Malta Clinic to operate mobile unit throughout region

By Albert C. Pacciorini

The Order of Malta free health clinic, a nonprofit celebrating its 10th year in operation at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, has purchased a large mobile van in hopes of bringing health care to low-income people throughout the East Bay.

The 36-foot-long van is essentially a “doctor’s office on wheels,” said John Christian, board chair of the Order of Malta Clinic of Northern California. “For years, we’ve shared a vision for bringing health services to more Bay Area patients, many of whom are unable to visit our clinic in downtown Oakland. This new mobile unit makes that dream a reality.”

“I’m just excited at the prospect of bringing good medicine to people where transportation is a challenge and can’t get to our Oakland clinic,” he said.

Pending some licensing requirements and lining up qualified drivers and health care professional volunteers, the mobile clinic should be operating by September.

While it will operate primarily in the East Bay, the clinic has already received inquiries from other areas, such as those affected by fires in the North Bay.

As a result of the clinic’s 1,800-square-foot offices at 21st and Harrison streets in Oakland, the Order of Malta Western Association invested in the mobile unit as part of its overall 10th anniversary celebration, serving its community organizations will invite it to send the van for a weekend of more than 50 volunteer physicians and nurses.

The clinic needs volunteer medical professionals, physicians and nurses. Health care professionals interested in volunteering at the clinic or the mobile unit should contact the clinic’s director, Dr. Vona Lorenzato, at 510-587-3000.

The clinic extends its appreciation to its partner parish in downtown Oakland. This new mobile unit makes that dream a reality.

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The most recent addition is Greg Young as director of the Clinic, offering what President Mike Anderer calls a “transformational educational experience to students from low-earning families who wouldn’t have access to Catholic high school.”

In beginning an educational program where the students will be asked to “imagine and envision themselves in college,” Anderer said the first day will offer them a taste that will continue through the second and third years.

Anderer and the founding team of teachers and administrators will welcome the students to the refreshed campus of the former St. Elizabeth High School.

Then they’ll board a bus to Mary’s College in Moraga, where they will spend the first days of their Alpha Summer Institute on retreat.

Two years ago, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, announced his intention to open Cristo Rey high school in the Diocese of Oakland. Eligible students come from families whose income falls below 75 percent of the median income for the area. In the East Bay, the maximum qualifying income is about $73,000 for a family of four.

Students participate in a corporate work study program, providing $9,000 toward the $18,000 tuition. The family’s annual financial contribution is between $500 and $2,500. The remainder will be contributed by the student’s parents.

Seventy students are registered for the founding Class of 2022. About 80 percent of the students live in Oakland, Anderer said. Some students live in San Leandro and Hayward, and a few live in West Contra Costa County and Concord.

Graduates of Catholic elementary schools, including St. Elizabeth Elementary School, which is across the street, and St. Anthony School, which is less than 2 miles away, are among the incoming students. They are joined by students from public and charter schools.

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As Holy Names University and Samuel Merritt University work toward the memorandum of understanding that would put both longtime Oakland education institutions on the same Mountain Boulevard campus, representatives of both are saying they are learning a lot about each other.

Holy Names University, founded in 1868 by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, and Samuel Merritt University, founded in 1909, share deep roots in the city of Oakland.

The strength of those roots is reflected not only in their commitment to serve the people of Oakland, but in diversity and accessibility for first-generation college students.

“We’re hoping to have a memorandum of understanding at the end of the year,” said Steven Borg, chairman of the board of trustees of Holy Names University.

Financial and construction issues, as well as a master plan through 2030, are under discussion. This is not a merger.

“We are doing what is pretty unique,” said Sharon Diaz, longtime president of Samuel Merritt University. “There are lots of mergers in higher education because of the challenges small liberal arts colleges are facing.”

Diaz has been through a merger in 2002, when the California College of Podiatric Medicine merged with Samuel Merritt University. The California School of Podiatric Medicine joined Merritt’s programs in nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy and physician assistant on its flagship Peralis Annex campus in Oakland.

The two universities are pursuing a plan to jointly expand and modernize the Holy Names campus in 60 acres in the Oakland hills over a period of several years. Samuel Merritt University’s classroom buildings, offices and labs on the Oakland campus are housed in the two properties.
Religious Professions of Quinhon including Priest Personnel Board retreat, Regis University, Denver Through July 26:

St. Michael pastor resigns

The Diocese

Bishop Barber’s Schedule

July 31: Office meetings, Chancery, including Priest Personal Board.
Aug. 1: Office meetings, Chancery.
Aug. 2: Office meetings, Chancery.
Aug. 3: 4 p.m., Mass and blessing, Vista Collina Resort, Napa.
Aug. 4: 10 a.m., Mass, Jubilee and Religious Professions of Quinhon Missionary Sisters, St. Felicitas Parish, San Leandro
5 p.m., Ordination to the Diaconate, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Berkeley.
Aug. 5: Catholic Worker, Berkeley, service project with new deacons.
Aug. 6-8: Blessing, dedication, Chapel of the Holy Cross, Jesuit High School, Tampa, Florida.
Aug. 11: 9 a.m., Mass, Diocesan Catechetical Congress, Bishop D’Owoud High School, Oakland.

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THE CHURCH

California Catholic Conference names new executive director

SACRAMENTO — Andrew Rivas has been named executive director of the California Catholic Conference, which is the official voice of the Catholic community in the state’s public policy arena.

Rivas will assume his duties in August at the end of the legislative session. He succeeds Edward “Ted” Dolezis, who announced his retirement earlier this year.

The announcement was made June 26 in Sacramento by the state’s San Jose Bishop, Bishop Joseph M. S. Tobin, president of the California Catholic Conference.

Rivas serves as the director of the Catholic Foundation of Northern California, a community relations arm of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Previously, he served as executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference; policy adviser in domestic social development with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; and as an advocate for Catholic Charities USA.

“Andy has been a friend and colleague for many years, since we worked together in Texas. He has been a blessing to my ministry and to the family of God here in Los Angeles,” said Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez. “We are going to miss him here, but I know he will do great things in Sacramento for the whole Church in California.”

