Chanting the Good News in Piedmont, and beyond

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer

The mission of the Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music and Divine Worship is to open the door of beauty to God to as many who choose to get close to Him by that door.

The institute, founded by San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, has already made its presence felt in the Bay Area. Its first major event was the Mass of the Americas, celebrated Dec. 8 at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco. Joseph Hébert, in the foreground playing the cello, is conducting the premiere of the “Mass of the Americas” at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco. Ash Walker, a cathedral cantor and director of choirs at Mt. Eden High School in Hayward, conducts the premiere of the “Mass of the Americas” at St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francisco. Joseph Hébert, in the foreground playing the cello, is director of music ministry at Corpus Christi Parish, Oakland.

Mass with Chant
When: Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m.
Where: Corpus Christi Church
322 St. James Drive, Piedmont
Who: Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music and Divine Worship
For more information: www.benedictinstitute.org

*Our job as a choir is to elevate the sacred,” said Rebekah Wu, who serves as the institute’s music director for the teaching choir and schola, a group of musicians who specialize in liturgical music. *Aside from such a major undertaking,* (Continued on Page 18.)

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Prayer intentions
More than 1,500 of the faithful sent in prayer intentions to Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, during the Advent and Christmas seasons. The intentions have been placed in the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, and the bishop has been praying for all those intentions, as he especially did during the Christmas Masses.

Local pilgrims head to World Youth Day

Staff and wire reports

Thirteen pilgrims, ages 13 to 18, from St. Mark Parish in Richmond took off on Jan. 14 for World Youth Day in Panama. They took the opportunity to practice the works of mercy in the local communities. Upon the return to the Bay Area, Sister Jones said the students would share their experiences with the St. Mark Parish community.

U.S. BISHOPS

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, center, attends a prayer service at the bishops’ retreat.

Retreat was inspiring

WASHINGTON — Although the weeklong retreat for U.S. Catholic bishops emphasized quiet reflection, several bishops spoke out on social media during the retreat and after it wrapped up Jan. 8 with positive reaction about it and to give shout-outs to the retreat leader, Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa, who has preached to popes and top officials of the Roman Curia for nearly 40 years.

One bishop said listening to Father Cantalamessa was akin to being in the presence of the early Christian theologians. “Clear, intensely filled with the Holy Spirit, and all for the Kingdom of God,” Auxiliary Bishop Michael J. Boulette of San Antonio said in a tweet.

“Let the Catholic voice . . . be spread in every diocese, in every parish, in every association, in every family.” — Pope Paul VI

THE DIOCESE

Day of the Sick set Feb. 9

The annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be at 11 a.m. Feb. 9 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland. Those who are sick or ill and their families, caregivers and health care providers and friends are invited to observe this day with the religious and lay people from the Diocese of Oakland.

World Day of the Sick events in Oakland will include Mass, Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, blessing of caregivers and health care providers, distribution of holy water from Lourdes, France, and a reception. World Day of the Sick was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1992 and is held annually worldwide on the date nearest the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11. The event is a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland and is supported by the Order of Malta.

The Order of Malta serves the sick, and assists with many charities, including both free medical and legal clinics in the cathedral center. For health clinic information, 510-587-3000 or orderofmaltaclinc.com.

BISHOP BARBER’S SCHEDULE

Jan. 22: 10:30 a.m., Funeral Mass for Rev. Dan Danielson, St. Augustine Church, Catholic Community of Pleasanton
Office meetings including, College of Consultants, Chancery, Oakland
Jan. 23: Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland
Jan. 24: Office meetings, including Priest Personnel Board, Chancery, Oakland
Fundraising event in conjunction with the Diocese of Fairbanks to support vocations, Bishop’s Residence
Jan. 25: 5 p.m., Issues for Life Ecumenical Banquet, Oakland
Jan. 26: 9:30 a.m., Walk for Life, Mass and Rally, San Francisco

THE CATHEDRAL

Jan. 28: Benedict XVI Institute Board meeting, Archdiocese of San Francisco
Jan. 29: Installation of Bishop Daniel Garcia as fifth bishop of Diocese of Monterey, Salinas
Jan. 31: 8:30 a.m., Mass, celebration of the feast of St. John Bosco, Salesian College Preparatory, Richmond
Office meetings, including Presbyteral Council, Chancery, Oakland
Feb. 1: 9 a.m. Catholic Charities of the East Bay Appreciation Breakfast, Bishop’s Residence, Oakland
Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland
Feb. 2: 10 a.m., Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

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Retreat offered time to pray for people’s intentions

By Most. Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ

Last September in an unprecedented move, Pope Francis asked all US bishops to make a retreat together. He said he wished he could join us himself in prayer for the week, but logistics made it impossible. But he sent his personal “Preacher to the Papal Household” to be our speaker. The personal preacher to the pope’s main job is to give a sermon to the Holy Father and the cardinals and archbishops of the Roman Curia on Good Friday, and a few other times a year. According to tradition, he is the only person allowed to preach to the pope.

