

*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

## June 10, 2012 The Feast of Corpus Christi

(209) 551-4973

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Visit our website:

[www.stjmod.com](http://www.stjmod.com)

### Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sundays: 7:30am,

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

noon, 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 Ilo, 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

A few weeks ago, Florida's American Legion Auxiliary Girls State refused to allow its Catholic participants to attend Sunday Mass. The convention describes itself as "a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country," and I'm sure it is a fine program. **Margeaux Graham**, one of 300 girls in the state convention, asked to leave the program for an hour on Sunday to attend Mass. She was refused. The regional leader asked if he could bring a priest to the convention to offer Mass for the Catholic girls. He was refused. At that point, Margeaux dropped out of the program rather than drop out of Sunday Mass. "This country was founded on the principles of religious and personal freedom," Margeaux wrote to the convention leadership, "the fundamental rights that either you or your loved ones fought to protect."

This case manifests a growing intolerance for religious liberties in our country. Nothing good can come from denying our citizens the right to worship. Denying the good that religion brings to society will only weaken that society. We cannot stand by as some in our society deconstruct our civil freedoms and weaken our social order. The Bishops of our country have set aside 14 days, from June 21 to July 4, as a "**fortnight for freedom** a great hymn of prayer for our country. Culminating on Independence Day, this special period of prayer, study, catechesis and public action will emphasize both our Christian and



The Liberty Bell inscription from Leviticus 25:10  
"PROCLAIM LIBERTY  
THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND  
UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF"

American heritage of liberty. At St. Joseph's, your priests will lead an hour of prayer on Friday, **June 22**, from 6:30-7:30pm, to pray that religious intolerance be averted. We will pray that people of all faith or no faith at all join hands as brothers and sisters. You will see articles in this bulletin, and hear homilies encouraging us all to know and defend the first of our Bill of Rights, the freedom to practice our religion in a peaceful and socially beneficial manner. Let freedom continue to ring across this Land!

*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 Servers .....	Svetlana x200
Audio / Video.....	Jeremy x213
Buildings & Grounds .....	Susie x201
Bulletin & Website.....	Jeremy x213
Child Ed & Sacraments .....	Debbie x205
Choirs & Cantors .....	Svetlana x200
Events & Activities .....	Susie x201
Faith & Life Magazine.....	Michael x203
Giving to St. Joseph's .....	Tammy x207
Parish Lending Library .....	x208
Parish Ministries .....	Tammy x207
Parish Registration .....	Donna x102
Room Reservations .....	Rosario x110
Volunteering.....	Tammy x207
Youth Ministry.....	Nathan x206

## FR. JOSEPH'S FAREWELL DINNER

Fr. Joseph's Farewell Dinner - share your favorite memories!

The planning Committee for the Dinner will be giving Fr. Joseph a Memory Album. Please share your favorite memories of Fr. Joseph and submit on 8-1/2" x 11" plain white paper (1 side, 1 page only) and bring to the parish office by June 30.



# Welcome to St. Joseph's

We're glad you're here!

## Parish Life

### Upcoming Events & Activities

#### CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB

The last meeting of the season for the Catholic Professional and Business Club will take place on Tuesday, June 12. We will begin with Mass at the "old" St Stanislaus Church at 6:30 a.m., (7<sup>th</sup> & J Streets) and then gather for fellowship at the Doubletree Hotel. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 and our guest speaker will be Jose Hernandez, with his dynamic and captivating story about going from working in the fields to being an astronaut. Join us. RSVP to chearst@pacbell.net or call 968-8086. Breakfast is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S FAMILY PROMISE

St. Joseph's Family Promise assists families experiencing temporary homelessness within our community. Volunteers are needed for our upcoming hosting week of **June 17th**. Please stop by the table today at the plaza to find out how you can help.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Come help save lives by donating your blood at the Knights of Columbus annual blood drive at St. Joseph's on Monday, June 18th. Please sign up ahead of time out in the plaza.