THE VATICAN

2 more resignations

In the wake of a papal investigation into abuse of power, negligence and the cover-up of sexual abuse in the church in Chile, Pope Francis has accepted the resignations of two more of the country’s bishops: Bishops Alejandro Goic Karmelic of Rancagua, 78, and Horacio Isabel de la Rua of Talca. Pope Francis named two apostolic administrators — two auxiliary bishops from the Archdiocese of Santiago — to govern the now “vacant” dioceses: Bishop Luis Fernando Ramos Peña, 59, for Rancagua, and Bishop Gauto Fernandez Villaseca, 57, for Talca. The Vatican made the announcement June 28. Almost every bishop in Chile had offered his resignation to Pope Francis in mid-May after a three-day meeting at the Vatican to discuss the clerical sexual abuse scandal detailed in a 2,300-page report compiled by Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta and his aide, Father Jordi Bertomeu.

Faith is joyous

God always loves and generously gives first before asking for fidelity to his commandments — which are the words of a loving father showing people the right way to live, Pope Francis said. “Christian life is above all the grateful response to a generous father,” not a forced, joyless compliance to a series of obligations, the pope said June 27 at his general audience in St. Peter’s Square. It was to be the last general audience before a brief suspension for the month of July. Bishops and faithful will then gather in Rome’s square in his pope mobile, greeting visitors, the pope told the crowd. ‘I am not choosing to see them, but they are going to see me,” he said. “They’ll feel this closeness and they’ll be able to communicate this, to communicate this closeness through this square in large video screens.

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Correction

Mary Lou Stenger is the maker of the tapestry, right, celebrating the 120th anniversary of St. Columbia Parish. The name was misspelled in the June 25 issue of The Catholic Voice.

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THE CHURCH

July 9, 2018
Faith groups gather to support Ohlone

A gathering on the status of efforts to prevent development on one of the last areas of the West Berkeley shellmound, which members of the Chochenyo Ohlone tribe consider sacred ground, is set for 7 p.m. July 10 at Uptown Oakland.

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Shrine of Saint Jude Thaddeus

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Providence House apartments remodel complete

Providence House, an apartment community in Uptown Oakland for low income disabled people, celebrated the completion of its multimillion dollar remodeling with a blessing and rededication ceremony June 20.

Providence House's four-story building contains 34 one-bedroom and six two-bedroom apartments. There is a service coordinator, a community room and game nights and luncheons.

The apartments were designed and built especially for people on fixed incomes living with HIV/AIDS and other disabilities. Providence House is the largest single provider of housing for adults living with HIV/AIDS in Alameda County, said Barbara Cook, Providence House housing director.

“We’re built for people with disabilities,” she said.

“We are pretty diverse,” Cook said.

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Providence House is currently fully rented, with a closed wait list and no open vacancies.

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In the first years of the AIDS crisis, Cook said, there was more staffing and attendants, but as people with HIV/AIDS are living longer and living more independently, they didn’t need that level of support. Sister Anita Butler, SP, noted the Sisters of Providence are celebrating their 175th year this year, founded in 1843.

The Sisters started out by housing elderly women with unmet needs, Sister Butler said, and continue today offering compassion and service to people with unmet needs.
Aid for families
WASHINGTON — Some have taken their indignation all the way to the border between the U.S. and Mexico, and others have taken action closer to home, protesting while accompanied by their children and fellow parishioners in cities and towns across the U.S. Others are volunteering their services to counsel or visit immigrant children separated from a parent or are publicly advocating against the practice. From coast to coast, Catholics, including cardinals, bishops, women and men religious, priests and laity, and many sisters from an array of religious orders, and the organizations they staff or support, have been among some of the most public and vociferous voices around the country in defense of immigrants. That defense has gone into overdrive in efforts to reunite migrant families and to call for their humane treatment.

Shooting victims mourned
Baltimore — While Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore offered prayers for the victims and loved ones of five people murdered June 28 at the offices of the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, a former longtime sports editor for the newspaper mourned his friends as exceptional journalists who also were good human beings. A 28-year-old gunman using a shotgun blasted his way into the newspaper in what police said was a targeted attack against the publication.

Kennedy to retire
WASHINGTON — Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced June 27, the last day of the Supreme Court’s current term, that he is retiring July 31. Less than an hour later, President Donald Trump appointed Brett Kavanaugh to move quickly to nominate a replacement, saying he would review a list of candidates from the list he had filled the seat now held by Justice Neil Gorsuch after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. Kennedy is one of five Catholic justices on the Supreme Court along with Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Sonia Sotomayor.

Case referred to court
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Religious liberty advocates were pleased with the U.S. Supreme Court’s June 26 order to send Arlene’s Flowers v. State of Washington and Arlene’s Flowers v. Ingerick back to the lower court for review. Barnabette Buzman, the owner of Arlene’s Flowers in Richland, Washington, declined a customer’s request to make custom floral arrangements for a same-sex wedding. She cited her belief against such marriage as a Southern Baptist. The Washington Supreme Court ruled that she could be forced to make the floral arrangements, but the Supreme Court’s order remanded the judgment against her and told the Washington Supreme Court to review the case in light of Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission.

Court against dues
WASHINGTON — By a 5-4 majority, the Supreme Court declared June 27 that one of its rulings from 1977 was “wrongly decided” and overruled it, in a case on whether public-sector unions could continue to make nonmembers pay fair-share fees not related to the unions’ bargaining and political efforts. As a result, said the court majority, “neither an agency fee nor any other form of payment to a public-sector union may be deducted from an employee, nor may any other attempt be made to collect such a payment, unless the employee affirmatively consents to pay.”

Pregnancy center rules violate free speech
Pro-life advocates gather near the U.S. Supreme Court during the annual March for Life in Washington Jan. 19. The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 June 26 that a California law that placed requirements on crisis pregnancy centers that oppose abortion violated the First Amendment. In its decision in National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra, the court found that the law changes the content of the clinic’s speech “by compelling petitioners to speak a particular message,” and that the law went “further than being a mere ‘regulation of professional conduct that incidentally burdens speech.’”

