

*Our Mission: To Evangelize God's People,
beginning with the Gift of the Holy Eucharist*



A Stewardship Parish

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH • 1813 OAKDALE ROAD • MODESTO, CA 95355

May 13, 2012 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Visit our website:

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Holy Eucharist

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sundays: 7:30am,

9am (Traditional Latin), 10:30am,

12noon, 1:30pm (Español),

5:30pm & 7:30pm

Daily Mass:

8am & 5:45pm; Saturdays 8am

Traditional Latin Mass, Fridays at Noon

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Chapel access code available in office

Children's Services:

Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Sunday Mass 10:30am

Adoration & Confessions

First Friday 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday thru Thursday 5-5:30pm

Fridays 6:30pm-7:30pm

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am & 4-5pm

Homebound please call 551-4973

*for a priest to visit you by
appointment.*

Clergy:

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor

Fr. Benny Kottarathil, OSB, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Tony Chacko, Assoc Pastor

Fr. Larry Guerrero, Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Mr. Ken Ochinerio, Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ernest Ciccarelli, Deacon

From the Pastor's Laptop



*My mother in Rome,
Parish Pilgrimage, 2002*

Happy Mother's Day! A friend of mine occasionally slips me a couple of bucks after Sunday Mass and says "Call Your Mother." I have to be on my toes so that I can respond with something like "I called her two days ago!" I'm sure I have not called my mother enough, so I appreciate the reminders.

Fortunately, Mom and Dad have six of us children; imagine if she only had four or two — how many fewer phone calls she would receive! Children are our greatest national treasure, and mothers provide that treasure. But they need the help of fathers...

Motherhood is perhaps the very first act of **Stewardship**, whereby a person receives a gift and returns it to the giver. To Adam, God gave his most beautiful and precious

gift, the woman Eve. Adam is overwhelmed with the gift ("bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh!"). Adam gave himself to his wife, who in her turn gave herself to Adam. In time, Eve gave something even more than herself to Adam — she gave a child to the world (notice that we say "she gave birth to a child" rather than just she "had" a child). But Eve faltered — she jealously kept a part of her womanhood to herself, where it died. But the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we honor in this month of May, held nothing back.

When I was a teenager, my mother and I used to sit in the garden after dinner and talk about life. There were two chairs by the tomato plants, facing the Blue Mountain Ridge, over which the sun would set in brilliant patterns of deep golds, cool magentas and flaming reds. I would tell her about my day in school, and she would help me interpret it. She would tell me that I was good and would always be God's son. She had given birth to me, and in those sunset talks, she gave me more: she gave me an *identity*, a knowledge of myself reflected in my mother's eyes. Thanks, Mom!

Fr. Joseph

Questions?

To make an appointment with a priest or deacon or to register at St. Joseph's please contact Lulu, Alex, Brenda or Donna in our parish office at 551-4973 or stop by during any of the 50 hours our office is open each week.

Parish Office

(Lulu, Donna, Alex, Brenda)

Sunday: 10am-3pm

Monday: 10am-7:30pm

Tuesday through Thursday 8:30am-7:30pm

Closed Wednesday from 11am-1pm

Friday 8:30am-12noon

Weekend Maintenance 568-7558

How can we help? 551-4973

Se Habla Español.....Alex x103
 Accounting.....Barbara x108
 Adult Ed & Bible Studies.... Michael x203
 Altar ServersSvetlana x200
 Audio / Video.....Jeremy x213
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ST. JOSEPH'S PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL



Try a Holy Hour with Jesus once a week! Please see the schedule outside the Chapel for hours needing adorers.

Contact David & Monica at 527-4920 if you can pick up one of these hours.

Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

Parish Life

Upcoming Events & Activities

ST. JOSEPH'S SENIORS

St. Joseph's Senior Club meets every third Wednesday of the month (this month: May 16) in Fr. O'Hare Hall for lunch. The cost is \$7.50 per person, including guests. Social hour begins at 10a.m., with wine, chips and dips. Business hour from 11am to noon, followed by lunch with an enchilada casserole, salad, and dessert. A mission is planned from October 1-4. Price is \$849 per person, double occupancy. For more information, please call Chris at 522-2694 or cell, 480-2693.