#### OPUS ANGELORUM — JUNE 25-27



Opus Angelorum means "Work of the Angels." Fr. Wolfgang Seitz of the Order of the Holy Cross will preach a mission on learning more and growing in your relationship with the Holy Angels, especially your Guardian Angel.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S SENIOR CLUB — JUNE ACTIVITIES

Please join St. Joseph's Seniors Club for its monthly luncheon on **June 20** (members meet every third Wednesday) in Fr. O'Hare Hall. Social hour starts at 10am; business hour starts at 11am; and lunch is at noon. June is a time for picnics, and our menu consists of BBQ hamburgers, beans, potato salad, chips & dips, wine & beer. Members FREE; the cost for guests is \$3. There will be Bingo with prizes. **Reminder: A Yosemite trip is planned for June 13:** cost is \$80 via Amtrak. Please call Chris at 522-2694 for reservations for both the Yosemite trip and the luncheon.

#### VACATION BIBLE RETREAT (VBR) JUNE 25-29

VBR is a treat for the children of St. Joseph's and always fills quickly. We will be on the plaza after Mass today for your opportunity to sign up your child.



## Parish School of Religion Registration (Catechism Classes)

### June 9, 10 & 11

Registration for returning and new students continues today!

John Paul II Center, Rooms 6 & 7

June 9th 10am-5pm

June 10th 10am-7pm

June 11th 10am-4pm

Fees for 2012-2013

\$90 for one student, \$115 for two students, \$135 for three or more students



Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis for all students. However, you do not have to come first thing to obtain the class your child needs. No classes filled at last year's registration until Sunday evening. We plan enough space for every returning child.

The process includes choosing a class time from the available spaces and fee payment or applying for a scholarship (we offer a limited number of partial scholarships and payment plans).

Returning students must complete registration by June 11th or a late fee of \$25 per family will apply. If your family will be out of town during this time, you must contact PSR prior to June 8th to avoid the late fee. You will be able to register after the PSR office reopens on August 13th.

New students (families must be registered in the parish) may register for classes during the registration weekend, but they must already be registered as parishioners. At the time of registration parents of new students must include a copy of each child's baptism certificate (or registration cannot be taken). Registration for new students ends Sept. 12. A late fee of \$25 per family applies for students registered after Sept. 12.

\*First year confirmation (7th and 8th grades) preparation will occur on Wednesdays, second year confirmation preparation (8th grade) will occur on Thursdays. ALL high school students will attend Life Nights on Sundays after the 5:30pm Mass. Students must be registered for confirmation 1 and *reregistered* for Confirmation 2.

\*Students over the age of 7 who have never been baptized, will enter in the Right of Christian Initiation program. Parents MUST bring in a BIRTH CERTIFICATE for their children (or registration cannot be taken).

\*\*All tuition balances from 2011-2012 MUST be paid in full before registration.

\*\*\*A minimum payment of \$25 will be due on the day you register your child.

Cash, check and credit card will be accepted at registration.

# Youth Ministry

## Contact Us!

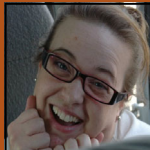


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## XLT

XLT is a night of charismatic prayer, adoration, praise and worship. All families are invited to attend. Summer dates are coming soon!



## Youth Music Ensemble

The Youth Music Ensemble, at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday youth Mass, will take a break over the summer. The choir will start again on Sunday, Aug. 5. Please contact Katie Steffanic if you feel called to join and sing!

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## 2012 Summer Events:



### Tuesday Teen Day: Starting

**June 12**, join us every Tuesday morning for 8 a.m. Mass. After Mass hang out in the youth room and enjoy breakfast and games. Bring friends!



St. Joseph's VBR: Vacation Bible Retreat will be held at St. Joseph's June 25-29. If you are a confirmation student, this is a great way to fulfill your 20 hours of service. Come fill out a volunteer form in the youth office!

NET Ministries D-Week: Discipleship Week is open to teens ages 13-18 and will take place at Stanislaus State in Turlock. The retreat is June 18-21 and cost is \$230 (includes food and lodging). Applications are available in the youth office.

## 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 in high school. Guest speakers and musicians this year include Ike Ndolo, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Matt Smith and Jackie Francois. Righteous B will be the host. We will be taking a bus to and from the conference and spots are filling up! Space is limited. Cost is \$150. Payment options are available.

# Center for Lay Apostolates

FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP: Plaza refreshments are being served this weekend by our Health Ministry. Please stop by and let them know what you think about our parish.