Jordan’s king honored
WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, Pa. — King Abdullah II of Jordan has been chosen as the 2018 Templeton Prize Laureate. He has “done more to seek religious harmony within Islam and between Islam and other religions than any other living political leader,” said a June 27 announcement on the award’s release.

Court upholds ban
WASHINGTON — In a 5-4 decision June 26, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld President Donald Trump’s travel ban on people entering the U.S. from some Muslim-majority countries, saying the president’s action was within his power. The court’s much anticipated decision in the last case it heard this term reversed a series of lower court decisions that had struck down the ban as illegal or unconstitutional.

Admits to arson
MELROSE, Minnesota — Bishop Donald J. Kettler of St. Cloud said he hoped a juvenile confessing to intentionally setting a fire that damaged the historic St. Mary’s Church in Melrose would help in the healing process for parishioners still coping with the tragedy. The juvenile was charged with arson in the June 23 death of a June 25 news release from the Stearns County Sheriff’s Office. The juvenile was 13 at the time of the offense.

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By Bill Ford
Special to The Catholic Voice

In CYO’s most unique sport, boys from seven Catholic schools and parishes in the Oakland diocese traveled to Quarry Lakes, Fremont, on Sunday afternoons to dive in the sand while serving, setting and spiking volleyballs.

The low-key Boys’ CYO Sand Volleyball league played on two sand volleyball courts overlooking a sandy beach and an expansive lake. Families came and cheered for their teams while casually picnicking between games.

Twenty-two teams in fifth-through-eighth grade played on seven weekends beginning in April and ending in May. During the season, no standings were kept, adding to an informal atmosphere that defines the sport. All teams were invited to participate in a two-day season-ending tournament the weekend before Memorial Day. As with any outdoor sport, weather plays an important role and this year’s tournament featured sun but also a windy day that moved the volleyball around during the rallies.

In eighth-grade competition, a skilled Assumption team won back-to-back championships, winning the final game with St. Philip Neri, Alameda, for the title, 25-14. Following the championship game, the two St. Philip Neri Eighth Grade teams concluded their four years of CYO sand volleyball participation by playing each other for second and third places.

The seventh-grade championship game was between St. Clement, Hayward, and St. Joseph, Alameda. It was a thrilling, lead-changing game until St. Joseph won in extra points 26-24. The win gained back-to-back championships for team St. Joseph, playing a very talented St. Clement team in their first year of CYO sand volleyball.

In the sixth-grade, two teams from Assumption played for the championship with Assumption B defeating Assumption A, also in a close extra-point match 27-25. The fifth-grade championship, with lots of spectator participation, was a very skilled game marked by teamwork. St. Elizabeth No. 1, Oakland, won the championship over All Saints, Hayward 15-12.

Parishes and Catholic schools participating in Boys’ CYO Sand Volleyball tournament and the season were: All Saints (Hayward), Assumption (San Leandro), St. Clement (Hayward), St. Elizabeth (Oakland), St. Joseph (Alameda), St. Paul (San Pablo), St. Philip Neri (Alameda).

For complete tournament results or for more information on CYO volleyball, for both girls and boys, visit the CYO website www.oaklandcyo.org.

(Bill Ford is CYO director for the Diocese of Oakland. Paula Garcia, diocesan Sand Volleyball Coordinator, contributed to this report.)
**Around the Parishes**

The Livermore Knights of Columbus, their families and friends enjoyed a fun filled awards dinner and officer installation ceremony on June 23. Filling the St. Michael Parish Hall with more than 100 participants and well-wishers, the Knights awarded 38 degrees to new officers in a formal ceremony conducted by Tri Valley District Deputy Ken Rief, himself a past Grand Knight of the Livermore council.

Ref congratulated the outgoing officers and council members for a phenomenal year in which they were honored as the California Council of the Year from out of 600 councils. He highlighted the council’s many other state awards including best Church Program, Best Programming, Best Chaplain and California Knight of the Year.

More than 50 degrees were given to individual Knights and family members who significantly contributed to the council’s success this year. Ref congratulated Tom McCaffrey, who is the California Knight of the Year.

Those honored included Knight of the Year Iris Garcia, Family of the Year John and Suzanne Gutierrez, Family of the Year Ricardo and Ana Garcia, Lady of the Year LaVonne and Most Inspirational Knight Ian Ransom.

Newly installed officers for the coming year include District Deputy Grand Knight Anthony Contacceglio, Chaplain Ray Mark-Marchand, Recorder Iris Garcia and Russell Kowal.

**Names, News, Notes**

Dress A Girl Around the World! Consider this an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in Third World countries. We meet once a month and our next meeting is on the 2nd Saturday at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 21 at St. Michael’s Hall, 325 Maple St., Livermore. They need all kinds of help, sewing, ironing, cutting, bringing your sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, your sewing machine and we will put it to work.

You can come for as long as you want—‘an hour or all day! Please bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay all day! We are always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. If you can’t make the Sew-Fest but would like to see, please contact us at info@cristoreydelasalle.org that you can sew from home.

Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-992-6913; Suzanne @boyzilac Yahoo.com. There will be no Dress A Girl in August.

**Two Oakland . . .**

(Continued from Page 1.) in six buildings spread across three city blocks, totaling 260,000 square feet.

Samuel Merritt would operate its campuses in Sacramento and on the San Francisco Peninsula. The new campus, scheduled to open in 2020, would take advantage of what each university offers. An example Diaz cited is Holy Names’ business students in nursing, and could share some of the health programs will assist. “We can start from the local level to the community block party to invite neighbors and students in nursing might be interested.

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**Malta Clinic . . .**

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Among the events on the summer calendar will be the school’s first Draft Day. Modeled after a professional sports draft, it will match the students with the employers.

The first full day of school will be Aug. 10. It’s also the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bishop Burbidge will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Church, Bishop Emeritus John S. McEnery will also attend, and there will be a Mass for the students as well. A ceremonial ribbon-cutting will follow at the school.