FILIPINO BREAKFAST — MAY 20

Everyone is invited to join St. Joseph's Filipino community at our delicious "Longsilog" breakfast! On May 20 in Fr. O'Hare Hall from 7:30am-12noon. Cost is \$6 a plate. Includes Filipino pork sausages, garlic fried rice and scrambled eggs.

MILITARY SUPPORT MINISTRY

Our Military Support Ministry fundraiser will be May 26-27 on the plaza. Please come and show your support for our men and women in the military. Fundraiser proceeds are used to send much needed care packages.



AA MEETINGS

If you want to keep drinking, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking, and can't, that's our business. Please join us on Wednesday nights at 5:45pm in room 5 in the JPPII Center for an hour of fellowship and sobriety. Saturday mornings, 9am, there is an AA meeting for Women ONLY in the Vatican Room.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Please join us to pray the rosary to end abortion. We meet every Tuesday & Wednesday morning around 9:15am in front of the abortion clinic at 2030 Coffee Road, Modesto. *Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us!*

VACATION BIBLE RETREAT (VBR) JUNE 25-29



VBR is a treat for the children of St. Joseph's and always fills quickly. If you would like to help please come to meeting on May 15th in JPPII, Rm 2 from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Be watching for upcoming announcements for opportunities to sign up your child.

Religious Education

The Little Way ...

Several weeks have passed since The Triduum, the most holy time of the year, when we are called to prepare our spiritual house for this sublime celebration. As time goes by and everyday life takes over with its thousands of demands, robbing us of our precious time, we seem to backtrack on our efforts to spiritual growth. It is not too late to recover that sacred aspect of our day or add it to our lives if we have not yet begun. How to do it? One step at a time, employing the method given to us by a beloved Doctor of the Church, St. Therese of Lisieux and her "little way;" a sure way to holiness for all of us. Yes, it is possible to live a life of sanctity amidst the noise of the world and busyness of our lives. We can take small steps up the spiritual ladder and have God be a part of our everyday living. In the following weeks, we will explore practical ways to do this.

Creating a Sacred Space in the Home

Our home should be schools of prayer. Often our lives are chaotic, constantly running the children to school, practice, games, or recitals. Maybe we are quite involved at church and constantly busy volunteering with numerous ministries. Perhaps work takes up a lot of our time. The consequence of the busyness of our lives is that we forget to pray. Creating a sacred space in our homes, where we can take a few moments of silence will remind us to slow down and pray. It doesn't have to be an entire room; perhaps a corner of one of the common room or each child can have a little spot in his/her room as well. In this space you can put sacred art (to assist in focusing and meditation), a bible (to encourage reading Sacred Scripture), a candle (to symbolize Christ as the light of the world), a picture of your favorite saints (to know that our patron saints and guardian angels are with us as we pray). You can also have pictures of those that need prayers (family members or deceased relatives). This area should be kept neatly and clean in order to find peace away from the messiness of our lives. It can be a spot where the family gathers at night before bed to pray together. This is simply a "little way" to easily incorporate God more into our lives.



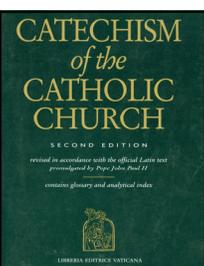
What the Catechism says...

Paragraph 1656: In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the *Ecclesia domestica*. It is in the bosom of the family that parents are "by word and example . . . the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation."

Paragraph 1666: The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called "the domestic church," a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity.

CATECHISM 101 — JUNE 18

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Pope Benedict has declared October 2012 to November 2013 the Year of Faith. All adult Catholics are invited to discover the richness of our Catholic faith. On the third Monday of every month, (from this June to November 2013) we will have a workshop on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will meet at 7pm in JPPII room 8.



RCIA

Inquiry classes are for people who want to learn more about Catholicism, but aren't necessarily sure they want to become Catholic. The RCIA process is also for Catholics who have not yet completed their sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion.

To start the process: **call Stacy Phillips: (209)541-8903** to make an appointment.

∞ Youth Ministry ∞

Contact Us!