## Parish Stewardship—a way of life

### REMINDER Lay Apostolate Leader Meeting *Wednesday, June 13*

6:30-8 PM,  
Room 7— JPII Building  
*Special Guest: Fr. Joseph Illo*

PSR Parents and Friends:  
CARNIVAL RIDE TICKETS  
Don't miss the 2012 Festival Pre-Sale PSR Special

*Get your tickets early and save!*

**PSR Special Price: \$15-pack of 25**  
**Plus FREE: \$ 5-parish game tickets**  
**Total Value is \$30 for only \$15!**

Tickets available during PSR registrations

Sunday: June 10 (10am-7pm)  
Monday: June 11 (10am-4pm)  
JP II Center



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

## Profiles in Stewardship

by Svetlana Avetisyan



### Reuben & Teresa Peterson

Reuben and Teresa Peterson have been members of St. Joseph's church for many years. They moved to Modesto from Ohio 20 years ago, and have three children and 4 grandchildren with two more on the way.

Over the years they have been involved in and chaired a variety of ministries. Teresa's involvements include: Vacation Bible Retreat, Confirmation teacher, Adult Choir member and Contemporary Choir member. She helped start and chair the Environment Committee. She also served as a representative of St. Joseph's to the Diocesan Synod. Teresa felt a strong calling to the Respect Life Committee in 2000, chairing it for six years and continues on as a member. This calling turned toward the healing ministry of Project Rachel which assists men and women seeking healing and reconciliation from past abortions. Reuben is a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, co-chaired St. Joseph's Capital Campaign and chaired our first Stewardship Committee.

Reuben and Teresa both serve as a lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. They have recently taken on the role of Lector Ministry Coordinators, bringing their great devotion of proclaiming God's word to our parish. We are grateful for their prayerful consideration and willingness to lead our Lector Liturgical Ministry.

## In the Diocese

TAKE YOUR DAD TO THE  
GAME WITH BISHOP BLAIRE

June 16, 7:05 pm

Enjoy a night of  
Ports baseball with  
your dad,  
grandfather, uncle, pastor,  
priest, youth minister - bring  
the entire family! Tickets are  
still available and are \$9!



Call for your tickets  
209-546-7633

### BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL

As of May 15, a total of  
\$2,347,688 has been committed  
to the 2012 BMA.

Congratulations to the 20  
parishes that are over their  
goal. To see how your parish is  
doing, click here for current  
information.

[www.stocktondiocese.org/BMA](http://www.stocktondiocese.org/BMA)  
Church for Tomorrow

The generosity of our diocesan  
families has been inspiring.  
Please click here for  
information.

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A Pastoral letter from Bishop Blaire to the  
Diocese of Stockton is available by going  
to the Diocesan website:  
[www.stocktondiocese.org](http://www.stocktondiocese.org).



If you want a copy to download  
and view or print, look here:  
<http://db.tt/L3jnIPfb>



## From our Holy Father in Rome

APOSTOLIC LETTER “*MOTU PROPRIO DATA*”  
*PORTA FIDEI*

FOR THE INDICTION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH (*Part VI*)



11. In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* a precious and indispensable tool. It is one of the most important fruits of the Second Vatican Council. In the Apostolic Constitution *Fidei Depositum*, signed, not by accident, on the thirtieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Blessed John Paul II wrote: “this catechism will make a very important contribution to that work of renewing the whole life of the Church ... I declare it to be a valid and legitimate instrument for ecclesial communion and a sure norm for teaching the faith.” It is in this sense that the Year of Faith will have to see a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith that receives its systematic and organic synthesis in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Here, in fact, we see the wealth of teaching that the Church has received, safeguarded and proposed in her two thousand years of history. From Sacred Scripture to the Fathers of the Church, from theological masters to the saints across the centuries, the *Catechism* provides a permanent record of the many ways in which the Church has meditated on the faith and made progress in doctrine so as to offer certitude to believers in their lives of faith.

In its very structure, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* follows the development of the faith right up to the great themes of daily life. On page after page, we find that what is presented here is no theory, but an encounter with a Person who lives within the Church. The profession of faith is followed by an account of sacramental life, in which Christ is present, operative and continues to build his Church. Without the liturgy and the sacraments, the profession of faith would lack efficacy, because it would lack the grace which supports Christian witness. By the same criterion, the teaching of the *Catechism* on the moral life acquires its full meaning if placed in relationship with faith, liturgy and prayer.