On Aug. 17, a reception for St. Elizabeth High School alumni and friends will take place on campus. Tickets for the event will be available at https://cristoreydelasalle.org. for a full profile and schedule of events contact: The Catholic Voice 510-419-1081 • tompkins@oakdiocese.org for more information call 800-713-9800 www.pentecostours.com

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**Care investor, serves as a delegate for the Order of Malta to the United Nations. The gala will recognize the Russian Orthodox and all of our great volunteers, staff and community supporters whose good work and dedication know no bounds. We want to expand our work and inspire more support, so we can help even more people receive quality health care regardless of their ability to pay. The mobile clinic, our gala and our day-to-day work of our volunteers are helping us achieve those goals,” Cumbelich said.

The Order of Malta was founded in Jerusalem in the 11th century to offer service to the sick and the poor. Today it operates in 120 countries, and has 13,000 members. Its Western Association in the U.S. covers states from Arizona to Washington, Colorado to Utah, with about 800 members.

**New school high school . . .**

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There are multi-skilled teams of volunteers, staff and community supporters that people can come and write their petitions, and so it was decided to erect this image near the entrance of the church so that people can come and write their petitions and place them in the custom-built cabinet beneath the statue.

Only a few days after the blessing, hundreds of cards with petitions were found by the parochial vicar, Rev. Rutilio Duda, when he opened the door.

A brochure was distributed to introduce the parish to this devotional practice, accompanied by a sign “Praying for Our Parish: The Sleeping St. Joseph.”
Salute to our veteran priests

60 Years of Priestly Ministry

Rev. Basil De Pinto

Birthplace: Jersey City, New Jersey

Ordination: July 25, 1978

Present ministry: Retired, Corpus Christi Parish, Peadmont

Past service: Campus ministry, Newman Hall, Holy Spirit Parish, Berkeley; St. Mary's College, Monroga; Hospital ministry, Alta Bates, Berkeley; Kaiser; Oakland; Highland Hospital, Oakland.

One word stands out when reflecting on 60 years of priesthood: thanksgiving. A priest tries to follow the example of Christi and our pastor, Father Leo Edgerly; in my commitment to the ideals of the Second Vatican Council. In my retirement my thanks to the community of Corpus Christi and our pastor; Father Leo Edgerly; they have been a loving and generous family. All of this is summed up in the words of the Psalm: "What can I give back to the Lord for all that he has given me?"

50 Years of Priestly Ministry

Rev. John Endres, SJ

Birthplace: Tacoma, Washington

Ordination: June 19, 1968

Present ministry: Professor of Sacred Scripture (Old Testament), Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Past service: Teacher, Gonzaga Preparatory School, Spokane; Washington State University.

This is a wonderful time to reflect on my vocation as a priest. Thirty-six of my years as a Jesuit priest I have been in the

Diocese of Oakland, at the Jesuit School of Theology of the Sacred Heart. I am grateful for so many opportunities I have had — mostly to teach Sacred Scripture, Old Testament to our students (some are local}, but most of them will go to other parts of the United States or the world to exercise their min-

istries. Inviting people to experience the power and beauty of God's word is what brings me joy and keeps me active. Other ways of proclaiming the Word and sharing God's tender mercies stand out helping in parishes, fostering Hispanic ministry, sacramental ministry and religious education under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Family and novice master.

Rev. Vincent Andrew Serpa, OP

Birthplace: Hayward

Ordination: June 14, 1968

Present ministry: Formerly associate pastor, St. Lawrence O'Dowd Parish, San Francisco, now chaplain and student assistant at the University of San Francisco.

Born in Hayward on July 29, 1938 in the old Hayward Hospital, I grew up with a birth of company whistles and the spicy aromas of the various tomato products from Hunt's cannery nearby. The cannery provided employment for most local people. All Saints', the only parish in town at the time, provided me with the sacraments and religious education under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Family and the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan. I offered my first public Mass there. My ordination to the priesthood in 1968 changed not only my life, but eventually at least 50 years worth of the lives of others in my deepening degrees, many of whom I do not know — mostly, since I was only a priest for 11 years during my 17 years of Catholic Answers.

It is only now as I write this, that I'm beginning to see that the first indication of my vocation seems to have come before I entered that realm of school, I remember, as a preschooler, standing on the sofa and looking out the front window at an empty lot across the street and trying to imagine what life would be like if I didn't exist. I'm told that such thinking in young children is not unusual. But for an adult to remember, it is somewhat. Of course to be able to

know what life would be like I did not exist, required my existence to experience such absence. So my efforts always ended in frustration. I say always, because with a stubborn little guy and I didn’t give up right away. However, in thinking with and existence has remained with me to the present.

That anything exists blows my mind when I think of the alternative. Nothing is so nothing. The space that that body takes up could be empty space. Each of us could be empty space. But the truth is that each of us does exist. Thanks to the Dominican forbearers, it was my delight to learn that being and truth are related. Truth is simply the acknowledgement of what is. The lie is simply a deliberate, a distorted statement of what is. Each is one more empty space. But we are not lies. None of us is a lie. Our existence is evidence of our Creator. We — you and I, are God's fingerprints.

Our existence rests on Him. But unlike us, His existence rests on no one. His existence defines Him. His very essence is to exist. So if the truth is simply the acknowledgement of what is and existence and truth is who He is, then He must be truth as well. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," (Jn. 14:16) Jesus said. Jesus is the truth because He and the Father are one. What belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son — and to the Holy Spirit.

That Jesus joined us in our human journey assures us that He died as a human with the truth that we are His. He then spent a lifetime with us to the point of suffering and dying. At the time of His death many feared that the lie had overcome the truth, that the empty space is what we really are. Certainly there are times when we are tempted to think this way. But on Easter Sunday morning Jesus did indeed rise from the tomb because He is greater than all He has created. Even though He ascended to the Father, He assured us that He would remain with us. And so today, He is everywhere. But as the God-Man, He remains with us sacramentally.

