

gift of the priesthood and to his ministry.

“... You, Father Binh, have the quality of gentleness, the quality of comfort.”

Recalling the Advent hymn *Comfort Comfort Ye My People* Bishop Barber said, “That hymn and the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ. It’s why we sing it at Christmas, but the good news, the Comfort

didn’t stop there. Isaiah’s prophecy was fulfilled not only in the birth of Jesus but in his death on the cross, his resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

“... Jesus of course was the embodiment of comfort of tender love and mercy, and through his teaching Jesus told us that his Father was like that. That was why Jesus had so many parables of

comfort love and mercy.”

He recalled a scene from the television show *The Chosen* about the life of Christ.

“There is one scene implanted in my mind forever:

“A leper is walking around dressed in rags and he had to ring a bell and yell out, ‘Lep-er, leper’ and all the people ran away and would sneer at him, and they grabbed their children for protection.

“The leper was a total out-cast. Anything a leper touched became unclean. He was the least loved in the whole society; he was barely recognized as a human being; he could not go to the temple; he was



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not only disconnected from society but from the god of Israel.

“... What does Jesus do? Instead of running away, Jesus ran to him, embraced him tightly and kissed him.

“Father Binh, moved by the example of Jesus the Good Shepherd, inspired by the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord and soon to be filled with the gift and power of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Holy Orders, I ask you in your lifetime of priestly ministry, please go and do likewise.”

Hoa Binh Ha — his name means “peace” — was born in 1975, a month after the fall of Saigon. During the Mass, Bishop Barber thanked his family for raising their son in the Catholic faith. He welcomed family members who were in the cathedral, as well as those in

Vietnam who were watching the livestream.

Diocesan priests, from one ordained 364 days to one ordained 60 years, also participated in the Mass, offering a warm welcome to the new priest, who will serve as parochial vicar at Holy Spirit Parish in Fremont.

People that Father Binh had come to know at St. Anthony-Mary Help of Christians in Oakland, which he joined when he arrived in the United States; St. Raymond in San Ramon, where he served as a seminarian; and St. Isidore in Danville, where he had served as a transitional deacon since December filled the pews at the cathedral and formed a long line to wait patiently to

receive blessings after Mass.

But the first blessing of the afternoon went to the bishop of Oakland, who before leaving the cathedral, removed his mitre, knelt on the concrete top step of the altar and bowed his head. The new priest, ordained to comfort, placed his hands over his shepherd’s head.

“Highly intelligent,” Father Mike Elias of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida, said of his classmate. “Humility, whether in choir or prayer. Service. He loves to help.”

“Binh used to remember everybody’s birthdays,” said Father Bert Proulx of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Father Jim DiVasto, of the Class of 2023, was ordained

by the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, a week before Father Binh.

“I can’t say enough of his perseverance and gentleness,” he said. “He’s a very gentle soul.”

He offered an example of that perseverance: “I was in Spanish class with him, level one. I thought that for the Diocese of Oakland, this is a requirement. I couldn’t fathom how difficult it was.

“It was not a requirement.”

Class president Father Jim Boulette, of the Archdiocese of Worcester, said the fellow seminarians recognized the gifts of the man who was their peacemaker as well as event coordinator.

“From the time we got there, we knew he had the heart of a priest.” ●

Michele Jurich is editor of *The Catholic Voice*.



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1. The new Father Hoa Binh receives his new vestments from his brother priests.
2. The priests in attendance offer a sign of peace to the new priest.
3. The new priest takes his place at the altar.
4. Father Hoa Binh Ha joins Bishop Barber at the altar.
5. At the conclusion of Mass, Bishop Barber kneels before the new priest to receive the first blessing.



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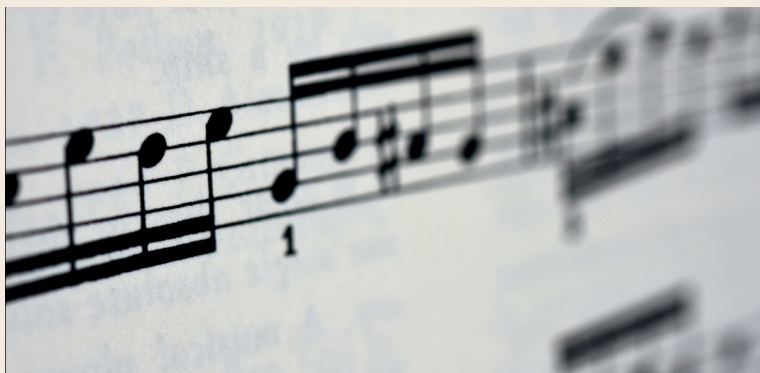
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**VIVIAN ZELAYA STANDS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE AND AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE IMPRISONMENT OF CHILDREN AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.**

BY MICHELE JURICH

Her convictions have taken her to Good Friday at the gates of the Lawrence Livermore Lab; to the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Ga.; and to Israel, among other places.

