Three to be ordained on May 25 in Oakland

By Michele Jurich

On May 25, three men will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland.

They are Rev. Mr. Jimmy Macalinao; Rev. Mr. Jose Arturo Bazan; and Rev. Mr. Mario Rizzo.

Not only does the date mark the fifth anniversary of the ordination and installation of Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, who will ordain the three who will serve as diocesan priests, May 24 is Deacon Rizzo’s birthday and May 25 is the day Deacon Bazan was baptized.

And, in a first for the Diocese of Oakland, a permanent deacon is being ordained to the priesthood.

“I am blessed and thankful to be given an opportunity as the first single permanent deacon ordained priest in our diocese,” said Deacon Macalino, who has studied for the priesthood at Pope John XXIII Seminary in Massachusetts.

He had been in diaconate formation for five years, and after ordination on Nov. 16, 2013, served as a deacon for two years at St. Joseph Basilica Parish in Alameda.

“I really enjoyed my diaconal ministry because I had many occasions to serve those in need in different situations. Through my involvement in various ministries it helped me to accompany people in their joys and struggles,” he said.

But he felt the call to do something more.

“My call to priesthood was inspired by a powerful question that awakened my mind and pierced my heart: ‘Why don’t you do more?’ This urgent call was nourished and fortified by prayers and my encounters of those people who were suffering, especially the sick at hospitals and convalescent homes. Moved by the Holy Spirit to serve in a special way as a priest, I applied in...

Moved by the Holy Spirit and with the visible and invisible support of those who accompanied me along the way, I was able to say yes to God’s call,” he said.

Rev. Macalino will be assigned to the East Bay Missionary Parish, beginning Aug. 1.

Rev. Rizzo will be assigned to Sweet Home Mission Parish, beginning July 1.

Rev. Bazan will be assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, beginning June 1.

Ordination

When: May 25 – 7 p.m.
Where: The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland
To be ordained: Rev. Mr. Jimmy Macalino, Rev. Mr. Jose Arturo Bazan, Rev. Mr. Mario Rizzo
Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, presiding

On our cover

St. Catherine of Siena parishioners mounted a huge procession through downtown Martinez on April 29 to mark the parish’s 145th anniversary.

BISHOP BARBER’S SCHEDULE

May 22: Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland, including College of Consultants
May 23: Office meetings and University, Menlo Park, Academic Affairs Committee and Board of Trustees
Dinner with candidates for ordination to the priesthood
May 24: Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland, including USCCB Catholic Educational Committee, candidates for seminary, Builders Club representative
7 p.m., Mass and Confirmation, St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito
May 25: Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland, including candidates for seminary
7 p.m., ordinations to the priesthood, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland
May 26: 10 a.m., Mass, Confirmation, Catholic Community of Pleasanton, St. Augustine, Pleasanton
May 27: 11:30 a.m., Mass, Confirmation, St. John the Baptist, San Lorenzo
2:30 p.m., Mass, Jubilee Celebration with the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, St. Joseph Parish, Fremont
May 29: Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland
6 p.m., Mass, Confirmation, Queen of All Saints, Concord; Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley; St. Leo the Great, Oakland; St. Ignatius of Antioch, Antioch, at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland
May 30: Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland
May 31: Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland, including candidates for seminary
June 1: 7 p.m., Mass; procession; beginning of 40 Hours in Honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Fremont

THE VATICAN

Listen to youth

The Catholic Church must not keep young people at a distance, but instead must learn to listen to them, Pope Francis said. In a video message to young people gathered at several sites around the world to pray the rosary together May 12, the pope warned of the “dangers of speaking to young people without letting them speak, leaving them at a safe distance.”

Trial begins

The Vatican has accused a former director of the Vatican bank and his lawyer of money laundering and embezzlement, saying the men skimmed an estimated 57 million euros (about $68 million) off profits from the sale of Vatican properties. The trial of Angelo Caloia, who served as president of the Institute for the Works of the Vatican, and his lawyer, Gabriele Liuzzo, began in May and is expected to take about four weeks to complete.

In an interview with the CBS newsmagazine “60 Minutes” May 13, Pope Francis said, “Just as our parents generated us to earthly life, the Church, in Christ, Pope Francis said. “Whoever is born to new life through baptism is a person is born to new life through baptism.”

Cathedral Center construction update

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Diocese of Oakland,

As I have shared with you previously, various construction defects have been discovered in the Cathedral of Christ the Light and other properties on its campus. We are deeply disappointed in the extent of the defects, especially for our cathedral. The Cathedral Catholic Corp., the East Bay has taken legal action to ensure the necessary parties pay for the necessary corrective work.

The court-appointed special master for our legal case has approved a request by the defendants for additional inspections and testing. This is not unusual for a complex case such as ours. This work will begin in May and is expected to take about four weeks to complete.

This additional inspection and testing work will be performed by a licensed general contractor and assisted by our expert consultants. All work will be carefully managed to ensure the safety of occupants and visitors and to minimize interfering with cathedral, Chancery, parish and event center activities to the greatest extent possible.