12. In this Year, then, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* will serve as a tool providing real support for the faith, especially for those concerned with the formation of Christians, so crucial in our cultural context. To this end, I have invited the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, by agreement with the competent Dicasteries of the Holy See, to draw up a *Note*, providing the Church and individual believers with some guidelines on how to live this Year of Faith in the most effective and appropriate ways, at the service of belief and evangelization.

To a greater extent than in the past, faith is now being subjected to a series of questions arising from a changed mentality which, especially today, limits the field of rational certainties to that of scientific and technological discoveries. Nevertheless, the Church has never been afraid of demonstrating that there cannot be any conflict between faith and genuine science, because both, albeit via different routes, tend towards the truth.

13. One thing that will be of decisive importance in this Year is retracing the history of our faith, marked as it is by the unfathomable mystery of the interweaving of holiness and sin. While the former highlights the great contribution that men and women have made to the growth and development of the community through the witness of their lives, the latter must provoke in each person a sincere and continuing work of conversion in order to experience the mercy of the Father which is held out to everyone.

# Sacraments

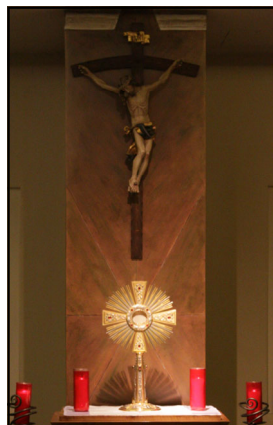
## Our Mass Intentions

## This Week

Sunday, June 10 (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)			
7:30a	Myrtle Osberg	1:30p	Felix Oliveros and Jacoba Andres
9:00a	Albert Mendonca	5:30p	Leonard Ratto
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	7:30p	Jerome Ignash
12:00p	Tony Espinoza		
Monday, June 11			
8:00a	Frank Lowry, Sr. and Elizabeth Morotti	5:45p	Arlene Alegria and Steve Black
Tuesday, June 12			
8:00a	Imogene & Quentin Stoeckel and Marcelina Piamonte	5:45p	Joseph Aleria and Leonard Ratto
Wednesday, June 13			
8:00a	Elizabeth Machado and Kurtis Kraft	5:45p	Paul & Margaret Bavaro and Francis Tiny Scheimer
Thursday, June 14			
8:00a	Verdie Willian and James Baker	5:45p	Paciencia Bensi and Thomas Scheidecker
Friday, June 15			
8:00a	Rosanna Hollander and Frank Lowry, Jr.	5:45p	Elizabeth Casale and Leonard B. Ratto
Saturday, June 16			
8:00a	Concepcion Lopez and Juan Ramirez	5:45p	St. Joseph's Memorial Mass
Sunday, June 17 (Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time) Father's Day			
7:30a	Rusty Boyle	1:30p	Antonio Dominguez, Luis Ruiz and George Medina
9:00a	Father's Day Novena	3:00p	Rudy Taa & Manuel Vaso
10:30a	All St. Joseph's Parishioners	5:30p	Rafael Vasquez
12:00p	Joe Mendes	7:20p	Jose Scoto

Sunday, June 10, 2012		
10:00 A	CLOW (Cancelled English & Spanish)	
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7
Monday, June 11, 2012		
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group	JP10
Tuesday, June 12, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
5:30 P	ESL Classes	JP4
6:00 P	Festival Committee in JP11 Room 10	JP10
6:15 P	Legion of Mary	JP4
7:00 P	Charismatic Prayer Group Spanish	JP7
Wednesday, June 13, 2012		
1:30 P	Widows and Widowers Bible Study	JP5
5:30 P	AA Principle Study Group	JP5
5:45 P	AI Anon Group	JP10
6:00 P	Lay Apostolates Leaders Meeting in JP6	JP6
Thursday, June 14, 2012		
9:00 A	Senior Strength Training	JP6
6:30 P	Rosary Makers	JP5
6:30 P	Compartiendo la Biblia (Sharing the Bibl)	JP4
7:00 P	Spanish Young Adults	JP2
Friday, June 15, 2012		
12:00 P	TLF Mass	Chur
3:00 P	Divine Mercy Prayer	Chap
7:00 P	Filipino "ARISE" Prayer Meeting	JP6
Saturday, June 16, 2012		
9:30 A	Dev-Plan.Giv in Hall	Hall
Sunday, June 17, 2012		
10:00 A	Children's Liturgy of the Word	JP6
10:30 A	Respect Life	JP4
1:00 P	Youth for Family & Life	JP7