She has been arrested seven times, but she has never served time in jail.

Sometimes people speak harshly to her.

She has learned to get over the insults. Quickly.

Everything Vivian Zelaya does is rooted in her faith.

"My faith is simple," she said, as we sat on a bench in Berkeley's Live Oak Park.

"I go to Mass; I say the rosary every day. I read a little bit, not as much as I should. I don't do anything special or intellectual. It's just there. I do talk to the Good Lord."

That faith is deeply rooted in her growing up in her family.

"My mother was a woman of great faith," she said, "but my father was a saint. He was not a Catholic; he converted later on.

"I think one of the things that helped me a lot: When I was a teenager. I worked at the bookstore at Old Mission Santa Barbara," she said. "In those days, there were a lot of books about the lives of saints."

Those books made quite an impression on her after hours.



"I read them all. Instead of doing chemistry homework, I was in bed reading the lives of the saints."

Her longtime career as an educator has helped shape her worldview. She began teaching at Mission Dolores School in San Francisco. After that, she spent 35 years as a third-grade teacher at a public school in Antioch.

"I loved it," she said.

The wisdom of the third-grade teacher has come into play in her activism.

Take the name-calling, for example.

When she was teaching, a student complained to her of a classmate, "He called me a pig."

Her response: "If he called you a pig, does that make you a pig?"

"You have to remember, it's his problem, not yours."

What happens when she is called names?

"The first time someone called me a communist, it hurt my feelings," she said. "For a minute."

She has drawn criticism for her support of Palestinian rights.

“They showed a big apartment building where multiple families live,” Vivian recalled. “A little boy was watching the demolition of a building,

“I retired in May. Her parents spoke at the Unitarian Church. I went over and heard

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Pax Christi Northern California honored Vivian at its



assembly last fall. Vivian and Mario are familiar figures at Newman Hall/Holy Spirit, Parish, where the Pax Christi group gathered last fall, as well as at St. Mary Magdalen and St. Joseph the Worker, where they worked closely with the late Father Bill O'Donnell.

"Mario's my answer to my prayers," she said. "I prayed for a good husband."

And that's how she met Mario.

"I had gotten involved in Amnesty International, signed up to go to the El Salvador meeting," she said. She usually went with her cousin.

"She and I would have dinner. 'I have friends at work very interested in this,' her cousin told her.

"She called me and said, 'Can I bring a couple of friends from work interested in this?'

"Mario showed up," Vivian said.

"We found we were both going on the same march for immigrant rights the weekend afterward," she said. "We both went on the same march.

"We got married six weeks later."

The evening of the wedding, they went to a SPRED meeting. She has been involved in the special religious education ministry since the 1980s.

"The first SPRED Mass I went to was at St. Francis de Sales. There was a woman with developmental disabilities. She would start to talk

and sound very authoritative.

"She was supposed to bring up the gifts. She gave him the gifts, put her hands around his neck and hugged him."

Bishop John Cummins, in receiving the gifts, told her, "It's my turn now," Vivian recalled.

"Bishop Cummins was wonderful for SPRED," she said.

Vivian is beyond pleased to see SPRED returning to action in her parish.

"I love SPRED," she said. "we were just able to revive it. Thanks to Covid, we didn't have SPRED for almost two years. People get sick, they die, have to take care of sick relatives. We got three new SPRED volunteers.

We just restarted."

When did she learn that she could be the difference of the world?

"I think of it as more of a responsibility, that we'll be effective. It's important they that you do it," she said.

She spoke of Osha Neumann, who worked with unhoused people in Berkeley. "You just put your feet on the floor and why you do it? Because it's the right thing to do."

"I never worried about results," Vivian said. "I just tried to do the right thing What we're supposed to do."

"I never worried about seeing results because results are not in my hands," she said. "I make sure I just tell the truth. The truth will make you free."

Vivian uses her time wisely.