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Life Night Highlight:
Last week we held a men's and women's session for youth group. We split up and focused on what it means to be a man and woman of God.



The girls opened the night with a great game including applying make-up to each other while being blind-folded. Some pictures were too good to pass up.



Upcoming Life Nights:
5/13: Our Blessed Mother
5/20: Last Life Night
All high school teens are invited to join us for Youth Group!
Come and enjoy prayer, games and fellowship.
Every Sunday from 7-8:30 in the Hall.



**Steubenville San Diego
July 27-29**

We are now accepting permission slips! This conference is open to all high school teens, graduating 8th grade through 12th grade. Guest speakers and musicians this year include Ike Ndolo, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Matt Smith, Jackie Francois. Righteous B will be the host. Space is limited. Cost is \$150. Payment options are available. Please contact the youth office for a permission slip and more information.

A special Mother's Day greeting:

Happy Mother's day to all! We pray especially for you today, in thanksgiving, for all that you do. Danielle Mayoral wanted to say 'Thank you' to her mom, Margaret Mayoral, in a special way.



Dear Mom, You are such a wonderful mom. Thank you for always showing me the many ways you care. You are patient, strong, and just so loving. I can't tell you how much I appreciate everything you have done for me. I love you so much more than you can imagine. Happy Mother's Day!
Love, Danielle.

∞ Parish School of Religion ∞

Parish School of Religion
551-4973, ext. 217
E-mail: psr@stjmod.com

PSR students, this is the last week to bring boxed goods (potatoes, pasta, rice, or beans) this month for St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks for your kindness and stewardship!



PSR Registration June 9-11

Does your child need their First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Save the date for our Parish School of Religion registration weekend. Hours of Registration will be:

Saturday, June 9: 10am-5pm

Sunday, June 10: 10am-7pm

Monday, June 11: 10am-4pm

Cost: \$90/student, \$115/two students, \$135/three or more

Upcoming First Holy Communion Masses:
Saturday, May 19, at 10am & 1pm. Please pray for all the children receiving this beautiful Sacrament.

Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza Refreshments are being served this morning by St. Joseph's Altar Servers, those wonderful young men and women we see during each Mass. Please thank them for their service.

Parish Stewardship — a way of life

St. Martha was known for her hospitality

Hospitality is also one of the four pillars of a Stewardship Parish. The other three pillars are prayer, formation and service.



Our St. Joseph's "Martha's Meals" is a wonderful ministry of volunteers who either buy or prepare part-of or a complete meal for parishioners in our family who have lost a loved one. Not all of our parishioners have family nearby and the first week of grieving is difficult for many — sometimes they forget to eat or even to shop for groceries. We are in need of several telephone coordinators, who can call our volunteers to let them know that a parish family has suffered a loss.

How can you help?

- Offer to be on the volunteer list of food preparers
- Offer to be on the volunteer list of food delivery — you will find no greater satisfaction, guaranteed.
- Offer to be one of the telephone coordinators

Please call the Center for Lay Apostolates, 551-4973 and speak to either Bertha, ext. 202 or Tammy, 207. *Thank you.*

New to the Parish? Wondering where to start??
Call the Center for Lay Apostolates
551-4973, ext. 207

Profiles in Stewardship

by Michael Webster



David Perez

David Perez is a long-time parishioner of St. Joseph's. All the fruits of the Holy Spirit are evident in David, but two that stand out are joy and faithfulness. David is one of the most joyful men I know and his joy truly is contagious. Every time I see him he has a smile that is genuine and I know it comes from his love for God, and peace in knowing that God is taking care of him. His joy also is present because he regularly attends daily Mass, and his love for Christ's real presence in the Eucharist radiates from him. David is incredibly faithful, being a man of service to God and the Church. He is only one of two male sacristans. Whenever there is an Opus Dei men's night of recollection, he comes and prepares everything for the priest. He then humbly cleans up afterward, often requiring him to stay at the church very late. In addition he also serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. David is a witness to our whole parish community of what it means to manifest the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Thank you David!