The Cathedral and other Cathedral Center buildings, including the 22 level of the parking garage, will remain open during this work. However, small areas of the plaza and Chancery, rectory and parking garage may be temporarily closed while work is underway.

The process to establish legal accountability for construction and design issues is time-consuming and complex. I want to assure you we are doing our utmost to address them thoroughly and expeditiously. Thank you for your patience as we work to address these issues.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Very Rev. George Mockey,
President, Catholic Cathedral Corp. of the East Bay

THE DIOCESE

Thank you, volunteers

Docents and volunteers at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland were recognized for their efforts with a Mass followed by an appreciation brunch in the Event Center on May 14. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, thanked the volunteers for their unconditional support to the Diocese of Oakland.

New film on Pope Francis

Pope Francis is the subject of a new documentary by German filmmaker Wim Wenders, excerpts of which appeared on the CBS newsmagazine “60 Minutes” May 13. “Pope Francis: A Man of His Words.”

The movie, Pope Francis comments on the rush of everyday life. “We live with the accelerator down from morning to night,” the pope declares in Spanish, with English subtitles. “This ruins mental health, spiritual health and physical health. More so it affects and destroys the family. And therefore society.”

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Today we bless, consecrate, dedicate, and open Mass in Saint Mary’s Student Chapel. April 8. At left, the procession arrives at the chapel gates to begin the blessing and opening Mass.

By Jeanne Gray Loughman
Special to The Catholic Voice

On April 8, nearly two years of construction, the new Saint Mary’s Student Chapel was blessed and an opening Mass was celebrated by Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, with concelebrants Bishop Emeritus John S. Cummins, AFSC, an affiliated member of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, and school alumni Revs. Jayson Landoe, ’79 and Robert Carleton, MM, ’54. The gathering included major donors, Brothers from around the Lasallian District, and school alumni. The morning Mass was followed by a luncheon for parents, friends and neighbors. The morning Mass was followed by a luncheon for donors and an afternoon open house where many more visited.

Among the honored guests were many whose generous support made the chapel possible. In thanking them, school president R.C. (Class of 1968) alumni, Brother Edmond Larouce, FSC, remarked, “It has been the understanding from the beginning of the project that this chapel will be a gift to the students of Saint Mary’s. We hope that the students will find the chapel to be a place they seek out for prayer, meditation and solitude to nourish their spiritual life.”

The chapel is named for Remond Sabatte, Class of 1941, who, until his death in 1985, was a constant supporter of his alma mater and of the Catholic Church in the Oakland diocese, especially active in the Knights of Malta, Sierra Club and Family Aid Catholic Education. The Sabatte family, with 11 members who are alumni of the high school, were lead donors to the project and several members were on hand for the opening Mass.

Student representatives expressed the thanks of the entire student body, noting that the chapel’s location at the entry to the campus is an immediate and visible sign of Saint Mary’s Lasallian Catholic identity. Bishop Cummins reflected on the new chapel’s place in the long and storied history of the school site, the high school’s importance in Berkeley’s Catholic history, the many vocations from the school, and the long history of the De La Salle Christian Brothers themselves in the Catholic education of young people in the Bay Area. This August, the Brothers will mark 150 years since their arrival in the Bay Area. This event will be a celebration for many more visiting the chapel in the future.

One of the final additions to the outside of the structure was the large aluminum cross placed into the 38-foot tower, with inner edges finished in red for Saint Mary’s school colors, red and white. In his homily, Bishop Barber spoke about the importance of Catholic education. “A good Catholic high school prepares you for life; life on earth and life in heaven. Today we bless, consecrate, dedicate, and set aside for sacred use this chapel.”

“It’s already a beautiful building,” Bishop Barber said, commending those whose efforts led to its creation. He continued, “We’re going to make this a holy place,” and reminded the gathering of the words at the chapel entrance, to always remember the holy presence of God.

The Christian Brothers’ devotion to Mary and to the school that has borne her name for 155 years is their legacy. The joy of so many to see the finished chapel and to know their gifts are part of this legacy were evident at the opening Mass.

Brother V. Kenneth, FSC, spoke about the cornerstone that features the name of his mother, Mary Curley, for her legacy gift to the project. “During my 13 years at Saint Mary’s High,” Brother Kenneth reflected, “my dear mother visited me from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, three times. She loved the place, so when the time came for the chapel to become a reality, I could think of no better way to have my own mother honored and remembered. What a privilege to be able to do this for her in a chapel bearing the name ‘Mary.’

On May 6, Saint Mary’s Class of 2018 held a senior family Mass in the chapel and the following day the first after-school communion service took place.
**Father Tolton sainthood**

The first African American priest in the U.S. could become the country’s first African American saint as his cause moves another step forward. A document summarizing the life, virtue and alleged miracles of St. John Baptist de la Salle Father Augustinus Tolton, known as the positio, was unanimously approved as historically correct by a committee of six Vatican officials. John Augustine Tolton fled slavery with his mother and two siblings in 1862. He entered St. Peter’s Catholic School. After graduating from the high school at Quincy College, he began his ecclesiastical studies in Rome, because no American seminary would accept him on account of his race. On April 24, 1886, he was ordained in Rome. Throughout the U.S. carried the story. Upon his return to the U.S., in 1886, he was greeted at the train station like a conquering hero. His cause for sainthood was officially launched in 2010, and he was given the title “Servant of God” by the Vatican in February 2011.