"My sister died at 85; my mother died at 85 1/2," Vivian said. "I'd better get ready, just in case." ●



## FROM THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PAX CHRISTI REPORT:

The highlight of the event was the presentation of our Tom Webb Peacemaker of the Year award to Vivian Zelaya, a local Catholic peace activist. She has dedicated her life to the support of Palestinian rights, nuclear disarmament, the prevention violence in Latin America, and many other efforts for peace in this country and abroad. After receiving the award, she shared with the group some of her experiences working for these causes, even at personal risk to her own safety. Others who know her spoke of how much they admire her for all of her social justice work. For Information: [paxchristinorcal.org](http://paxchristinorcal.org)

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# In Memoriam

## Sister Karolina Hohmann, OP

Sister Karolina Hohmann was born in Ulmbach, Germany on March 23, 1938. She entered with the Dominican Sisters of Oakford in Neustadt am Main in 1959.

She trained as a nurse and worked as a surgical nurse for 10 years at the Mariankrankenhaus in Floersheim.

When the Oakford Sisters responded to the call of the Church in Latin America in 1974, Sister Karolina was one of four founding Sisters sent to the Province of Misiones in Argentina. She ministered there for 30 years among the poor.

She came to the United States in 2004, when the mission was closed, and worked in pastoral ministry in La Quinta, San Leandro and Sunnyvale, California. She became a U.S. citizen in 2011.

She enjoyed gardening and singing; she also gave herself in jail ministry and restorative justice. She came to St. Martin's Care Center at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose in 2018. She died on April 11, 2023, after an extended illness.



## Sister Mary Stephen Sartoris, OP

Sister Mary Stephen Sartoris, OP died at the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse in Mission San Jose, on May 21, 2023. She was 98 years old and in the 77th year of her religious profession.

Born on April 21, 1925, in Rockville, Colorado, Sister Mary Stephen was the daughter of John A. Sartoris and Josephine Zontine Sartoris and the younger sister of John (Buster).

When she was ready for the third grade, her family moved from Cypress, California, to Los Angeles where she met the Dominican Sisters at Sacred Heart Elementary School and Sacred Heart High School. In 1943, she entered the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose and made her first profession of vows in 1945.

In her Dominican community, Sister Mary Stephen may have set a record for her commitment to Catholic education. Over a span of 72 years, she taught first grade for 40 years followed by 32 years of service as an instructional aide. At her alma mater, Sacred Heart Elementary School, Sister Mary Stephen taught for 9 years and served as an instructional aide for 18 years. In Los Angeles, she also taught at St. Ignatius School and Santa Teresita School. As a young sister she taught at St. Boniface School, Anaheim. In Portland, Oregon, she taught at Immaculate Heart School, St. Therese School, St. Joseph School and St. Anne School.

A love for children, especially little ones in first grade and kindergarten, was the heartbeat of Sister Mary Stephen's years of ministry. In her retirement she found joy volunteering part-time in the kindergarten of her alma mater, Sacred Heart School. Her outgoing spirit together with her ready laughter and warm smile brought delight to her family, friends and her community.

The Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Stephen was held on May 24 at the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse Chapel, Mission San Jose. Interment followed at God's Acre, the sisters' cemetery at the Motherhouse. ●



## CALENDAR

### FAREWELL MASS | MISA DE DESPEDIDA

Sunday, July 2 at 9 a.m. and noon there will be a special bilingual Mass at St. Elizabeth Church to bid farewell to the Franciscan friars and give thanks to the Franciscans for their 132 years of service to the parish. The friars will continue to serve the parish through the month of July.

### GOLF SUPPORTS SVDP OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Swing For Charity, a beautiful day of golf, friendship and charitable support, begins at 9 a.m. July 24 at the Blackhawk Country Club, Lakeside Course in Danville. The Knights of Columbus-Council 9206, St. Joan of Arc, San Ramon, and St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County are hosting the event. Proceeds will benefit the RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul, for the uninsured. Register to golf at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/16th-annual-knights-of-columbus-charity-golf-tournament-tickets-268506739887](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/16th-annual-knights-of-columbus-charity-golf-tournament-tickets-268506739887)

### COUNTRY HOEDOWN & OLD-TIME ROCK 'N' ROLL

Coming to St. John Church, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd., San Lorenzo on July 8. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with no host saloon. Food catered from Texas Roadhouse will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and families are welcome! There will be a door prize as well as big bag raffle and dancing. For reservations/tickets call Pat at 510-278-4161. Please note: no high heels on gym floor.