In the Diocese

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www.facebook.com/pages/Roman-Catholic-Diocese-of-Stockton/116581805032720

TAKE YOUR DAD TO THE GAME WITH BISHOP BLAIRE

June 16, 7:05 pm



Watch Bishop Blaire throw the first pitch!

Enjoy a night of Ports baseball with your dad, grandfather, uncle, pastor, priest, youth minister - bring the entire family!

Call for your tickets
209-546-7633 or
youth@stocktondiocese.org
Tickets are \$9

50th ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE

Read the third issue of the 50th Anniversary Magazine. Scan the QR code below to download the magazine. If you would like to receive this and future diocesan eNewsletters issues, please send a first/last name to:
editor@stocktondiocese.org.



From our Holy Father in Rome



APOSTOLIC LETTER "MOTU PROPRIO DATA" PORTA FIDEI

FOR THE INDICATION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH (*Part II*)

4. In the light of all this, I have decided to announce a Year of Faith. It will begin on 11 October 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and it will end on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on 24 November 2013. The starting date of 11 October 2012 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, a text promulgated by my Predecessor, Blessed John Paul II, with a view to illustrating for all the faithful the power and beauty of the faith. This document, an authentic fruit of the Second Vatican Council, was requested by the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 1985 as an instrument at the service of catechesis and it was produced in collaboration with all the bishops of the Catholic Church. Moreover, the theme of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that I have convoked for October 2012 is "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith". This will be a good opportunity to usher the whole Church into a time of particular reflection and rediscovery of the faith. It is not the first time that the Church has been called to celebrate a Year of Faith. My venerable Predecessor the Servant of God Paul VI announced one in 1967, to commemorate the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul on the 19th centenary of their supreme act of witness. He thought of it as a solemn moment for the whole Church to make "an authentic and sincere profession of the same faith"; moreover, he wanted this to be confirmed in a way that was "individual and collective, free and conscious, inward and outward, humble and frank". He thought that in this way the



whole Church could reappropriate "exact knowledge of the faith, so as to reinvigorate it, purify it, confirm it, and confess it". The great upheavals of that year made even more evident the need for a celebration of this kind. It concluded with the *Credo of the People of God*, intended to show how much the essential content that for centuries has formed the heritage of all believers needs to be confirmed, understood and explored ever anew, so as to bear consistent witness in historical circumstances very different from those of the past.

5. In some respects, my venerable predecessor saw this Year as a "consequence and a necessity of the postconciliar period", fully conscious of the grave difficulties of the time, especially with regard to the profession of the true faith and its correct interpretation. It seemed to me that timing the launch of the Year of Faith to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council would provide a good opportunity to help people understand that the texts bequeathed by the Council Fathers, in the words of Blessed John Paul II, "have lost nothing of their value or brilliance. They need to be read correctly, to be widely known and taken to heart as important and normative texts of the Magisterium, within the Church's Tradition ... I feel more than ever in duty bound to point to the Council as *the great grace bestowed on the Church in the twentieth century*: there we find a sure compass by which to take our bearings in the century now beginning."

Sacraments

Our Mass Intentions

This Week

Sunday, May 13 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)			
7:30a	Alzira Victoria	1:30p	Catalina and Rosa Maria Ruiz and Jose Ramirez
9:00a	Mother's Day Novena	5:30p	Vito Baccellieri
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Connie Ortez and Elena Gutierrez
12:00p	Angela Dominguez		
Monday, May 14			
8:00a	Mother's Day Novena	5:45p	Catherine Feehan and Apollonia LaForges
Tuesday, May 15			
8:00a	Mother's Day Novena, Thelma Coelho and Maria Gutierrez	5:45p	Juan Andres and Mary Margaret Ridge
Wednesday, May 16			
8:00a	Mother's Day Novena	5:45p	Nawarat Photikoe and Susan Wells
Thursday, May 17			
8:00a	Mother's Day Novena, Elizabeth Machado and Teresa Emma Parodi	5:45p	Ricardo Balauag and Sarah Bernarda Rodrigues
Friday, May 18			
8:00a	Mother's Day Novena, Rosanna Hollander and O'anh Vu	5:45p	Rosanna Hollander and Julia Rieker
Saturday, May 19			
8:00a	John Peyton and Bill Cant	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, May 20 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)			
7:30a	Mary & Matt Basan	1:30p	Candelario Tirado and Eliezel Martinez
9:00a	Mother's Day Novena	3:00p	Vernon & Liza De Peralta
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Diego Resendiz
12:00p	Joe R. Fernandes	7:30p	Karen Shatto