**Parishioners displaced**

HONOLULU — In addition to offering prayers, the Catholic Church is stepping into action on behalf of hundreds of residents displaced from a fierce and unpredictable volcanic eruption of Kilauea Volcano on the island of Hawaii — known colloquially as the Big Island — in the Puna District of the island of Hawaii. The Catholic Diocese of Honolulu has visited and offered his parish hall to those forced to flee the evacuation zone.

**Flaws in religious freedom**

WASHINGTON — It is time for the United States to take a “self-critical” look at how it has treated religious freedom issues among its own leaders, said one speaker at a May 8 policy briefing near the Capitol with the new U.S. ambassador at large for international religious freedom, Sam Brownback, in attendance. We need to be more self-critical. We have to acknowledge what we have accomplished,” said Anuttama Dasa, international director for communications of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

**Met Gala**

Singer Rihanna arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York May 7 for this year’s annual gala, “Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination,” which inspired equally creative and controversial attire, which included oversized medieval, skin-baring papal ensemble worn by Rihanna, included a pregnant Cardi B dressed up as Mary Queen of Heaven, and a Sixteen Chapel-inspired dress worn by Ariana Grande, among many other outfits embellished with crosses and icons and other Catholic-inspired paraphernalia. The event and related exhibit drew mixed reviews, and included items borrowed from the Vatican, “religious art from the Met collection, and 150 designer fashion pieces that were intended to pay homage to Catholicism.”

**Blessed Romero, Pope Paul canonisations**

Salvadorans carry an image of Blessed Oscar Romero in Sun Salvarsan, El Salvador, in 2016 to commemorate the anniversary of his murder. The Vatican announced that the final approval for the canonisation of Blessed Romero will be given at a May 19 consistory. Blessed Paul VI will be canonised in late October, said Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state.
Malta group takes ill on pilgrimage to Lourdes

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More than 30 people from the Diocese of Oakland made the annual pilgrimage to the healing grotto at Lourdes, France, sponsored by the Order of Malta.

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Rev. Anthony Huong Le

Parishioners at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Martinez celebrated the 146th anniversary of the founding of the church with a huge procession around the downtown, Mass and a party on April 28.

A procession that at one point stretched for four blocks began at Susana Park, about a block from the church, and moved six blocks to Main Street, turned and returned to the church via Castro Street. Participants carried banners from their organizations, sang and stopped on Main Street as Rev. Anthony Huong Le, parochial administrator, led them in prayer.

It was an event to "showcase our faith," he said, while we "pray for our city and community of faith."

In his homily, Father Le noted that the parish's patron, St. Catherine, was a strong woman of the 14th century. She was the first and one of only four women declared a "doctor of the Church" and was instrumental in getting the pope to return to Rome from Avignon in France.

St. Catherine of Siena is one of the oldest parishes in the Diocese of Oakland and its growth played a significant role in the history of the diocese as well as the history of the community around it. A Voice article, dated April 26, 1973, issued just before the parish's centennial celebration called St. Catherine the "mother" church of East Contra Costa County.

The church was founded in what was then "mission territory" and was administered by the Dominican Order, who were then based in Benicia. The city of Martinez and St. Catherine Church grew up together. The parish's anniversary date is April 29.

At the lunch and party after Mass, emcee Marty Ochoa introduced Martinez Mayor Rob Schroder, who spoke and read a proclamation. They were joined by City Councilmember Noralea Gipner, a member of the parish.

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Women religious take notes during a human trafficking conference at the U.S. Capitol in Washington May 15.

The “social acceptance of the prostitution of women and girls” includes the benign label of sex worker. “Prostitution is neither sex nor work,” Sister Doherty told the inaugural Shirin A. Hossain Conference at the U.S. Capitol May 15. “Gender equality can be put into laws, traffickers could ‘no longer buy and sell people,’” she said.

Conference speakers addressed both sexual and forced-labor exploitation in the United States. According to a recent report from the U.S. Office on Drugs and Crime, 79 percent of human trafficking worldwide involves sex exploitation. It said 18 percent involves forced labor — promising desperate people steady high-paying jobs that don’t exist while forcing them into debt bondage and low-paying jobs.

That, Sister Doherty emphasized, can be going on in one’s neighborhood, and not be something far away. The next time women walk by a hair and nail salon using what appears to be immigrant labor, she said, it’s right to ask, “Who trained them? Who addressed trafficking in persons, but more needs to be done, Sister Doherty said. She also advocated for the decriminalization of women forced into prostitution.

The conference was co-hosted by the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd with the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. Participants later met with congressional representatives to advocate for two pieces of legislation.
Papa Ninja: We cannot separate faith from everyday life

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer

Intrepid students from St. Joseph Notre Dame High School and its Alameda neighborhood got a chance to see just how Ninja they might be.