**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.



### RCIA

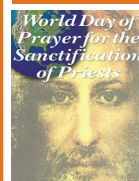
**Inquiry classes** are for people who want to learn more about Catholicism, but aren't necessarily sure they want to become Catholic. The RCIA process is also for Catholics who have not yet completed their sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion.

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

Remember a special day or person -  
**Altar Flower Donation-**



Call the Development Office for info. 551-4973, x207



Join us in our Holy Hour for Priests this Friday, June 15 at 6:30pm in the Church. We will be celebrating *World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests*, established by Bl. John Paul II on the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

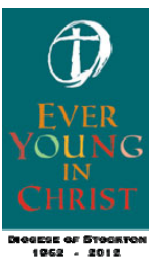
## Catecismo para Niños Junio 9-11

Necesita su niño recibir la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación? Regístrelos el fin de semana de inscripciones.

## RETIRO DE BIBLIA EN VACACIONES JUNIO 25-29



Retiro para niños de St. Joseph's.  
¡Regístrelos ya! en la plaza o en la



## ENTRENAMIENTO PARA LIDERES DE JUVENTUD

Las Diócesis de Stockton y San José patrocinan tres días de entrenamiento para jóvenes de secundaria que quieran ser líderes de juventud en sus comunidades. \$ 150 Por participante. Junio 22-24, Camp Campbell, Boulder Creek, CA.

## CONGRESO JUVENIL INTERCULTURAL

Los jóvenes aprenderán la manera de ser líderes en sus parroquias, mientras tienen la oportunidad de compartir diversas experiencias culturales, religiosas, de alimentación, danza, etc. Costo \$ 295, Julio 19-22, Universidad de Santa Clara.

Ambas sesiones de entrenamiento son para líderes jóvenes católicos. Para información escriba a [youth@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:youth@stocktondiocese.org) o llame al 209-546-7633. Es necesaria la inscripción previa. Hay becas disponibles para ambos eventos.

## ¡Boletín Parroquial en Español!

DEL LAPTOP DEL PÁRROCO, Padre Joseph Illo

Hace algunas semanas, la Legión Auxiliar Americana de Florida, negó el derecho de sus participantes a atender a la Misa Dominical. La organización se describe como “ un programa sin partido el cual enseña a las jóvenes como ser ciudadanas responsables y amar a Dios y a su País,” y estoy seguro de que es un buen programa. **Margeaux Graham**, una de las 300 jóvenes participantes en la convención estatal, preguntó si podría salir por una hora para poder ir a la Misa Dominical. No la dejaron. El líder regional preguntó si podría traer a un sacerdote para que ofreciese la Misa para las participantes católicas. Se lo negaron. Fue entonces cuando Margeaux se salió del programa en vez de perder la Misa Dominical. “ Este país fue fundado sobre principios de libertad personal y de religión,” escribió Margeaux al liderazgo de la convención, “ los derechos fundamentales por los cuales ustedes o sus seres queridos lucharon por proteger.”

Este caso manifiesta el crecimiento de una intolerancia por la libertad de religión en este país. Nada bueno puede venir de negarle a nuestros ciudadanos el derecho de practicar su religión. El negar el don de la religión a la sociedad solo la hace mas débil. No podemos quedarnos parados mientras que algunos en nuestra sociedad destruyen nuestras libertades civiles y debilitan el orden social. Los Obispos de nuestro país han designado catorce días, desde el 21 de junio hasta el 4 de julio como un tiempo llamado “*fortnight for freedom*”—un gran himno de oración por nuestro país. Al culminar en el Día de la Independencia, este periodo especial de oración, estudio, catequesis, y acción publica hará énfasis en nuestra herencia de libertad Cristiana y Americana. En St. Joseph's sus sacerdotes tendrán una hora de oración el viernes, 22 de junio de 6:30-