Since 1753, the office has been restricted to the Capuchin Order. Father Raniero Cantalamessa, an 84-year-old Italian friar, has held the office for 38 years — under three popes. After the first conference, I could see Pope Francis sent us a pro

Father Cantalamessa told us his job was “to prepare us for the dark days ahead.” He did this with reference to the scriptures, the Fathers of the Church and some very down to earth examples of priests he knew.

He also added a good dose of humor. Example: “I want once to a Capuchin friary to give a retreat, and one of the young Franciscans said to me: I think you are not a good preacher as your reputation states. Why do you say that?” I asked. Because you’ve been preaching to the Roman Curia for 38 years and still there are no conversions.”

Father Cantalamessa’s talks and homilies to us are posted on the web here: https://jaclyndp.org — and it would be impossible to summarize all the conferences and homilies. But some of his examples really hit home. He quoted a priest friend who was in a difficult assignment and who was facing lots of interference and opposition in his ministry.

The priest said, “In the morning, when I say Mass, I am the priest, and Christ is the Sacrifice on the altar. But during the day, Christ is the priest, and I am the sacrifice.” That was to underscore that the priest, and bishop, shares in the priesthood of Christ, and also in his sacrifice on the Cross.

We had our retreat at Mundelein Seminary, a 600-acre campus, set in a forest on a lake one hour north of Chicago. It was cold and wet, but the beauty of the setting, and the hospitality of the staff, more than made up for the wintry weather. More than 80 bishops attended — including most of the active cardinals, filling the spectacular chapel three times a day.

One of the most beneficial parts of the retreat for me was to offer Mass each day for the intentions so many of you sent to me in December. I collected all the post cards and letters you sent and placed them in a basket on the altar of our cathedral. I took a photo of them and brought it with me to place on the altar — close to Christ — when I celebrate Mass and pray my divine office each day. I also have been offering a daily roses, imploring Our Lady to intercede for you.

Later this month I will take the basket of intentions to my private chapel, where I can read each one slowly, and place them in a basket in the loving care of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Prayer changes things.

And I am asking Our Lord to answer your prayers in the way He knows best. I have always believed we needed a “capital campaign of prayer” before any campaign for money. If we concentrate on doing the Lord’s work, I believe all the means will be given us.

Over the Christmas holidays we lost two devoted and loyal priests of our diocese. Father Dan Danielson died on Jan. 5. Founder of the Vatican II Institute, he was also administrator of the diocese in-between Bishops Vigneron and Cordileone. He built a new church for the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, where he was also pastor. Father Patrick Goodwin passed away on Jan. 7, on the feast of St. Raymond of Penafort. Father Goodwin was ordained for the Sacred Hearts’ Order, and later incorporated into Oakland diocese. As well as a pastor, he served as chief financial officer of the diocese.

As it says in Hebrews 5:1, “Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.” Although Father Dan and Father Pat have gone on to their heavenly reward, they are still priests. And I am asking them to intercede with the Lord for the intentions you sent me.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!
Opus Dei settles
WASHINGTON — Opus Dei, a well-known international Catholic organization, paid $977,000 to settle a sexual miscon-duct claim in 2005 against a one-time high-profile priest in the nation’s capital. The payment was made to an adult woman who said Father C. John McCloskey groped her several times while she was undergoing pastoral counseling because of a troubled marriage and serious depres-sion, The Washington Post reported. Msgr. Thomas Bortol, U.S. vicar of Opus Dei, said in a Jan. 7 statement that the settle-ment was reached in 2006.

NGO abortion funding
WASHINGTON — The budget bill passed by the House of Representatives to try to end the partial government shut-down includes a provision to repeal the “Mexico City Policy” that prohibits U.S. funding of foreign nongovernmental orga-nizations that perform or promote abortion. Some House members and several pro-life organizations criticized the provision in the bill adopted Jan. 3, saying that it would end a policy that NGOs have managed to follow without a loss of health care funding. Democrats are using that bill in an attempt to end the partial shutdown.

Social justice leader dies
WASHINGTON — Jesuit Father Charles Currie, a social justice advocate, and longtime leader in Jesuit college educa-tion, died Jan. 4 at a recent illness. He was 88. A Philadelphia native, Father Currie is described as some-one who had tireless energy, a keen sense of humor and legend-ary storytelling skills. The Jesuit priest was the former presi-dent of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities who had also served as president of Wheeling Jesuit University in Cincinnati. But many remem-ber him not just for his leadership in higher education, but for his advocacy work in response to the 1989 mur-der of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter in El Salvador.

Judicial litanus text
WASHINGTON — The supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, call-ing the organization “an American Catholic cultural icon,” said senators have no business questioning a federal judicial nominee’s membership in the Knights over its support for church teaching on abortion and same-sex marriage. “We have to do is defend this faith and to the people of St. Jude after all Masses."