With a series of obstacles set up around the high school gym floor, they got a chance to jump, climb and, perhaps most importantly, figure out how to succeed.

They had as their Ninja master one of America’s finest, Sean Bryan, known as the Papal Ninja, was one of the top three finishers in Season 9 of NBC’s “American Ninja Warrior.”

The tooling around the obstacles was just a warm-up.

Bryan’s talk — illustrated with clips from his participation on the TV show and a quick sprint through obstacles erected on the gym floor — wasn’t all about rope climbing, avoiding water hazards and the celebrity that comes with being on a network television show.

For the Papal Ninja, it’s about spreading the Word of God.

When Sean Bryan knelt to pray before heading to an obstacle, millions of people saw that. It just might have been the longest prayer on commercial national television all last year.

Bryan’s success — his faith, of course, bolstered by his gymnastics expertise and physics degree from the University of California at Berkeley — is not left on the course.

It’s for the greater glory.

Bryan, a graduate of the Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology in Berkeley, is the animating director of Lay Mission Project.

“It’s about your calling” as lay people, he said. Everyone who has been baptized, he said, answers to the universal call to holiness.

“Society has a view of what it expects a holy person to be,” he told the audience, noting that holy people are seen as separate from the world. But Bryan busted that assumption when he was among the top three finishers in the televised finale last year, which was watched by almost 6 million people.

“We cannot separate faith from everyday life,” he said.

His presentation included the words of St. Pope John Paul II and “Lumen Gentium,” (“Light of the Nations”) and invited his young listeners to deepen their own sense of discipleship.

He told the gathering he will be appearing in Season 10 of the show, and is doing appearances such as the one in Alameda all across the country. He was off to Texas to support a priest from Arkansas he had encouraged to enter the competition.

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St. Joseph Notre Dame High School students James Republicano, David Republicano and Robin Bernal participated in a mini “American Ninja Warrior”-style course at an event featuring Sean Bryan, the Papal Ninja. Right, Bryan illustrated his talk with images from his time in the program.
Parishes grow only when people are welcomed, heard

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

ROME — After months of study and discussion, the parishes of the Diocese of Rome have recognized “a general and healthy exhaustion” with doing the same things over and over, touching the lives of fewer and fewer people as time goes on, Pope Francis said.

Changing the way parishes — and their priests and involved laity — operate will not be easy, the pope said, but members of the diocese must set out to follow the Lord more closely, deal with the reality in their neighborhoods and learn how to show everyone living within the parish boundaries that they are recognized and loved.

Pope Francis addressed some 1,700 diocesan leaders, both clergy and lay, May 14 at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In the process of identifying the “spiritual illnesses” of the diocese, the pope said, the priests and parish leaders made it clear that they are tired of being content with what they have been doing for years.

A renewed outreach, the pope said, must begin by “learning to discern where God already is present in very ordinary forms of holiness and communion with him.”

There are people in the parishes, he said, who might not know their catechism, but they see the basic interactions in their lives through a lens of faith and hope.

Calling for a “revolution of tenderness” in parishes and the diocese, Pope Francis said that while “guiding a Christian community is the specific task of the ordained minister — the pastor — pastoral care is based in baptism and blossoms from brotherhood and is not the task only of the pastor and priests, but of all the baptized.”

The Lumen Christi Academies’ keys to academic success, with Christ at the core, include improving science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curricula and facilities; an emphasis on literacy as the foundation to all learning; and support for whole child and whole community wellness. See story, Page 1.
Rev. Thomas Paul Chrysostom Raftery, OP

Rev. Thomas Paul Chrysostom Raftery, OP, died April 11 at St. Albert the Great Priory in Oakland, in the presence of his Dominican community, after a lingering illness. He was 87.

Born on July 14, 1930, a dedicated Bay Area native, Father Raftery was the youngest of 10. Receiving significant support from a close-knit family, especially after the death of his mother in his early teens, he attended Berkeley schools. He prepared at Mount Angel Abbey seminary, for entrance into the Dominican Order, receiving the habit in Kenfield on Aug. 14, 1949, where he made simple profession the following year. He spent two years at the Dominican House of Studies in Walberberg, Germany. In 1955, he was among the first of the postwar Dominican students sent abroad. In 1955, he was among the first of the postwar Dominican students sent abroad. He was 92.

Diocese of Oakland, died April 27 in Pleasanton. He was 92.

Six years as a member of the Provincial Council and eventually as prior provincial from 1977 to 1981. He served as a teacher at Holy Names and Dominican Colleges, as well as in the Houses of Studies in Oakland. He had assignments as pastor or prior at Holy Rosary, Antioch, and Stanton St. Francis, San Francisco, and as associate at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral, Reno, and in residence at St. Mary Magdalene, Berkeley, as chaplain for the Mission San Jose Dominican Sisters until 2014.

Father Raftery is survived by his nephew, Paul Kellogg Raftery OP, and many cousins, nieces and nephews and their children.

The funeral Mass was celebrated April 18 at the Priory of St. Albert the Great, followed by interment at St. Dominic’s Cemetery in Benicia.