Sunday, May 13, 2012		
8:00A	Mother's Day (Office)	Chur
10:00A	Children's Liturgy of the	JP6
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
Monday, May 14, 2012		
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer	JP10
7:00P	Bible Study--Spanish	JP4
Tuesday, May 15, 2012		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
10:30A	Light Weigh	JP8
5:30P	Development Committee	Confr
5:30P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:15P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00P	Charismatic Prayer	JP7
7:00P	Stewardship Committee	JP10
Wednesday, May 16, 2012		
10:00A	Seniors' Lunch	Hall
1:30P	Widows and Widowers	JP5
5:30P	AA Principle Study Grp.	JP5
5:45P	AI Anon Group	JP10
6:30P	Health Ministry	JP4
7:00P	On the Go Adults	JP4
Thursday, May 17, 2012		
9:00A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
12:00P	Lunch Bible Study	JP5
6:30P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30P	Compartiendo la Biblia	JP4
7:00P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, May 18, 2012		
12:00P	Latin Mass	Chur
3:00P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
7:00P	Filipino Prayer Meeting	JP6
Sunday, May 20, 2012		
10:00A	CLOW	JP6
10:30A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

Invitation

The Missionaries of Charity (Sisters of Bl. Teresa of Calcutta) invite you to the profession of first vows of four of their novices on Wednesday, May 23 at St. Paul's Church (221 Valley St. & Church St.). The Most Reverend James Wall, Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico, will be the main celebrant for the Holy Mass which will begin at 4pm. All are most welcome! Please keep the sisters in your prayers.

Remember a special day or person
-Altar Flower Donation-
Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x207

Readings 5/14-5/20

Monday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); or Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
12pm Latin Mass:	Act. 1:1-11; Mk. 16:14-20
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19 or for Ascension Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20
Latin Mass	1 Pet. 4:7-11; Jn. 15:26,27; 16:1-4

Pay your bills online?
Call the parish office
at 551-4973 to find
out about online
offertory gifts, instead
of writing checks.

Bienvenido a St. Joseph's



INTRODUCCION A LA BIBLIA

14 de mayo -18 de junio

¿Desea aprender mas sobre la Sagrada Escritura pero no sabe como comenzar? Venga y disfrute de esta clase todos los lunes de 7pm-8:30pm en el salón "All Saints" #4 del edificio JP II.

Escuela Parroquial de Religión

Registro para el PSR

(Catecismo para Niños)

Junio 9-11

Necesita su niño recibir la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación? Aparte la fecha para nuestro fin de semana de registración. Detalles sobre el horario y el costo se darán pronto.

RETIRO DE BIBLIA EN VACACIONES - JUNIO 25-29



Este retiro es para los niños de St. Joseph's y se llena rápido. Éste listo para los anuncios sobre las oportunidades para registrar a su niño y ayudar como voluntario.

Ministerio Juvenil

¡Dele a sus hijos la oportunidad de conocer buenos amigos!

¡Todo adolescente de high school está invitado a asistir al Grupo Juvenil!

Ven y disfruta de la oración, juegos, y compañerismo.
Cada domingo de 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial.

Juntas Sigüientes:
5/13 Ultima LifeNight

¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!

DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Joseph Illo

¡Feliz Día de la Madre! De vez en cuando, un amigo me da un par de dólares después de la Misa Dominical y me dice "Llame a Su Mamá." Siempre tengo que estar listo para responderle algo tal como "¡la llamé hace dos días!" Estoy seguro que no he llamado a mi mamá lo suficiente, por esto aprecio el recordatorio.