In the 20th century to head a U.S. diocese, said, “His was a life well lived in service to Almighty God and to the people of Mississippi, both as an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson and later as first bishop of Black from 1977 to 2001.” — Catholic News Service

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Remembering Alameda County’s homeless dead

By Carrie McClish

Staff writer

Like many counties and other jurisdictions in the state, Alameda County does not make an accurate count of homeless deaths.

The best attempt at a count of “homeless deaths” was offered by David Modesbach, a representative of the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless program, who spoke at the Annual Memorial for Homeless People at St. Mary’s Center in Oakland on Dec. 6.

“It is over 130 now, countywide, who have died in the last year, since November 2017,” Modesbach told the assembly.

Noting that while it is painstaking work to make such a count, having that data is important, he added.

“It is important to know who is dying on the streets, how many people are dying on the streets, where are they dying on the streets and what are they dying of on the streets,” he said.

“It is important to aggressively track that information as a county, as a health department, as a larger, caring community.”

How the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless program was able to document the deaths of at least 130 plus homeless individuals attests to the difficulties of this task. It has been, as Modesbach described it, “an informal, not-super-scientific” analysis.

As part of its mission to identify and provide health care to people experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of becoming homeless, the county program reached out to community partners.

“We said, ‘let us know of people that you know who died on the streets,’ give us names,’” he said.

The effort also involved looking over death certificates from the past year but examining those documents did not reveal as much one would expect. If the document says, “residence unknown,” that’s a start, Modesbach said. If a person is found ill on the streets and taken to a hospital where he or she later dies, that death is recorded as having occurred in a hospital or a skilled nursing facility and not about what had happened previously.

“There is no box, there is no column in their data fields (of death records) that say this person was homeless when they died. You have to look at it and try to figure it out,” Modesbach said.

“‘This is another part of the story that is not being told,’” said Janny Castillo, who thanked Modesbach for sharing his report. She also announced that St. Mary’s Center had been given by community members the names of 50 unhoused people who had died in the streets.

J.C. Orion, who coordinates the Night on the Streets Catholic Worker program in Berkeley, shared the names of several homeless persons who had died during the past year. “We must not forget them,” he told the assembly before leading everyone in a chorus of “Amen.”

Dennis Johnson, a U.S. Army veteran from Swords to Plowshares, which was founded by veterans to help veterans heal from combat and re-enter society after leaving military service, also asked those gathered at St. Mary’s Center to remember the veterans who had died on the streets.

“No matter how many names we have, we will never get them all,” Castillo said. “We demand that everyone be treated with dignity and respect.”

At the annual memorial event, a recording of the John Lennon-Paul McCartney song, “Let It Be,” was played over the speaker system as the room filled with volunteers and staff at St. Mary’s, homeless activists and organizers, and residents of the center’s winter shelter sat quietly in front of a table turned memorial altar.

On the altar, next to a framed obituary of a homeless woman’s son, sat a large bowl of leaves and flower petals.

Each fallen petal represented “someone we have lost to the streets,” said Castillo, coordinator of the Seniors Pilgrimages  for Hope and Justice Program at the center.

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By Kathleen Radecke

The Department of Catholic Schools created a theme for the 2018-2019 school year, focusing on the image of a tree and its roots. We are all rooted together, interwoven as one preschool through 12th grade system of schools serving almost 16,000 students here in the Diocese of Oakland. We are united in hope, with Christ as our core. We recognize value and celebrate the critical roles we serve as stewards of the ministry of Catholic school education within the life of our diocese.

During Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the gift of Catholic school education, and we thank those who dedicate their lives to be stewards of this essential ministry within the Diocese of Oakland.

We are called and celebrate being STEWARDS OF MISSION:

We are all called in our school communities and across our diocese to be stewards of the mission by how we commit ourselves to servant leadership in the image and likeness of Christ. Our mission prioritizes the education of the whole human person: spiritually, academically, emotionally and physically. Our mission is distinctly different as it is rooted in the Gospel. We are grateful for our distinct mission and celebrate this choice especially during this Catholic Schools Week.

We are called and celebrate being STEWARDS OF COMMUNITY:

We work together building positive relationships with members of our community and toward the fulfillment of our mission. Jesus knew that He needed to form disciples to carry on the mission of our faith. We need that same activism in the life of our schools. Partnering together and sharing our gifts and talents is what has and will always help to sustain our schools. This Catholic Schools Week I am grateful for our newly reconstituted Diocesan School Board. This example of partnership and the leadership of our talented and committed volunteers, is life-giving and contributes to our systemic transformation.

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As we grow as stewards of mission, community and resources we will continue to transform our diocese student by student, school by school, parish by parish, city by city. We will grow within a beautiful system of schools, with our roots deep going back hundreds of years, established in the charisms of our founding religious orders, and inspired by the hope of a better future for our students, families, parishes, communities and our world.