Donations in Father Raftery’s memory, to support the formation of future Dominican priests and brothers, can be sent to Western Dominican Province, 5877 Birch Court, Oakland 94618-1627 or made to opwest.org/frathermunford.

Deacon Ross Hoblitzell

Ross Hoblitzell, a member of the Mission San Jose Dominican Sisters, died April 11 at St. Albert the Great, Serving the entire Bay Area in The Catholic Voice

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**NEW EVENTS**

**May 31 to June 3**

**Men’s Cursillo 3-day Course** at Holy Redeemer Center, 845 Golf Links Road, Oakland. 510-550-3216 includes meals. Contact: David W. Jackson, 510-322-3675 or jack@issors.co or www.2course.org.

**June 7 to 10**

Women’s Cursillo, Oakland diocese. At Holy Redeemer Center, 845 Golf Links Rd. Oakland. Three days to grow your faith, $150 includes meals and materials. RSVP by noon of May 22. Contact: May Kloke, 925-979-1647 or wocs@dioceseofsanfrancisco.org.

**June 9 and 10**

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition at 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, 228 Golf Links Rd. Live, photo and information regarding dozens on Eucharistic miracles from all over the world will be on display. Free, Information: Dennis Lundin, 775-72206.

**Sunday, June 10**

East Bay Free Prayer Recipeiun Party. 1 to 3 p.m. at University Terrace, Building 125 of Presentation High School, 2716 Jefferies Ave., Berkeley. Indonors on the ground floor facint the garfo site of an expert will show you what friends and friends can show your school memories and make some new ones. To RSVP or for more information, visit www.renderinvitation.com.

**Saturday, June 16**

800th Reunion of First Graduating Class of St. David School, Richmond. 50 member reunion. Reunion planner is St. Edward’s Sisters of Notre Dame. Present classmate, Mary Kloke, whoalso uses. Any interested are appreciated. For further details or inquiries, call Michael Gates at 916-414-4023 or Jerry Bowen at 415-867-9557.

**Sunday, June 17**

Father’s Day BBQ at San Damiano. The Franciscan retreat house, 710 Highland Drive, Danville, will have a Father’s Day barbecue from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 17. Price is $30/adults, $15 children under 12 and under. Details: 925-837-9414 or www.sandamiano.org.

**Father’s Day BBQ at San Damiano**

Chapel, 1152 S Palo Alto Blvd., El Cerrito. 210-320-4329 or fdf@alfry.co.uk.

**Monday, June 18**

6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, 3962 Chestnut Ave., Oakland. Confessions: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish. 3962 Chestnut Ave., Oakland.

**Monday to Thursday**

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the chapel of St. Francis of Assisi Church (inside St. Joseph Center/Office), 1662 Manor Blvd., San Leandro. 510-351-5765.

**Monday, June 21**, 2018

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Second and Third Saturdays, St. Clement Parish Center, 750 Calhoun St., Walnut Creek. 925-772-1970.

**Monday, June 25**, 2018

Perpetual Help Devotion Basilica format. Wednesdays, 6:15 a.m. after last Mass. Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel, 710 Highland Drive, Bay Point. 925-659-0679.

**Mondays**

Roadside Rosary, 7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Parish, 2100 Pearl St. Pinole. 510-741-4900.

**Wednesdays**

Devotions ongoing. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Lawrence O’Toole-Cyri Church, 725 St. Hil., Oakland. We celebrate the Divine Word gideon which includes praying the divine Mercy prayer in song. Adoration, Confession in both English and Spanish. Parish office: 510-630-2761.

**Wednesday, June 27**, 2018

Next Monday: St. Joseph Chapel and Cornelia in Spanish. 7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Parish, 200 Park St., Livermore. 925-445-1600.

**First Wednesdays**

Catholic Men’s Night, 7 p.m. at St. Mary of the Magdala, 2191 Chestnut St., Walnut Creek. Adoration, Confession and rosary for men. Food and drink available. Contact Michael Gallagher 925-622-1025. 

**Thursdays**

Holy Hour for Vocations, 7 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish, 2662 St. Paul’s Ave., Oakland. Information: 510-790-3207.

**First Thursdays**

Holy Hour First Thursday (or before first Friday) at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 325 E Excelsior Ave., Oakland. Every Thursday at the same time and place until the end of the liturgical year. First Friday before first Friday is an all day of prayer and Adoration for the new vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for our current religious, beatific and deceased. 510-482-0595.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

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Chapel, 1152 S Palo Alto Blvd., El Cerrito. 210-320-4329 or fdf@alfry.co.uk.

**Sunday, June 3**

Michael Gallagher and Friends: Concert Celebrating Michael’s 30 Years of Service at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2588 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland. Free-will offering; Information: 510-453-1790.

**Saturday, June 9**


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Cascade in Niles: Corpus Christi Annual Festival. 10-2 p.m. The Franciscan retreat house, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Information: 925-836-9071 or www.sandamiano.org.

**June 29 to July 1**

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat. The retreat weekend offers a safe place for women or men who are grieving the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, and sudden infant death. Contact: Kim at 209-465-5433 or Gloria at 510-485-2584.