The moment at which He died is an eternal moment, transcending all time, covering everyone who has ever lived and will live. He has made that moment present to His people in a concrete way through the sacrament of His body and blood. He accomplishes this through His priests. When a priest consecrates bread and wine, they become more than merely things; they become Him. When a priest says, "I absolve you of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," and makes the sign of the cross over the pectoral, his sins are forgiv-

en. The priest sees the priest's hand, but it is actually the nail-scarred hand of Jesus that is being absolved through. When a priest's main occupation is to make the Lord's passion present to His people in their present day lives concretely both intellectually and sacramentally. There is absolutely no other service rendered on

the face of the earth that can even come close to the substitution of the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

So it is a wondrous of such a call and no one can call himself. It is for the priest to mentally immerse himself in the passion. After all, it is his flesh and blood that bring us through to eternity. St. Thomas Aquinas said that he learned more from looking at a crucifix than from any book he ever read.

So this is what I celebrate on my 50th anniversary of ordination. I'm grateful to all my teachers at Butteckay, Ellernday and all Saints elementary schools, at Bishop O'Dowd High School, at USF and at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. I am very much aware that my vocation as a Dominican priest and priest rests on my parents' vocation to marriage. I think of them and their sacrifices often when I see families. I pray daily for those I served well and those I served poorly in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, San Diego and my Dominican Brothers whom I serve as superior and novice master.

These days and for quite some time now, I don't spend time looking out the window and thinking about not existing. I spend my time looking at the tabernacle and marveling at the One for whom I exist.

40 Years of Priestly Ministry

Rev. Michael Lacey

Birthplace: Englewood, County Kilkenny, Ireland

Ordination: Dec. 16, 1978

Present ministry: Retired, St. Leander Parish, San Leandro


On Dec. 16, 2018, I will be celebrating 40 years of priesthood. My life began in the south east of Ireland in County Kilkenny. I consider myself a late vocation as I was ordained at the age of 32! Having had no high school education, at the age of 25 I took

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a late vocation study program at Mount Molloyer College which got me started into the unknown. I think moved in an atmosphere of faith and love for the Church and its people from an early age. On the day of my ordination it seemed like the impossible just happened. I had to try to hold fast to the simple ways of the home but the message that I grew up in. I truly felt blessed through the places that I have ministered in and the people who were both gifted and good. And I truly am convinced my calling to priesthood has not come from the institution but from the people. They have helped me to form and refine me along the way. I feel grateful, their generosity, their many struggles and their commitment have both encouraged and challenged me. My involvement in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Oakland has been a blessed experience. I am especially grateful for the reverence and joyful celebration of Sunday Eucharist at the altar rails, for all the good people who worship and serve there. It is an incredible parish. I am so grateful to have served a place in proclaiming the Good News and the Mercy of Jesus Christ!

Rev. Joseph Duong Phan

Birthplace: Kien Giang, Vietnam

Ordination: May 29, 1993

All Saints Church, Hayward

Present ministry: Director, Apostolate of the Sea, Oakland

Pastoral ministries: Vicar, St. Raymond Parish, Dublin; Church of the Assumption, San Leandro; Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pacifica; Parish administrator, St. Anthony Parish, Oakland.

Looking back on my 25 years as a priest, the only thing I say is “Thank You, God.” I thank God for calling and choosing me to be His priest. The moment when I said YES to God was the moment of grace, God giving me a powerful blessing over me through the last 25 years. The joy of doing priestly ministries and serving God’s people is a real joy that is immeasurable. I have tried to live the motto I chose for my priesthood: “If you say so, I will lower my net.” (Lk 5:5) I have tried to trust in God’s providence every moment of my life. I feel surprised and I am great to be a priest.

Rev. John Prochaska

Birthplace: Enonovo

Ordination: Jan. 26, 1963

All Saints, Hayward

Present ministry: National Campus for Young Men, San Jose; Casa Mater, San Francisco; Parish of Santa Cruz, Tocoy, and vicar, presidencia de Sicuani, Peru

Past service: Parochial vicar, St. Joseph Church, Barquisimeto, Venezuela; Vicar, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Philadelphia

My life and ministry as an ordained priest have been a tremendous blessing to me. I am very grateful to God for giving me the chance to minister to the parishes communities of St. Joseph (Pinole), St. John the Evangelist, Our Lady of Guadalupe that have supported me.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, I have had the chance to work and move beyond what I could have imagined, including in my current ministry in Peru with my imperfect Spanish. Also, I have experienced the awesome mercy of God, knowing that I don’t deserve to be a priest but Christ continues to use me as His instrument despite my sinfulness. Finally, I am very grateful to Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, for allowing me to minister in the ranchlands of the Andes Mountains of Peru and for the people of Peru who have welcomed me and confessed Christ yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

Rev. Dante Tamayo

Birthplace: Philippines

Ordination: Dec. 2, 1988

St. John the Baptist, San Francisco

Present ministries: Parochial vicar, St. Mary of immaculate Conception, Walnut Creek

Past service: Parochial administrator, St. Patrick, El Cerrito, Parochial vicar, St. Anne Parish, Union City; St. Ignatius Parish, Richmond; St. Joseph Parish, San Leandro; St. Joseph Parish, Pinole

As I celebrate my 25 years in the priesthood and as I thank God for His great love (Continued on Page 9.)
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and mercy that transformed a wretched MD into an alter Christus, unworthy that I am, I renew my vow to offer my whole being to love and serve Him as long as I live. Twenty-five years of my priestly ministry may not be long enough but if God wills to add more years to that I want to entrust myself to Him completely like a clay in the potter’s hand… Forgive me for the times, Lord, when I wanted to slip out of your hands and I took so many wrong turns that led me to a bad shape of clay. Thank you for your amazing Grace that led me back to you and got reshaped again and again. After all I am not a finished product. I consecrate myself to you and beg you to use Me in any way that pleases you, Oh Lord.