Inscripción de la Campana de la Libertad  
Levíticos 25:10—  
“PROCLAMEN LA LIBERTAD POR TODA LA TIERRA Y A TODOS SUS HABITANTES”

7:30pm, y rezarán por que la intolerancia religiosa desaparezca. Rezaremos para que las personas de todas las fes— o sin fe—se unan como hermanos y hermanas. Verán artículos en este boletín, y escucharán homilias animándoles a que sepamos defender el primero de nuestros derechos , el derecho de tener la libertad de practicar nuestra religión de una manera pacífica y beneficiosa para nuestra sociedad. ¡Qué la libertad continúe sonando en nuestro suelo! Fr. Joseph

## Nuestro Santo Padre en Roma

CARTA APOSTÓLICA *PORTA FIDEI*  
CON LA QUE SE CONVOCA EL *AÑO DE LA FE (Parte VI)*



11. Para acceder a un conocimiento sistemático del contenido de la fe, todos pueden encontrar en el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* un subsidio precioso e indispensable. Es uno de los frutos más importantes del Concilio Vaticano II. En la Constitución apostólica *Fidei depositum*, firmada precisamente al cumplirse el trigésimo aniversario de la apertura del Concilio Vaticano II, el beato Juan Pablo II escribió: «Este Catecismo es una contribución importantísima a la obra de renovación de la vida eclesial... Lo declaro como regla segura para la enseñanza de la fe y como instrumento válido y legítimo al servicio de la comunión eclesial». Precisamente en este horizonte, el *Año de la fe* deberá expresar un compromiso unánime para redescubrir y estudiar los contenidos fundamentales de la fe, sintetizados sistemática y orgánicamente en el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*. En efecto, en él se pone de manifiesto la riqueza de la enseñanza que la Iglesia ha recibido, custodiado y ofrecido en sus dos mil años de historia. Desde la Sagrada Escritura a los Padres de la Iglesia, de los Maestros de teología a los Santos de todos los siglos, el Catecismo ofrece una memoria permanente de los diferentes modos en que la Iglesia ha meditado sobre la fe y ha progresado en la doctrina, para dar certeza a los creyentes en su vida de fe.

En su misma estructura, el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* presenta el desarrollo de la fe hasta abordar los grandes temas de la vida cotidiana. A través de sus páginas se descubre que todo lo que se presenta no es una teoría, sino el encuentro con una Persona que vive en la Iglesia. A la profesión de fe, de hecho, sigue la explicación de la vida sacramental, en la que Cristo está presente y actúa, y continúa la construcción de su Iglesia. Sin la liturgia y los sacramentos, la profesión de fe no tendría eficacia, pues carecería de la gracia que sostiene el testimonio de los cristianos. Del mismo modo, la enseñanza del *Catecismo* sobre la vida moral adquiere su pleno sentido cuando se pone en relación con la fe, la liturgia y la oración.

12. Así, pues, el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* podrá ser en este *Año* un verdadero instrumento de apoyo a la fe, especialmente para quienes se preocupan por la formación de los cristianos, tan importante en nuestro contexto cultural. Para ello, he invitado a la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe a que, de acuerdo con los Dicasterios competentes de la Santa Sede, redacte una *Nota* con la que se ofrezca a la Iglesia y a los creyentes algunas indicaciones para vivir este *Año de la fe* de la manera más eficaz y apropiada, ayudándoles a creer y evangelizar. En efecto, la fe está sometida más que en el pasado a una serie de interrogantes que provienen de un cambio de mentalidad que, sobre todo hoy, reduce el ámbito de las certezas racionales al de los logros científicos y tecnológicos. Pero la Iglesia nunca ha tenido miedo de mostrar cómo entre la fe y la verdadera ciencia no puede haber conflicto alguno, porque ambas, aunque por caminos distintos, tienden a la verdad.

13. A lo largo de este *Año*, será decisivo volver a recorrer la historia de nuestra fe, que contempla el misterio insondable del entrecruzarse de la santidad y el pecado. Mientras lo primero pone de relieve la gran contribución que los hombres y las mujeres han ofrecido para el crecimiento y desarrollo de las comunidades a través del testimonio de su vida, lo segundo debe suscitar en cada uno un sincero y constante acto de conversión, con el fin de experimentar la misericordia del Padre que sale al encuentro de todos.

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