**TAIZÉ**

(A Ecumenical, communal prayer of service in Taizé. Each Tuesday. Simple chant, Scripture readings, silent worship and veneration of the cross.)

**Friday, May 25**

“Eyes” and “Bread of Heaven,” songs of Catholic worship songwriter of Catholic worship. 7:15 to 9 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1260 North St., Martinez. 925-229-7600.

**Every last Saturday**

Spanish Mass; ends with benediction at 1 p.m. St. Joseph Church, 375 Hanover Ave, Walnut Creek. 925-579-4902.

**EVEN TS**

**Saturday, May 26**

St. Columba Catholic Church presents Healing the Mind, Body and Soul (May is Mental Health Awareness Month). 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Columba Church Parish Hall, 5831 San Pablo. Oakland. Film discussion, educational, confessional group sharing, light fare and refreshments. Free. Bring PRIORITY appreciated. Haley Arterberry, 925-197-8367.

**Thursday, May 31**

Argentina Day Dinner, an evening in honor of Our Blessed Mother. 6:30 to 9 p.m. large hall at St. Joseph Parish Center, 2001 Highland Drive, Danville. 925-839-7525.

**Saturday, June 2**

Italian Catholic Federation Branch 285: Potol and Chicken Concert Dinner. Opens at 6 p.m. at St. Augustine Church Hall, 9999 Bernal Ave, San Francisco. Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets $25; children (10 and under) $10. Reservations required. RSVP to 510-239-239. Questions: Joy, 925-673-7025 or visit 2016Bavariyay.com.

**Saturday, June 2**

Grief WorkShop

An ecumenical, communal prayer of service in Taizé. Each Tuesday. Simple chant, Scripture readings, silent worship and veneration of the cross.)

**Support Groups**

**Third Wednesdays**

LGBTQ Support Group. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the rectory at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasant Hill. Monthly meetings with different opportunities. Contact: Dom Pietro at 510-462-4665 or pietrope@comcast.net.

**Thursdays**

Widowers/divorced support group. 5 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 2100 Pearl St., Oakland. Information: Sandy Harms, 510-531-3412 or sanyharm@sbcglobal.net.

**Parents Who Have Lost a Child Support Group.** At Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 500 Fernandina Ave., Pinole. 510-531-3412 or sandynca@sbcglobal.net.

**Through May 24**

Stepping Stones on your Grief Journey Workshop. Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth School, 3962 Blanding Ave., Oakland. Information: 510-790-3207.

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**GRIEF WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

**Thursdays, May 24**

Widows Support Group. 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Center, 2001 Highland Drive, Danville. Information: 510-790-3207.

**Saturday, May 26**

Why Does It Hurt So Much? 11 a.m. Sixth Sunday of Easter, 925-837-9414 or www.sandamiano.org.

**Next Voice, June 11**

Submit by May 30 to Carrie McClish, 2121 Harrison St., Suite 103, Oakland, CA 94612; by phone 510-914-1074; or by fax at 510-893-4734.
By Albert C. Pacciorini

Oakland Knights chapter aids vocations, seminarians

Our diocese and eventually got accepted and then I was sent to Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, to do my priestly formation in 2015 until 2018.

For Deacon Bazan, “seductive words of Christ and the spiritual, legal presence in the Sacraments, His unique and faithful response to countless prayers and His personal and Fatherly love for me, have all led me to discern that my call in this life is to be with Him in His temple at the service of His Beloved Catholic Church, especially through priestly ministry.”

The call to the priesthood began almost 14 years ago, he said. “With the proper formation in 2015 until 2018.”

Before my diaconate ordination I wrote a reflection for The Catholic Voice in which I used the words of the prophet Samuel to frame my vocational journey: “Speak, Lord your servant is listening” (1Sm 3:10). At the end of my seven years at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, another passage from Scripture has come to the forefront: “Jesus turned and saw [Andrew and Peter]... He said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” They said to Him, ‘Rabbi, the one you have named, the Teacher, where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’”

Looking back on all of my experiences in the seminary, from athletics to Friday soccer games, from daily Mass and prayer, to meals in the rectory; from parish ministry, to socializing with the seminary community, it seems to me that all of this is summed up in this passage, “and they stayed with him that day” (John 1:38-39).

In thanking the Knights, Deacon Bazan said using the chalice during Mass would remind him every time of the Knights. Deacon Mario Rizzo was ordained a priest May 25, Deacon Arturo Bazan by Rev. Mr. Samuel Rizzo, Special to The Catholic Voice.

Staying with Him

By Rev. Mr. Samuel Rizzo

Masses of Thanksgiving

(Continued from Page 1.)

Rev. José Arturo Bazan

May 26, 7 p.m.

Rev. Joseph the Worker Church

1640 Addison St

Berkeley

May 27, 10:30 a.m. Spanish; 12:30 p.m. English

St. Jarlath Church

2620 Pleasant St., Oakland

May 29, 9 a.m. English/Spanish Mass

St. Patrick’s Seminary Chapel

Oberlin Converts

320 Middleton Road, Menlo Park

June 10, 3 p.m. Spanish

Church of the Good Shepherd

3200 Harbor St., Pittsburg

Parish assignment as of July 1:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Pittsburg

Rev. Jimmy Macalinao

May 26, 5 p.m.