Let your roots grow down into Him. Let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:7

Happy Catholic Schools Week! THANK YOU for your commitment to the ministry of Catholic school education here in the Diocese of Oakland. Christ's peace and joy surround you.

(Kathleen Radecke is Superintendent of the Department of Catholic Schools.)
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St. Michael School develops the next generation of servant leaders by living out our baptismal call to serve those in need. Weekly, students help to fill the community's needs.

In addition, the school has a commitment to the Livermore Homeless Refuge. We provide winter items, such as socks, sweatshirts, toiletry items, sleeping bags, and even tents for the homeless in Livermore. Each spring, we also reach out to those in need in our global society by supporting a Dominican mission project in Tijuana, Mexico.

Each class also focuses on a specific service learning project. One example of this faithful service is the seventh-grade class project. Students create handmade paper butterflies with scripture passages and prayers of support. These messages are then given to the Grief Support Ministry members in the Catholic Community of Pleasanton for those who are dealing with the recent loss of a loved one. Through these projects, our students learn to serve the community and their hearts overflow with love by making a difference in people's lives.

Beyond a rigorous academic, Christ-centered environment, “community” is one of the reasons parents express for selecting St. Michael. We will host our 60th Annual Wine Gala and Auction on Feb. 9 to support the school. Last year, through the fund-a-need portion of the auction, the community was able to financially support the redesign of a classroom to be made into a STREAM room, where academics and creativity come together and flourish amongst all students. Our small community comes together to financially support the school and to build close relationships with one another that often last a lifetime.

We are blessed at St. Michael School to have several multi-generational families that are part of our current school community. Mary Lessard, our transitional kindergarten teacher, is part of the Concannon family, a historic Livermore family. Her father, siblings and she herself attended our school. Her children also attended the school as the third-generation of Concannons to walk through our doors and begin a lifelong love of learning. She continues to come to school each day with a deep love and commitment for her students and the school community.

We also have our kindergarten teacher, Taylor Lind, an alum who comes to school each day with a radiant smile, ready to teach her little ones.

In addition, we have many alumni families who chose to send their children and others who return to volunteer on the school board or participate in activities long after their children have graduated from college. St. Michael School has a rich tradition of excellence strengthened by faith, which continues to flourish through the grace of God and a community that supports it through the sharing of their time, talent and treasure.
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Lumen Christi Academies a rebirth of Catholic education

By Rodney Pierre-Antoine
Special to The Catholic Voice

I am a child of Haitian immigrants who passed on the faith to my brother and me through countless proverbs filled with wisdom to help us navigate life. To this day I still turn to these proverbs for direction and guidance.

Lumen Christi Academies (LCA) epitomizes the simple truths at the heart of two of my favorite Haitian proverbs: “Petit a petit zwa zo fe nich li” “Little by little, the bird builds its nest” and “Men anpil, chay pa lou” “With many hands the work is light.”

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, has charged students and teachers, principals and pastors, parishioners and community partners, to ignite a renaissance in Catholic education. This transformational mission cannot be realized overnight. Just as the bird builds its nest, we are building our innovative network, little by little, with intentionality.

This year’s focus has centered on establishing a strong foundation for a collaborative, unified network of seven communities. Prior to this year, our communities operated as independent, sliced parochial schools. Shifting from this reality to an authentically interdependent, collaborative network takes more than just Bishop Barber’s decree.

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” — Chinese proverb

Maya Angelou’s poem, “Human Family,” epitomizes the various differences throughout the human family, but closes powerfully with an important lesson, “we are more alike, my friends, than we are unalike.” So, it was through our similar shared hopes and beliefs that our seven Catholic school communities are beginning to unify as one network.

“Petit a petit” — “Little by little” — over the past five months, our teachers and principals co-created the shared identity below which our efforts now turn to cultivating communities where all students and adults are cared for, culturally responsive learning communities.

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Our Mission
LCA offers a Catholic environment that reflects the diversity of our communities and ignites students to be the light of Christ in the world. We attract, support and holistically form students, families and communities.

Core values
(Continued on Page 11.)
in the light of Christ … and are filled with the spirit “ — 
and imagination, critical thinking and problem solving, 
learning skills (collaboration and teamwork, creativity 
teachers and leaders are cultivating utilizing 21st-century 
is being formed to support our collegial activities   LCA 
Ephesians Chapter 5 

flexibility and adaptability, global and cultural awareness, 
information literacy and leadership) to co-create LCA’s 
transformational model.  

We seek to cultivate these very same skills within each 
student, as they are formed to be Christ-centered scholars 
who change the world  To this end, LCA will leverage per-
sonalized learning strategies to tailor instruction, practice 
and support of students’ unique strengths and needs while 
engaging them in challenging, standards-based academic 
content. Students will develop critical thinking skills, use 
knowledge and information to solve complex problems, 
communicate effectively and develop academic mindsets.  