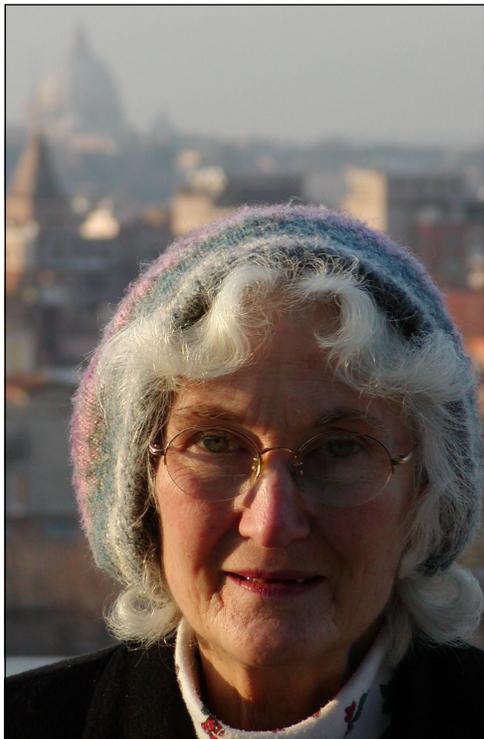
Afortunadamente, mi mamá y mi papá tienen seis hijos; ¡imagínense si ella solo tuviese cuatro o dos— cuan pocas

llamadas recibiría! Los niños son nuestro mayor tesoro nacional, y las mamás proveen ese tesoro. Pero necesitan la ayuda de los padres...

La maternidad es tal vez el primer acto de la

Corresponsabilidad, por la cual una persona recibe un regalo y lo devuelve al que lo da.

Dios le dió a Adán el regalo más hermoso y precioso, la mujer Eva. Adán abrumado por tal regalo ("¡hueso de mis huesos y carne de mi carne!"). Pasó el tiempo y Eva le dió algo a Adán fuera de ella misma— le dió un niño al mundo (noten que decimos "ella dió a luz a un niño" en vez de "tuvo" un niño). Pero Eva cometió una falta—ella celosamente



Mi mama en Roma, durante el Peregrinaje de la parroquia en el 2002

retuvo parte de su feminidad consigo misma, y por esto murió. Pero la Santísima Virgen Maria, quien honoramos durante este mes de mayo, no retuvo nada.

Cuando yo era un adolescente, mi mamá y yo solíamos sentarnos en el jardín después de comida a hablar de la vida. Habían dos asientos cerca de las matas de tomates, con vista a las Cordilleras Azules, por entre las cuales el sol se esconde emitiendo rayos de dorado, anaranjado, y de llamaradas rojas. Yo le contaba sobre mi día en la escuela y ella me ayudaba a interpretarlo. Me decía que yo era bueno y que siempre sería el hijo de Dios. Fue ella que me dió mi identidad, el conocimiento de mi mismo reflexionado en los ojos de mi mamá. ¡Gracias, Mamá!

Fr. Joseph

Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

CARTA APOSTÓLICA EN FORMA DE MOTU PROPRIO
PORTA FIDEI

CON LA QUE SE CONVOCA EL AÑO DE LA FE (*Parte II*)



4. A la luz de todo esto, he decidido convocar un *Año de la fe*. Comenzará el 11 de octubre de 2012, en el cincuenta aniversario de la apertura del Concilio Vaticano II, y terminará en la solemnidad de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, el 24 de noviembre de 2013. En la fecha del 11 de octubre de 2012, se celebrarán también los veinte años de la publicación del *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, promulgado por mi Predecesor, el beato Papa Juan Pablo II, con la intención de ilustrar a todos los fieles la fuerza y belleza de la fe. Este documento, auténtico fruto del Concilio Vaticano II, fue querido por el Sínodo Extraordinario de los Obispos de 1985 como instrumento al servicio de la catequesis, realizándose mediante la colaboración de todo el Episcopado de la Iglesia católica. Y precisamente he convocado la Asamblea General del Sínodo de los Obispos, en el mes de octubre de 2012, sobre el tema de *La nueva evangelización para la transmisión de la fe cristiana*. Será una buena ocasión para introducir a todo el cuerpo eclesial en un tiempo de especial reflexión y redescubrimiento de la fe. No es la primera vez que la Iglesia está llamada a celebrar un *Año de la fe*. Mi venerado Predecesor, el Siervo de Dios Pablo VI, proclamó uno parecido en 1967, para conmemorar el martirio de los apóstoles Pedro y Pablo en el décimo noveno centenario de su supremo testimonio. Lo concibió como un momento solemne para que en toda la Iglesia se diese «una auténtica y sincera profesión de la misma fe»; además, quiso que ésta fuera confirmada de manera «individual y colectiva, libre y consciente, interior y exterior, humilde y franca». Pensaba que de esa manera toda la Iglesia podría adquirir una «exacta conciencia de su fe, para reanimarla, para purificarla, para confirmarla y para confesarla». Las grandes transformaciones que tuvieron lugar en aquel Año, hicieron que la necesidad de dicha celebración fuera todavía más evidente. Ésta concluyó con la Profesión de fe del Pueblo de Dios, para testimoniar cómo los contenidos esenciales que desde siglos constituyen el patrimonio de todos los creyentes tienen necesidad de ser confirmados, comprendidos y profundizados de manera siempre nueva, con el fin de dar un testimonio coherente en condiciones históricas distintas a las del pasado.