St. Joseph Basilica Parish

1109 Chelfth St., Alameda

June 3, 8:30 a.m.

St. Anthony Parish

971 H’Ora Ave., Oakland

June 2, 5 p.m.

St. Michael Parish

458 Maple St., Livermore

June 3, 9 a.m.

St. Joachim Parish

21250 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward

Parish assignment as of July 1:

Most Holy Rosary Parish, Antioch

Rev. Mario Samuel Rizzo

May 27, 11 a.m.

St. Monica Church

1001 Camino Pablo, Moraga

Parish assignment as of July 1:

Christ the King Parish, Pleasant Hill

Deacon Arturo Bazan examines the chalice inscription with Knight Bob Burnside.

Deacon Arturo Bazan, received a gift from the Knights, a gold chalice. The chalice was given in honor of the late Sir Knight Gerard F. Cloutier, who died at 93 last year.

In thanking the Knights, Deacon Bazan said using the chalice during Mass would remind him every time of the Knights.

Rev. Wayne Campbell, vocations director, reported the diocese has 17 men in the seminary with 10 now applying. Father Campbell credits the “active energy” between family, faith, parish and clergy for the strong interest.
LETTERS

Three complaints

In regards to the letter, “Trump and life,” (Forum, April 8): First, it is 108 words longer than the allotted 250 words. Second, the debate between Trump and Obama should have been better written to our local newspaper of The Catholic Voice. Third, as a longtime reader of The Voice, I would be in agreement that the editor of letters would exercise the written guidance to request that we print such a diatribe in our Catholic Voice.

Rene Archambaut
Concord

LETTERS to the editor provide a forum for readers to present their views, in an open exchange of opinions and concerns in a climate of respectful and civil discourse. The opinions expressed are those of the writers, and not necessarily those of The Catholic Voice.

Catholic teaching

I respectfully disagree with Ed Chainey’s (Forum, April 23) assertion that one cannot be both pro-life AND pro-death penalty without the teaching of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church has been consistently against abortion since the beginning. However, Canon Law, while not in favor of the death penalty, does allow for the death penalty in some circumstances. The Catechism of the Catholic Church addresses the death penalty in sections 2266 and 2267. Section 2266 states in part: “The Church has always held the right and duty of legitimate public authorities to punish malefactors by the death penalty.” The Church has traditionally held that the death penalty is a means of penalties commensurate with the gravity of the crime, not excluding, in cases of extreme gravity, the death penalty itself.

Section 2267 goes on to state a preference for the following means to reduce human lives against an aggressor: “...the Church has always held that public authorities to punish malefactors by the death penalty allows a Catholic to vote for Candidate X or Candidate Y if the death penalty then gives tacit permission the death penalty.” That is certainly not the opinion of the writers, and not necessarily those of the Catholic Voice.

Third, as a longtime reader of The Catholic Church, I know that prosecutors do not have the ability to resolve cases themselves. That’s why they rely on plea bargains to request DNA tests whenever new evidence of doubt as to his or her guilt. That’s why I think it is a serious political mistake to group. The death penalty together. That’s why I think this is the case of a convicted serial killer who is now in a supermax prison for life without possibility of parole. Suppose he kills a prison guard? How do you punish someone who is already in a supermax prison for life without the chance for parole? Abolishing the death penalty might actually increase the risk for prison guards since a prisoner might think that he could kill a guard and that the authorities could not punish him any more than he’s already being punished. I think, third, it is a serious political mistake to group. The death penalty together. That’s why I think this is the case of a convicted serial killer who is now in a supermax prison for life without possibility of parole. Suppose he kills a prison guard? How do you punish someone who is already in a supermax prison for life without the chance for parole? Abolishing the death penalty might actually increase the risk for prison guards since a prisoner might think that he could kill a guard and that the authorities could not punish him any more than he’s already being punished. I think, third, it is a serious political mistake to group. The death penalty together. That’s why I think this is the case of a convicted serial killer who is now in a supermax prison for life without possibility of parole. Suppose he kills a prison guard? How do you punish someone who is already in a supermax prison for life without the chance for parole? Abolishing the death penalty might actually increase the risk for prison guards since a prisoner might think that he could kill a guard and that the authorities could not punish him any more than he’s already being punished. I think, third, it is a serious political mistake to group. The death penalty together. That’s why I think this is the case of a convicted serial killer who is now in a supermax prison for life without possibility of parole. Suppose he kills a prison guard? How do you punish someone who is already in a supermax prison for life without the chance for parole? Abolishing the death penalty might actually increase the risk for prison guards since a prisoner might think that he could kill a guard and that the authorities could not punish him any more than he’s already being punished. I think, third, it is a serious political mistake to group. The death penalty together. That’s why I think this is the case of a convicted serial killer who is now in a supermax prison for life without possibility of parole. Suppose he kills a prison guard? How do you punish someone who is already in a supermax prison for life without the chance for parole? Abolishing the death penalty might actually increase the risk for prison guards since a prisoner might think that he could kill a guard and that the authorities could not punish him any more than he’s already being punished. I think, third, it is a serious political mistake to group. The death penalty together. That’s why I think this is the case of a convicted serial killer who is now in a supermax prison for life without possibility of parole. Suppose he kills a prison guard? How do you punish someone who is already in a supermax prison for life without the chance for parole? Abolishing the death penalty might actually increase the risk for prison guards since a prisoner might think that he could kill a guard and that the authorities could not punish him any more than he’s already being punished. I think, third, it is a serious political mistake to group. The death penalty together. That’s why I think this is the case of a convicted serial killer who is now in a supermax prison for life without possibility of parole. Suppose he kills a prison guard? How do you punish someone who is already in a supermax prison for life without the chance for parole? Abolishing the death penalty might actually increase the risk for prison guards since a prisoner might think that he could kill a guard and that the authorities could not punish him any more than he’s already being punished.