### MAY CROWNING

On May 5, the students of St. David of Wales School in Richmond participated in one of the lovely rituals in the month of May: the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Before Mass began, kindergartners and first-graders, dressed in their Sunday best, carried flowers to the statue at the back of the church. As the school leaders for this Mass, they read and sang. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ celebrated Mass with families, parishioners and leaders of the Department of Catholic Schools filling the pews. In his homily, Bishop Barber reminded the students that they have two mothers: their Mom and the mother of Jesus.



# CRISTO REY DE LA SALLE: OFF TO COLLEGE

INTERVIEWS EDITED BY  
MICHELE JURICH, EDITOR,  
THE CATHOLIC VOICE

## Michelle Lopez-Martinez – Stanford

### How she got to Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School:

I transferred in my sophomore year. I like to be academically challenged. I was not getting challenged enough.

I came to visit Cristo Rey. I honestly fell in love. The thing that captured my eye was that they had an internship program with the district attorney's office. My dream is to become a lawyer. I get to see what life could possibly look like in the future, if that is something that I really aspire to be doing in my life. The teachers ... you can tell when they actually care about you.

I was born in Oakland. As a toddler, my mom took me and my two sisters into Mexico. I went to first grade and entered second grade there. My transition was a rough beginning.

### Why Stanford:

From a very early age, Stanford was always my dream. TV showed all the successful people who went there that didn't look like me.

Going to Stanford opens a lot of opportunity to me.

### Interest in law grows from Corporate Work Study:

I was placed in a domestic violence and sexual assault unit listening to all the cases and

learning how to help. El Otro Lado [a program of Lasallian formation that some Cristo Rey students attended this spring in Nogales] showed that in an immigrant's journey there is a lot of sexual abuse and sexual assault.

### To a prospective CRDL student:

I say to definitely come. Cristo Rey has a lot of teachers who really care about you. Cristo Rey prepares you not just academically but character-wise, makes sure you are well rounded, makes sure you understand your own history and the history that's happening right now.

### Admit Weekend at Stanford:

I was honestly so excited. I was really happy. I was a little worried. I pictured Stanford as being a predominantly white institution, and I didn't believe I would meet many people I could relate with. I am a first-generation college student as well. My mom's an immigrant. I was pretty nervous about that. Twenty percent of the student body at Stanford is first-generation. When I got there, I was instantly met with a lot of resources. I made friends in the first 15 minutes of getting there.

## Mario Rodriguez – UCLA, Gates Scholar

### About The Gates Scholarship:

The person who told me about it is my counselor, Ms. Mederos [college counselor Jessica Mederos]. It's such a long process. First phase, submit your GPAs and extracurriculars. Phase 2 was writing five essays. After we sent the essays in, finalists were picked to be interviewed. I interviewed with a retired English teacher.

### Choosing UCLA:

I went to Bruin Day a few weeks ago. I never imagined I would go to UCLA. I applied to small schools like the Claremont schools, with 1,000 total, to the big University of California campuses like Berkeley and UCLA.

When I went to UCLA, it felt special. I felt called to it. Cristo Rey is a pretty small school. At UCLA, I saw people of all different backgrounds. I loved the diversity. In a school that has a lot of students, you build your leadership skills.

### What called you to Cristo Rey:

Going into high school, I knew was looking for one thing: Get those internship opportunities. Many schools have limited opportunities. Hearing how every single student gets an internship in a college prep school. None of my family members have been to college. The college experience was something brand new. Guidance from teachers and from people who wanted me to succeed. At Cristo Rey, their goal is not just to get you to college; their goal is to make you graduate from college.

I went Edna Brewer Middle School. My middle school counselor was helping me to apply to another private school. I have a twin brother. She knew we wanted internship opportunities. We came to visit. Ever since the first time we visited, the staff treated us like we're family.

# 100%

One hundred percent of the 64 members of the Class of 2023, the second to graduate from De La Salle Cristo Rey East Bay High School, St. Elizabeth Campus in Oakland, have received admission to college. The Class of 2023 has received \$6.5 million in scholarships to ensure that goal of college graduation. RDLS is a diverse, Lasallian Catholic learning community that educates young people of limited economic means to become men and women of faith, purpose and service. Through the Corporate Work Study Program, the students earn a portion of their tuition as well as gain valuable business experience and an introduction to possible career paths. Visit [cristoreydelasalle.org](http://cristoreydelasalle.org) for information.



Michelle Lopez-Martinez



Mario Rodriguez



Silvana Gonzalez

### And your brother:

He came as a freshman. He's also joining me at UCLA.