In the coming months, the LCA leadership team will 
engage students and teachers in a series of design-think-
ing and visioning activities aimed at developing signature 
experiences that will be shared across the network. These 
signature experiences are core elements of the school 
design we will solidify by the end of this academic year.  
“Petit a petit zevou te nou la” “Little by little, the bird 
builds its nest”  

We are building a new nest for Catholic education in 
our diocese, one that will look quite different than the 
reasts of previous years. That said, there is certain to be 
one constant, the Christ light, illuminating our path as we 
learn in a new light.  

“Men anpil, chay pa lou” “With many hands the work is 
light”  

Building LCA is a collaborative endeavor. I am grate-
ful for the spirit of shared discipleship that unites our 
principals, teachers and pastors. We welcome additional 
hands from our broader diocesan community to help 
 steward our vision forward. Please don’t hesitate to reach 
out should you feel called to give of time, talent and 
treasure in support of LCA. My email is rpierre-antoine@ 
lcacademies.org.  

(Rodney Pierre-Antoine is executive director of the Lumen 
Christi Academies.)

Lumen Christi Academies third-grade teachers collaborate on a graffiti activity as they examine the lesson design for the newly adopted Wit & Wisdom curriculum from Great Minds. From left, Susan Edpao, St. Anthony; Mariafernanda Cuevas, St. Elisabeth; and Mert Ozel, St. Peter Martyr.
FACE helps families afford Catholic education

By Filomena Spero
Special to The Catholic Voice

Having just completed my ninth month as executive director of FACE — Family Aid — Catholic Education, I am excited to introduce my new partner, Terri Porter, associate director.

Porter has more than 20 years of experience in the educational and youth services fields. Porter is a proud fifth-generation practicing Catholic born and raised in East Baton Rouge Parish in Louisiana. Terri and her husband, Tracy, live in Daniels and are 21-year members of St. Isidore Parish.

Porter will be leading this year’s charge for our 41st annual gala. This year’s theme is “Celebrating FACE: past, present, and future.” The gala will be at 5 p.m. April 6 at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Porter at 510-267-8314 or email tporter@oakdiocese.org.

Our goal for the 2019-20 school year is to increase the grant amount as well as the number of elementary school FACE grants. Unfortunately, there were more than 2,200 high school applicants and more than 1,600 elementary school applicants.

Tell your story: If you are a current or former recipient of a FACE grant or a successful individual who received FACE tuition assistance during your years as a student in the Oakland diocese, we would love to hear from you. Please email fspero@oakdiocese.org.

On behalf of all of our families served, thank all of our donors for your continued support and generosity.

(For more information on the 2019-20 FACE grants, please visit our website or contact your parish director.)

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Holy Names High School

TERI PORTER, LEFT, AND FILOMENA SPERO TAKE OVER THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE FACE NEWSLETTER.

SJND students, faculty donate hair for women undergoing cancer treatment

By Filomena Spero
Special to The Catholic Voice

St. Joseph Notre Dame High School’s normally rambunctious Proud 2 Be a Pilot Rally took a philanthropic turn this year, with students and faculty taking the stage to give back to those living with cancer.

In front of the entire school, participants spoke about their personal experiences and connections with cancer before cutting their long locks to donate to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, a campaign providing free, real-hair wigs for women undergoing cancer treatment.

Paul Valmassy, Spanish teacher and moderator of Societad Honoraria Hispánica club, which organized the service project, helped choose the cause and organization.

“I had donated my hair to this organization a couple of times at my previous school, so the idea was always in the back of my mind to do it here at SJND,” Valmassy said. “I did not want SHH to be a club that students only belong to for a couple years and then get a cord at graduation as their sole tangible club experience.

“Rather, I want them to know that an academic club can also make a difference in the community. I brought the idea to our club officers, and everybody was enthusiastic to work on it.”

Valmassy also chose this organization to honor his childhood friend Christian, who was diagnosed with and beat pediatric cancer. The cancer never returned, but the aggressive treatments on such a young person left Christian with many health issues, particularly a severe curving of his spine that led to difficulties maintaining weight.

Christian ultimately succumbed to these health complications in February 2016.

Before cutting their hair, many of the students and faculty joined Valmassy in paying tribute to a person in their lives who has had cancer.

“Rather, I want them to know that an academic club can also make a difference in the community,” Valmassy said.

With some participants appearing nervous and others waiting excitedly, the hair proudly once they were finished.

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Catholic Schools Week

Stewards of Creation add green to Fremont campus

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Students attend SEEK, find what they’ll bring back to Berkeley

By Michele Juric
Staff writer

As students return to the University of California at Berkeley this week to begin spring semester, Solie Ocegueda has some Good News to share with her fellow students. Ocegueda, a parishioner at Holy Spirit Newman Hall, was one of 28 students from the Berkeley campus to travel to Indianapolis to attend SEEK2019: Encounter Something More, the national conference hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

The event, with a lineup of engaging speakers, musicians, Daily Mass and devotions, drew almost 12,000 college students from 626 campuses and several international locations to its Collegiate Track, which discussed topics relevant to young adults.