A recent study by the FBI found that murderers sentenced to life without parole are actually more likely to reoffend than those who receive a death sentence.

Furthermore, statistics show that the death penalty is applied disproportionately to African Americans, the poor, and the mentally ill.

In conclusion, while the death penalty is a legitimate form of punishment, it should be reserved only for the most heinous of crimes, and its application should be reviewed carefully to ensure that it is not used arbitrarily or disproportionately.

David M. Smith
San Francisco, CA

VANTAGE POINTS

Time to understand the Church’s moral tradition about death and dying

By Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, PSS

Just of his second birthday, Alfie Evans died on April 28 in Liverpool, England. He became the focus of international attention. Due to an unidentified degenerative condition, he had been hospitalized since December 2016 at Alder Hey Children’s Hospital in Liverpool.

Alfie’s physicians described him in a “mumblified” state with a “catastrophic and untreatable neurodegenerative condition” that led to his brain being “corrupted” by this disease. They unanimously believe that all further medical treatment would not benefit him. Since his brain had almost entirely eroded “away as if the body’s spinal fluid,” compromised further by frequent seizures, a long line of health care professionals, from brain compromised lung functioning, they recommended that he be removed from his ventilator and allowed to die comfortably with palliative care.

His young parents vehemently disagreed and wanted his son to be transferred to another hospital for another diagnosis and treatment. His father saw him as “my healthy young boy, who is endearing and certainly not dying.”

As typical of such cases in the United Kingdom, and very similar to the way these cases are dealt with in the United States, Alfie’s case was referred to the Supreme Court. The family lost its appeals at all levels including the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights.

Doctors in Milan, Munich, Poland and Rome offered to take Alfie. Rome’s Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital went so far as to send legal letters to offer its assistance, especially through the interventions of the Italian ambassador and Pope Francis himself. The courts would not permit a transfer as there was virtually no hope of saving left of his brain” and he had executed a will “to die with comfort, dignity and privacy.”

His ventilator was removed on April 23 and he died five days later in Liverpool’s Alder Hey Hospital.

Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, once wrote, “Moral outrage is the antithesis of morality, moral outrage is the writer’s attempt to ‘cleanse the air’ of doubt as to his or her guilt. That’s why: personally favoring courts allow on death row prisoners DNA tests whenever new evidence is discovered or new technologies allow for the testing of old evidence that could not be tested when the evidence was first discovered.”

None of this is to say that we shouldn’t have the most stringent safeguards in place to make sure that no one is ever executed without the clearest of doubt as to his or her guilt. That’s why personally favoring courts allow on death row prisoners DNA tests whenever new evidence is discovered or new technologies allow for the testing of old evidence that could not be tested when the evidence was first discovered.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explicitly summarizes the Church’s centuries-old moral teaching: “Discontinuing extraordinary medical treatment that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of over-zealous treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one’s inability to impede it is merely accepted.” (No. 2278) Catholic teaching places limits on what medical treatments must be provided to patients for whom there is no realistic medical expectation of benefit. The bishops of England and Wales stated the point precisely: “We do, sometimes, however, have to recognize the limitations of what can be done.”

The president of the Vatican’s Academy for Life was quite clear and accurate: “The proper question is raised in this and any other unfortunate similar case — what are the best interests of the patient?”

We must do what advances the health of the patient, but we must also accept the limits of medicine and ... avoid aggressive medical procedures that are disproportionate to any accepted results positively beneficent to the patient or family.

Three days before Alfie’s death, his parents expressed appreciation for all the encouragement they received from around the world. They asked their supporters to pray for him to return home and allow them to spend time with Alfie’s physicians to “build a bridge and a bridge and a bridge.” They thanked the hospital’s staff for their professionalism and the way they treated Alfie with dignity and respect.

A British member of the European Parliament promised to initiate changes in UK law to help parents in the future from being sidelined in their rights to make decisions for their children. It is now time, he said, for Alfie’s Law.

It is also time for Catholics to properly understand the Church’s moral tradition about death and dying, comprehensive and complementary teaching on non-beneficial, extraordinary medical treatment, and refrain from hurling wrong-headed accusations such as murder, euthanasia and misguided physicians.

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