To my dear friends and parishioners, forgive me for the times I either knowingly or unknowingly hurt you. Please forgive me for failing to show you Jesus, for failing to make you experience His love through my ministry. As You can now see I am far from perfect. I have my own share of human weaknesses and struggles within myself. I beg you, dear friends, to hold me close to your hearts as you pray to God. I need your prayers. Thanks for being a part of my journey in the priesthood for 25 years and hopefully, for the next 25 years!

Rev. Ghebriel Woldai
Birthplace: Shinara/ Keren Eritrea
Ordination: July 25, 1993
Keren Eritrea
Present ministry: Chaplain, Eritrean Catholic of Geez Rite of the Bay Area
Past service: Pastor, Gengeren/Halhal Keren Eritrea.

Other Jubilarians
The following priests who have served in the Oakland diocese are also observing a major anniversary of ordination this year:

40 years
Rev. Allen Duston, OP
Rev. Nicholas Reina, SDB
Rev. Anthony Rosevear, OP
Rev. Robert Stein, SDB

25 years
Rev. John Heinz, OFM Conv.
Rev. Paul D. Minnihan

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Blessings
to you, Fr. Dante Tamayo, on the Silver Jubilee of your ordination to the priesthood! We are deeply grateful for your 25 years of devoted and faithful service to the Church, for your generous and sacrificial love for the sheep of your flock. We thank God for the blessing that you are to us and to the Body of Christ, and pray that you will continue to reap a fruitful harvest in your ministry in the vineyard of the Lord. The clergy, staff and parishioners of St. Mary Parish, Walnut Creek, rejoice with you and support you with our love and prayers!
Ordination to the Diaconate

When: Aug. 4, 5 p.m.
Where: St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, presiding

Four to be ordained to transitional diaconate

Staff report

Four men will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Aug. 4, bringing them one step closer to priesthood in the Diocese of Oakland.

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, will ordain John Pietruszka, Javier Ramirez, Peter Lawongkerd and Mark Ruiz.

Pietruszka is from Fall River, Massachusetts; Ramirez is from Mexico; Lawongkerd is from Thailand; and Ruiz is from Oakland.

Ruiz was called to Holy Orders by Bishop Barber on Feb. 20 in Massachusetts, where Ruiz studies at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. The bishop called Lawongkerd, Ramirez and Pietruszka to Holy Orders on Aug. 4, bringing them one step closer to priesthood in the Diocese of Oakland.

Four men will be ordained at 5 p.m. Aug. 4, at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. Bishop Barber has invited the four new deacons to join him at 7 a.m. the next day, Aug. 5, at People’s Park in Berkeley, where they will serve a hot breakfast, working alongside volunteers from Catholic Worker in Berkeley.

“The first exercise of their diaconate is going to be serving the poor,” Bishop Barber said in a recent interview with The Catholic Voice.

Afterward, each will begin their assignments. Ramirez has been appointed as full-time, resident pastoral associate at St. Mark Parish in Richmond; Pietruszka will take on the same role at St. Edward Parish in Newark. Lawongkerd will continue theology studies at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Merito Park, while Ruiz will continue his theology studies at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary.

YOUNG MEN’S INSTITUTE

Who are we?

Since 1883, the Young Men’s Institute (YMI) has operated as a fraternal Catholic order supporting its motto of “Pro Deo, Pro Patria” (For God, For Country). Today, over 2000 members (called brothers) honor this motto by working together on worthwhile programs & activities for our Catholic faith & for our communities. Besides doing good deeds, YMI brothers and their families enjoy a variety of fun social events (e.g., dinners, tournaments, picnics, etc.), as well as membership benefits (e.g., scholarships, death benefits).

Can I join?

Yes, we are looking for new members to join us. If you are a Catholic adult male, simply email us at ymius@aol.com or call us at 1-800-964-9646. You can also visit our website for more info at www.oakdiocese.org/vocations.

Can’t make it to the diocesan headquarters?

Don’t worry! We have 17 YMI councils scattered throughout California, each one welcoming new members. Please visit our website for information about the council nearest you.

Are you a Catholic adult male interested in learning more about this exciting organization? Please call or visit our website.

YMI supports vocations

Rev. Alexander Castillo, director of the Department of Vocations, Formation and Evangelization, met with Grand President Elaine Brady, right, and Jennifer Picazo, host of the day, and the councils of the Young Ladies Institute on June 30 in Livermore.

The YLI presented a donation of $4,690.65 to support vocations in the Diocese of Oakland.

Father Castillo is also head of the Office of Worship and priest secretary to Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ.

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Just as the third edition of the Roman Missal became the standard at English-language Masses in the United States beginning in Advent 2011, a new Spanish-language translation will be effective throughout the country by Advent 2018. Participants will notice a few changes.

“There is a great opportunity for a new catechesis,” said Deacon Modesto R. Cordero, chief of the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Honolulu, one of a trio of presenters of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgy Committees brought in for the workshop, which drew about 100 clergy, liturgists and musicians from Northern California and as far away as Utah.

“There is a new appreciation of the liturgy and music, with an emphasis on greater participation,” Deacon Cordero said. The workshop was hosted by the Oakland diocese, one of several national workshops organized by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgy Committees for the third edition of the Spanish translation of the Roman Missal.

“Why are we doing this?” asked Rev. Alexander Castillo, director of Faith Formation and Evangelization for the Oakland diocese, “To help renew our understanding of the Mass.”

Other presenters included Revs. Richard Vega of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Gregory T. Labus, pastor at St. Joseph Church in Edinburg, Texas. Deacon Cordero said while there have been many changes in the English translation of the missal, the United States never had its own Spanish version. Instead, it used various translations from other Spanish-speaking countries.

“Now here in the U.S. we have our own ‘misal romano,’” he said, cautioning, “but don’t discard missals from other countries.”

The changes, said Father Labus, are “not real difficult.” One reason is that the Spanish missal translations never diverged as sharply from the original Latin as some English translations did.

There is more music, too, Father Labus said, including 180 Gregorian chants.
SVdP celebrates eight standout volunteers

Special to The Catholic Voice

St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County awarded Top Hat and Vincentian Service Awards to eight longtime volunteers and members of the organization, called Vincentians.