While the University of Nebraska-Lincoln brought the largest campus group with 325 students, the Cal contingent of 28 fit into one hotel room one evening for pizza and conversation about how the event was enriching their lives.

Going to a FOCUS national conference, which is held every two years, had been Ocegueda’s goal since high school. As a senior at Cal, she was looking forward to fulfilling that wish in the company of the Catholic students she had come to know at the university, through Newman Hall and the FOCUS missionaries who serve there.

FOCUS has had a presence at Berkeley since 2013, when four missionaries — all recent college graduates trained by the Colorado-based ministry — started meeting students individually for coffee and conversation, and in small groups for Bible study.

Rachel Michaud is the leader of the team of five missionaries who are serving at Berkeley this school year. She is in her first year at Berkeley, having served previously at California State University, Fullerton, and the University of Toledo.

“It’s a blessing to be in Berkeley,” Michaud said.

She was among the missionaries accompanying the students to Indianapolis, where they stayed in a hotel about six minutes from the convention center.

“I allowed us to gather the third night for pizza dinner in a hotel room and share experiences,” she said.

Among the experiences shared was that the conference offered the opportunity to attend on topics “they wanted to dive into,” Michaud said. The conference devoted 90 minutes to two hours daily to Mass.

Most of the attendees from Berkeley are students who already are involved in FOCUS activities, but Michaud was also pleased that others attended the conference at the invitation of friends.

Empowering missionary disciples is a goal of the FOCUS missionaries, who pay their own way for their year of service.

“We donate most of our energy teaching them to do missionary work in their own spheres,” she said.

Ocegueda is an example of that goal.

The conference’s speakers made a deep impression on her. She was grateful for “the knowledge that was shared with us,” she said.

She looked forward to passing on that knowledge by watching videos of the conference with students who didn’t get to go, she said.

She was particularly moved by the conference talk by Sister Bethany Madonna, of Sisters of Life, and Father Mike Schmitz.

“They’ve been loving Jesus so long,” she said, “the wisdom they can give us is so huge.”

After she finishes at Cal this semester, Ocegueda, whose major encompasses study of food policy and business, will study abroad. As she does, she will “figure out where God’s calling me to next,” Michaud said.

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She looks forward to meeting with students to talk about their SEEK experiences and digging deeper into the questions they bring back.

Just a few days after she left Indianapolis, she heard from one of her Cal students, who sought advice on books she could read to learn more about Catholicism.

Michaud was happy to share three: “Time for God” by Jacques Philippe and “Theology for Beginners” and “A Map of Life,” both by Frank Sheed.

Notre Dame receives scholarship grant

By Paul Brown
Staff report

BELMONT — The Fletcher Jones Foundation has awarded $250,000 in scholarship funds to Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont to support low-income students entering in 2019.

NDNU, established in 1851 by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, is a Catholic, nonprofit, coeducational institution serving 1,500 students. It is the third-oldest college in California and the first authorized to grant the baccalaureate degree to women.

The Fletcher Jones Foundation, Los Angeles, was created from the estate of Fletcher Jones, co-founder of Computer Sciences Corp., in 1969 to provide technology funding to private colleges and universities in California.

“These scholarships will make the difference between being able to attend college and not enrolling for many promising students,” said NDNU President Judith Maxwell Greig.

The scholarships will go to NDNU students who come from families with low incomes. “These students are drawn to Notre Dame de Namur University because of the small classes, close mentoring and strong community on our campuses,” said Provost Herman Buchnell.

For more information, visit www.ndnu.edu.

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Blessed to experience a Catholic education.
Pupils learn about — and help — those who are hungry

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer

Quarters, nickels, dimes, folding money and checks jammed into the CRS Rice Bowls during Lent and returned to schools and parishes throughout the Diocese of Oakland are putting food on the table, not only around the world but close to home.

Forty-seven groups, mostly run by volunteers who help feed hungry families, at-risk students and low-income seniors, are called to make a change in the world and create a community of missionary disciples. There have been two retreats and some training sessions in which parishes learned how to advocate with legislators.

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Parent, community support aids St. Raymond

Thanks to parent and community support, St. Raymond School in Dublin has a new Learning Commons and Science Laboratory. In the two-year long project, both the science and computer/library rooms were renovated to allow for more collaborative learning and additional Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) activities. The science laboratory was updated with all new tables, stools and cabinets. The tables are equipped with wheels that allow the furniture to move around and additional electrical outlets on the furniture allow for easier access to our technology equipment. The Learning Commons also features moveable furniture, soft seating and more open space. The modernization incorporates new ways to build a strong educational foundation to prepare students to be college and career ready.
St. Paul School displays programming skills

Special to The Catholic Voice

Teams from St. Paul School in San Pablo went up against several diocesan schools in the last of four Vex Robotic competitions on Dec. 1. The pupils build robots based on design, ingenuity creativity, trial and error. The teams competed against one another to show off their building, driving and programming skills. St. Paul School was the only local school that competed in the programming skills section of the competition.