5. En ciertos aspectos, mi Venerado Predecesor vio ese Año como una «consecuencia y exigencia postconciliar», consciente de las graves dificultades del tiempo, sobre todo con respecto a la profesión de la fe verdadera y a su recta interpretación. He pensado que iniciar el *Año de la fe* coincidiendo con el cincuentenario de la apertura del Concilio Vaticano II puede ser una ocasión propicia para comprender que los textos dejados en herencia por los Padres conciliares, según las palabras del beato Juan Pablo II, «no pierden su valor ni su esplendor. Es necesario leerlos de manera apropiada y que sean conocidos y asimilados como textos cualificados y normativos del Magisterio, dentro de la Tradición de la Iglesia. Siento más que nunca el deber de indicar el Concilio como la gran gracia de la que la Iglesia se ha beneficiado en el siglo XX. Con el Concilio se nos ha ofrecido una brújula segura para orientarnos en el camino del siglo que comienza».

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David Perez

David Perez ha sido feligrés de St. Joseph's por mucho tiempo. En David todos los frutos del Espíritu Santo son evidentes, pero para mí los dos que se reflejan más son alegría y fidelidad. David es uno de los hombres más alegres que yo conozco y su alegría es verdaderamente contagiosa. Siempre que lo veo tiene una genuina sonrisa y sé que proviene de su amor por Dios y la paz de saberse al cuidado de Dios. También, su alegría está siempre presente porque regularmente asiste a la misa diaria, y su amor por la verdadera presencia de Cristo en la Eucaristía emana de él. David también es increíblemente fiel, siendo un hombre al fiel servicio de Dios y la Iglesia. Es uno de solo dos hombres sacristanes. Siempre que tenemos una noche de recolección para hombres del Opus Dei él viene y prepara todo para el sacerdote. Después con mucha humildad recoge y limpia todo, requiriéndole quedarse en la iglesia hasta muy tarde. También sirve como Ministro Extraordinario de la Santa Comunión. David da un buen testimonio a toda nuestra comunidad parroquial sobre lo que significa manifestar los frutos del Espíritu Santo. ¡Gracias David!



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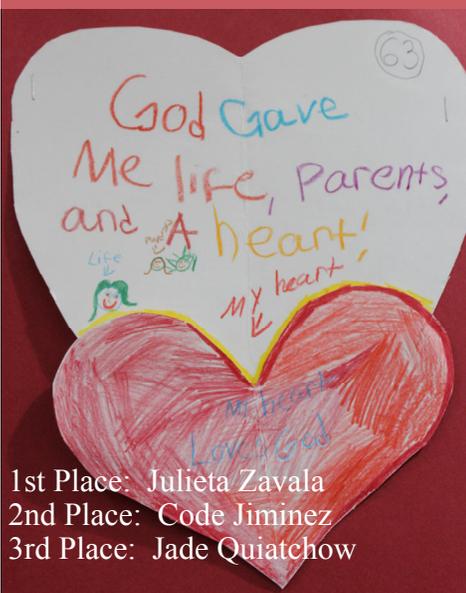
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