Janet Graham from St. Michael Parish in Livermore and Steve Tedesco from St. Bede Parish in Hayward were awarded the organization’s highest honor, the Top Hat Award, to signify their service in their parish and local communities and following the organization’s motto of “neighbors helping neighbors.”

Six other Vincentians, Chuck Deckert from Catholic Community of Pleasanton; Rod Andrade from St. Raymond Parish in Dublin; Ken Goode from St. Joachim Parish in Hayward; Louie Barranco from St. John the Baptist Parish in San Lorenzo; Irish Ferarit from Our Lady of Grace Parish in Castro Valley; and Nancy Hollister from Church of the Transfiguration Parish in Castro Valley, were awarded the Vincentian Service Award, marking their ongoing commitment to spirituality, fellowship and service.

Awardees devote countless hours to leadership roles within their parishes’ Vincentian conferences, conducting home visits to neighbors in need, and volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul direct service campus in West Oakland.

The awards were given at a celebration at the Church of the Transfiguration in Castro Valley on May 18. The gathering also coincided with St. Vincent de Paul’s 80th anniversary of service in Alameda County.

La Curious, Gary Flanders, Steve Tedesco, Jackie Mallory and Louise Astle celebrate at the Top Hat and Vincentian Service Awards ceremony. Tedesco, from St. Bede Parish in Hayward, received a Top Hat award, the organization’s highest honor.

Richmond restauarante: Good works undeterred

By Michele Jurich

Staff writer

“The day when Mother Teresa hugged my son and told me everything will be fine, I knew it,” Kimbere Aklilu said. That hug was given to a newborn boy 33 years ago, as he was cradled by his Ethiopia-born mother in a woman’s shelter in Rome, run by the Missionaries of Charity.

Aklilu’s rise from a $7-an-hour job as a hostess in a restaurant to owning is just part of her story that she has not forgotten those who need help is inspiring.

For the past 10 Thanksgivings, she has opened her Richmond waterfront restaurant, Salute e Vita, to the homeless, seating her guests at tables covered with white cloths and serving them a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

The first year, she served 300 guests; last year, she served 1,300. The Richmond-based Missionaries of Charity ferried guests to the restaurant in their van.

A dispute with her landlord led her to close the restaurant in early July. “Thank the Lord I was in the position to retire,” she said.

But retirement is not in her plans.

“The restaurant’s my platform to do a good deed, a place for me to tell my story, inspire people, and give back,” she said.

Two years ago, she received a 30-day eviction notice to vacate the charming building on Richmond’s Marina Bay.

“The thing that concerned me,” she said, “was what am I going to do Thanksgiving? What am I going to do Mother’s Day?”

She provides a Mother’s Day meal and treats for homeless mothers each year; this year she served 125.

She gives etiquette classes once a month to students at an all-girls academy in Oakland. “I’ll tell them my story to inspire them,” she said. Some of the students in her last class asked her why she was closing.

She told them, “You close. You open. You have to keep going.

She said she wrote to the landlord: “In your building I brought so many blessings. Homeless children come for Thanksgiving dinner. They leave with full bellies. Older people came for dinner and left feeling younger. Homeless people came for dinner and left feeling younger.”

That dispute was resolved, but the one this year could not be.

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OBITUARIES

Rev. George R. Fitzgerald, CSP

Rev. George R. Fitzgerald, a former pastor at Holy Spirit Newman Hall Parish and former columnist for The Catholic Voice, died June 20 in the rectory of the Berkeley parish. He was 86.

He was raised in Jeffrey, New Hampshire, and was graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Dartmouth College. After college he entered flight school and then served as an Air Force officer. He later graduated with master’s degrees from St. Paul’s College in Washington, DC, and Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.

He entered the novitiate of the Paulist Fathers in fall 1958. He made his first promises in 1962. He served as a pastor in various parishes in the Diocese of Stockton, and then was assigned to Saint Mary’s Church in Fremont from 1973 to 1976. From there he went to Colma, where he served as pastoral associate at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish from 1976 to 1991.

Fitzgerald was named pastor at St. James Parish in San Francisco in 1991 at the age of 70. After her initial formation, Sister Marianne began her ministry experience at Holy Family Day Home in San Francisco, where she worked in the nursery from 1946 to 1950. She then served as teacher and principal in religious education programs in parishes in the dioceses of Fresno, Los Angeles, San Jose, and San Francisco.

In 1921 he was named pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Boulder, Colorado, a post he held until he entered senior ministry in 1970.

Father Fitzgerald served as pastor at Holy Spirit/Newman Hall Parish from 1980 to 1986. After leaving Berkeley he served as pastor at Old St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco, serving there through 1991.

During his years in senior ministry, Father Fitzgerald, an avid skier, assisted at three churches in Val and Minturn, Colorado. He also continued to serve in pastoral ministry in Santa Barbara, Boston and in Berkeley.

He is survived by his sister, Alice, and brother-in-law, Thomas Murphy, of Delray, Florida, and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass was held June 23 at Holy Spirit/Newman Hall Parish. His ashes were interred in the Paulist Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma.

Sister Marianne Smith, SHF

Sister Marianne Smith, who served in various educational positions in diocesan parishes in the Diocese of Stockton, and then was called to be superior of the Motherhouse in Fremont from 1973 to 1976. From there she went to Colma, where she served as director of religious education at Holy Angels Parish from 1976 to 1991.

Sister Marianne then returned to her initial ministry experience, serving as a social worker at Holy Family Day Home from 1991 until her retirement in 2015. She began as temporary placement became the love of her life.

The funeral Mass was held July 9 at St. Joseph Church in Fremont, followed by interment that same day at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma.

Fremont celebrates Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated with pomp and devotion for three days at Corpus Christi Parish in Fremont. The patron name of this small parish was embraced and celebrated in a big way. The festivities commenced June 1 with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., then Solemn Mass presided by Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ. The bishop said he blesses this parish, in its historic, peaceful neighborhood of Niles, for its devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration continued through the night and into the next day with the Vigil Mass presided by guest presider Rev. Alexander Castillo, who led parishioners in a candle light procession of prayer and song to four altars built by selected ministers of the parish. On Sunday after Mass, the celebration continued with Rev. David Vela and parishioners following the Eucharist in a procession onto neighborhood streets with a police escort to the town plaza. The parish has continued this procession for the last seven years. Corpus Christi Parish invites all to join in the prayerful adoration and devotion of the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi next year.