St. Paul School returned with five awards. Congratulations to the St. Paul team and Frank Tucker, computer science teacher. St. Paul School thanks parents for their support.

Honor included the Excellence award for the overall quality of our school’s robotics program; the “Think” Award, which recognizes the creativity of robot design and coding application; and the Skills trophy for combined driving and programming skills. St. Paul School shared the Teamwork award with St. Cornelius School in Richmond.

“We are thankful for the experience and the confidence it has given our students as we continue to focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, ELA, Arts and Math (STEEAM) focused education,” said Principal Natalie Lana-Acuna.

Robotic competitions on Dec. 1

Teams from St. Paul School in San Pablo and St. Cornelius School in Richmond have advanced to the California 2019 Create U.S. Open Robotics Championship. The schools shared the Teamwork award at the last of four local Vex Robotic competitions. Both schools are Lumen Christi Academies.

Growing service club inspires young people to give more

By Ron Brazil

One of the many activities the seventh- and eighth-grade members of the St. Joseph, Fremont, Student Service Club participate in is serving at the annual parish Senior Luncheon this Jan. 11.

“They have been a great assistance. They are very helpful,” said Helen Campbell, coordinator of the luncheon.

The club was formed four years ago to involve students in direct service for the school, church and greater community.

The club has grown from 10 pupils in its first year to more than 30 this year. The club meets twice a month after school, and most of the activities they volunteer for are on the weekends.

The pupils have participated in such activities as collecting and passing out warm clothes for the homeless, picking olives for the Dominican Sisters, cleaning up around Lake Elizabeth in Fremont for the Coastal Clean Up Day in September, and collecting and wrapping baby gifts for struggling mothers-to-be in the RealOptions program.


The goal for the students is to participate in at least 10 hours of service during the year. Most are able to meet this goal, and many go well beyond the minimum. It’s inspiring to see young people choosing to give of their time, talent and treasure for others.

St. Edward’s first principal

Still “Rooted in Mission,” Sister Rosedeen Stober, OP, first principal of St. Edward School, continues to be part of educating the youngest learners at the Newark school.

Twice a month, Sister Rosedeen selects a special book to read to the transitional kindergarten and kindergarten classes. The pupils look forward to her visit and to this special time spent with her.

Sister always brings with a happy story to share about her experience with the children. The school is grateful for the support of Mike Teachers, Class of ‘71, for being Sister’s transportation to school. St. Edward School was founded in 1963. The current principal is Sister Carolyn Marie Monahan, OP.

Holy Spirit School and Preschool

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**Winners in Voice Globetrotters giveaway**

**Staff report**

Twenty-one families have won a pair of tickets to see the Chant is Not Limited tour, a Christmas-themed giveaway by The Catholic Voice. The legendary exhibition basketball team performs at the SAP Center in San Jose at noon Jan. 21. Proceeds from the game support the SAP Open, an international women's professional basketball tournament.

Catholic Voice readers were invited to submit a contest entry by mail for a random drawing.

*Here are the winners and their hometowns:*

Sheridan, Walnut Creek: Craig Lazzeretti, Martinez
Michael Walsley, El Cerrito: Ron and Ann Saunders
Alice Basco, Castro Valley: Nathaniel Warlow
Tara Alameda: Carla VanDerveer, Alameda; Joni Gilkinson, Pleasanton
Phyllis Lu, Newark: Charlene Nia, Oakland
Lori Basco, Castro Valley: Nathaniel Warlow, Castro Valley
Evangelie Walsh, Orinda: Inez Hernandez, Hayward
Nerida Piedad, Pleasant Hill: Donna Fallica, San Ramon
Toni Rios, Alameda: Allen Anschutz, Hayward; Stephen Pippin, Alameda; Alena Cola, Martinez, and Lynn Lopez, San Leandro.

**Papal Blessing at Walk for Life Mass in SF**

**Staff report**

A Papal Blessing will be imparted at 12:30 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza following the two-mile walk down Market Street to the Embarcadero Plaza/Perry Building. The rally will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza and follow by two-mile walk down Market Street to the Embarcadero Plaza/Perry Building. The rally will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza and follow.

Accommodated by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, this applies to participation in sacred celebrations related to the Walk throughout the Ecumenical Phase. Diocese of Oakland, Sacramento, Reno, Stockton, Santa Rosa, Oakland, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas.

The Mass will be livestreamed at www.sfarch.org.

The rally will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza and follow by two-mile walk down Market Street to the Embarcadero Plaza/Perry Building.

**Fire victims . . .**

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Local restaurants, businesses and people of goodwill provided food and gifts. Children who lost everything could shop from among the gifts; parents could pick out clothes from a selection on racks, folks could get a haircut or even a massage.