### About the internships:

Coming into high school for the longest time, I thought I wanted to go into the vet field. Internships at Webcor changed that.

It was a nerve-racking experience as a fresh ninth-grader going into the workforce of adults, doing the same work as adults. I had to send out contracts to subcontractors; so many documents to sign. These tasks motivated me to learn more and more. I looked forward to going to work every Wednesday. They offered me an internship during the summer. My senior year I worked on a database. All these tasks drew me to major in business economics. I like the feeling of working in a big company. Everyone has their specific task and if you want to learn more, there are always opportunities to learn more.

I worked for Webcor all four years.

### During the pandemic:

They gave me a laptop and told me to work remote.

### College counselor Ms. Mederos:

When I was working on my essays, I was in her office every single day after school. She was always there and willing to help me prepare for interviews.

## Silvana Gonzalez – Columbia

### Choosing a university:

I applied to Colombia. I knew I would regret it if I didn't.

My dream school was Barnard but I wouldn't get the financial aid I would need.

I got a letter of likely admission from Columbia.

I chose among UPenn, Berkeley and Columbia.

### She'll study:

I want to study cognitive science. It has everything I like. The part of philosophy I adore is learning about life; I like that cognitive science includes philosophy, psychology and computer science.

### Corporate Work Study:

The first year, I worked at Saint Mary's College in Moraga. I was in the Mission and Ministry Center. I was the person who prepared the Mass programs. I designed it and folded 400 papers every week. My co-workers are nice.

I'm from Cancun, Mexico. I emigrated when I was 8. I had to go back to Mexico for a whole year because my passport was expired, and the office wasn't open because of Covid. I was stuck there a whole year. I did

Excel courses my whole sophomore year, which helped me with the job I have now.

For my junior and senior years, I worked at Catholic Charities East Bay. I worked in the Oakland office. I do a lot of phone calls, input of data for clients, reach out to people who left messages, and send information.

### Committing to Columbia:

I committed the day after I went to Admitted Student Week. They paid for my flight, for which I was grateful. I was choosing among UPenn, Berkeley and Columbia. But I wanted to go see the school in person; because of financial need, they sent me there. I got to stay for three days. I met more people. It really set the picture of where I am going to be for the next four years. I fell in love.

### Coming to Cristo Rey:

I used to go a school with only 20 Hispanic students in my grade; not a lot of my community. My mother sent me up here and I got signed up here. It's 15 minutes from home. I walk to school. A lot of my community is

here. I also like corporate work study. For me, I didn't have much of a choice but I was grateful I was going to get to connect more with my community.

### Activities:

My extracurriculars are in student leadership. I became ASB vice president; Michelle is president. I always like leading in the community. I love doing my community service.

### On Cristo Rey:

I don't think I would have gotten into all these schools without Cristo Rey.

Cristo Rey helped me to become a leader in my community. Not everyone has a chance to lead. It's reassuring that I stayed here.

Cristo Rey is the best school in Oakland; the best school in the Fruitvale. Just look at how many of us go above and beyond. We worked hard for it. All of us have different stories and all of us are strong.

All of the students who come to Cristo Rey are looking to become better people, go to college and have opportunities because they're working for it. That's what makes this community special. ●



## OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

### July 30

9:45 a.m. in English; 11:15 a.m. in Spanish  
Transition Closing Mass | Misa de Cierre de Transición

Join Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ for the final Masses of the transition of St. Elizabeth Parish in Oakland from the care of the Franciscans to the Diocese of Oakland.

Bishop Barber thanks the Franciscans for their 132 years of service as the diocese officially accepts pastoral ministry for St. Elizabeth Parish.

Father Ismael Gutierrez, who will become pastor on Aug. 1, will be in attendance at these Masses.

See updates to Bishop Barber's schedule at [oakdiocese.org/bishop](http://oakdiocese.org/bishop)



Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ received a Papal Blessing at the conclusion of the May 25 Mass commemorating the 10th anniversary of his episcopal ordination and installation as Bishop of Oakland. Father Lawrence D'Anjou, vicar general, presented the document; Father Rafael Hinojosa assisted in its journey to Oakland.

At the conclusion of Mass, the priests and seminarians in attendance gathered for a group photo at the back of the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

The Mass began with the Navy Hymn, which was also at his ordination and installation on May 25, 2013. His homily from the anniversary Mass begins on Page 3 of this issue.



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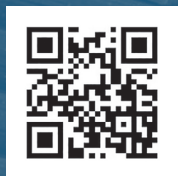


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