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**Friday, July 13**

All-You-Can-Eat Date Night: Grilled Cheese and Pasta Tutti 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Raymond Church, 11500 Sh EUROPEAN COMMEMORATION CATHOLIC VOICE FILE 850 Fairview Ave., Concord. Information: michaelgallagher1025@outlook.com

**Saturday, July 14**

Jambalaya Feed 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Information: 925-447-9810 or clareolaescala@cox.net

**Monday, July 16**

Jelly Bowl Brunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Columba Parish Center, 75 Calhoun St., Hayward. Information: 510-730-2995

**Thursday, July 19**

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**To July 30**

Children’s Summer Book Readings. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays at St. Columba Parish, 500 Fairview Ave., Oakland. Information: registration@stcolumba.org or 510-837-9114, ext. 315.

**Saturday, July 14**

Country Hoedown. 5:30 p.m. at St. John Church, 341 S. Lewelling Blvd., San Lorenzo. No host Alcohol. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with grub (from Texas Roadhouse) served at 7 p.m. Cost: $25 for adults; $20 for the under 30. Dance Floor. Country Casual. Phone: 510-522-0181.

**Sunday, July 15**

Summer Jazz Reception 3:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Presented by Bishop Bahe’s Vowes, New Orleans jazz and music. Cost: $35. Register at www.stdamiano.org or 510-837-9114, ext. 315.

**Monday, July 23**

Swing for the Clinic — 13th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. 10:30 a.m. at Danville Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. $150 per player includes lunch, golf and dinner. $100 for dinner only (no golf). Register: www.cdccc.org. Jointly hosted by the St. John of Ars Knights of Columbus, Council 9206 in San Ramon and St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County. Proceeds benefit the Oakville Pittsburg Catholic Community at St. Joseph’s Parish Office in Pittsburg.

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**Saturday, July 7**

7 to 8 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays to 9 a.m. Saturdays to 6:30 a.m. Sundays at St. Mary Parish, 2039 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento. Information: 916-924-1425.

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Good job
I would like to commend Jim Cimrea (Forum, June 25) for his detailed discussion of the complicated and often ambivalent attitude of the Catholic Church toward slavery. The previous letter on this subject by Jack Hebel (Forum, June 11) struck me as being incomplete and misleading. We are all familiar with the expression “catholic Catholics.” I would submit that there are “catholic” Catholics who cherry-pick the evidence to arrive at the conclusions they favor. There is no substitute for thorough research in a matter of this importance.

Thomas Savignano
Latayette

Back to Scripture

Vatican II, in Dei Verbum 21 says: “Therefore, like the Christian religion itself, all the preaching of the Church must be nourished and regulated by Sacred Scripture.”

With all of the confusion of what is real Christian teaching and what isn’t, I think that getting back to Scripture to answers is a better starting point than anything else, even if we don’t fully comprehend at first. Moreover, we have easy access to Bibles, and most of us are able to read it. It wasn’t always this way. We can read it for ourselves and use it to form our consciences.

Peter Aiello
Oakland

Pro-life president

President Trump seems to never get enough credit for the many good things he has accomplished. He potentially saved us from nuclear war with North Korea, which prompted Chairman Kim Jong-un to sign a peace agreement in Singapore. He reinstated Mexico City Policy, cut off taxpayer dollars to the abortion-promoting, UN-funded organizations. People Bandit, the Chinese president is not in this race, so we can’t have an election, but even if we don’t back the condemned, criminals, we are not truly being pro-life.

We as individuals must answer to God and to ourselves. If we truly are to be “pro-life” we must believe in the sanctity of ALL life, not just the life that exists after birth. It is written that what we do for the least of our brothers we do to God. And even if we don’t execute the condemned criminals, if we don’t assist them in finding our hearts, we are not truly being pro-life.

Pope Francis has no control over government decisions and actions, but that’s immoral, as he and we are not government. Being “pro-life” is a personal belief — not public law.

The periodical, America, The Jesuit Review, wrote that Pope Francis declared the death penalty is “contrary to the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” and a development in the Church’s understanding.” We need not “wait” for the “Catechism.”

“Every life is sacred,” said Pope Francis, “the pain and suffering of so many people,” he said, looking forward “with an open heart” to hearing what the pope had to say. Above all, Pope Francis wanted to convey to Pope Francis for not mentioning that homosexual sins are “grave errors and omissions we committed.” The pope was summoned in a message by Pope Francis that the Church will not change its teaching further, not by changing church teaching, but demonstrating an affirmation of gay and lesbian peoples. Pope Francis is signaling a more open, inclusive, and pastoral style.

Expounding beliefs more in line with the sounds of the American bishops for their false teaching on homosexuality as found in the Catechism, nos. 2357-2359. He affirm that the “psychological genesis (of homo- sexuality) remains largely unexplained,” and to “perceive and integrate homosexuals into the community.”

Homosexuality is “not inborn,” he contends, and the pseudo-science of the “Gay ideology,” he posited, “hates marriage.” And “opposes heterosexuals.” He referred to homosexuality “with compassion (No. 2358).” He maintained that “God does not execute the condemned ourselves, if we don’t influence governments, but also speak directly to each of us.

For us as Catholics, all killing is considered wrong — we cannot be “pro-life” and still favor some killing, cafeteria style. It is not possible to support one person and kill another. It is still to be indirectly killing them. In the eyes of God it’s not “real” if we had a knife. So it is with the death penalty.

We as individuals are not governments that create death sentences. We are under the Law applicable to states and governments in that regard is beside the point. What is the death penalty except state-sanctioned murder??
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Remembering those who we have laid to rest in our Catholic Cemeteries during the month of June.

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