"To take a minute to relax is really nice," said one survivor to local media. "A little bit of normal for Christmas," my kids and I could not have felt more welcomed and in love with Glenmary Home Missioners and for the Franciscans of St. Barbara Province.

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race after his killer and helped to apprehend him, Trout said. Some still bring flowers to the spot on 5th and Martin Luther King Jr. Way where he was killed.

The same day, the sale of a church service was announced as the St. Francis Chancel Choir will work with Wu and the schola for three weeks of rehearsals. The choir, under the direction of Joseph Hébert, will perform at the Mass of the Americas. The Mass is to be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, located near the new St. Francis hospital.

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**Mass 'of the Americas' debuts in San Francisco**

A new musical setting for the Mass made its debut Dec. 8 at St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco.

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, the lead archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Oakland Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, is a member of the institute’s board.

In bringing in the Harlem Globetrotters to perform in residence, we are able to further our mission to offer practical resources and to provide a reverent liturgy and promote a Catholic culture of the arts in an extraordinary new way," said Maggie Gallagher, executive director of the institute.

"We are very honored to have a composer of his talent coming to the West Coast," said Archbishop Cordileone. "Frank La Rocca’s ‘Mass of the Americas’ will be a fitting tribute in Mary, who draws together people of diverse cultures and races and unites us in worship of her son, Jesus Christ."

La Rocca is universal music director for the La Rocca Family, which is based in Oakland.

"His faith journey, coupled with his professional training, makes this is an ideal match for Gregorian chant as a key inspiration for this work," the Benedict XVI Institute said.

**Chanting the Good News . . .**

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**Chant is not limited to Latin.**

Kyrre Eielsen is a chant, in Greek, and chant in English is part of the institute’s repertoire.

"The greatest role of the music director is to help those around you grow in love of the gifts God has given them, and by extension, through the power given by giving to God, by whom you share those gifts with the poor community and with our own community within a community."

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The Mass of the Americas was written in Spanish, Latin, English and Nahuatl, the language Our Lady of Guadalupe spoke to St. Juan Diego when she appeared to him."

"Cathedrals Across America" series

The Mass is to be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, located near the new St. Francis hospital.

"We already do some chant, and some hymnody, because we deal with the Divine Liturgy and it is a way to focus the choir, and maybe the community, on some of the finer points of chant, maybe historically, maybe musically. It’s a very beautiful music, the Gregorian chant as a key inspiration for this work," the Benedict XVI Institute said.

The institute’s role in this is to provide a high-quality experience for the choir and the parish community it serves.

"We invented the teaching tool," said Maggie Gallagher, director of the institute. "If a pastor or a music director wants to learn how to chant," Gallagher said, "the institute is working with Catholic schools in San Francisco. Also on its agenda is the creation of an online curriculum for educators.

"We’re goal is simple and beautiful. At the end of her teaching choir’s time with a parish, she said, her goal is to “leave something beautiful behind.”

**Watch**

"Mass of the Americas" or listen to musical selections: http://starch.org/mass-of-the-americas

**The hardships are far from over for Camp Fire survivors.**

Rev. Aidan McAleenan, St. Columba pastor, who has presided at the memorial service for the past nine years, noted that the number of crosses that have been displaced at the church has been decreasing from a high of 15 when he became pastor.

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Livermore Knights’ Christmas gift drive

The Knights of Columbus delivered gifts to more than 100 Livermore families on Dec. 16. Donations and gifts were collected by St. Michael Parish, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Community of Pleasanton, Catholic Youth Organization and St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

More than $20,000 of gifts were collected and distributed, including more than a dozen bicycles. Knights and their families who helped deliver the gifts were moved by the experience of bringing a bit of Christmas spirit to less fortunate members of the Livermore community. Seminarian Paul Park, the newest Livermore Knight, blessed the gifts at the beginning of the morning and participated in deliveries with the Knights.

At the same event, Knights delivered more than 100 new winter coats to Livermore children. These coats were distributed part of the national KofC Coats for Kids program.

Recently, the Livermore Knights organized a rapid response to assist victims of the Camp Fire. Knight Carl Biscevic, a San Francisco firefighter, spearheaded the effort.

Coordinating with Gary Arnet, deputy grand knight of the Chiio Knights of Columbus to understand the actual needs of those they were helping locally, Biscevic led a team and a communications campaign that resulted in donations of more than $10,000 in cash and gift cards and $20,000 of new items from parishioners at St. Michael Parish Church in just about five hours on Nov. 18.

The Knights then formed a caravan of trucks and trailers to deliver the goods to Chico, where members of KofC Council 1137 coordinated the delivery of the goods directly to those in need.

These campaigns follow a steady chain of charitable activities by the Livermore Knights, who have provided more than $15,000 in donations to charitable organizations over the past couple of months. These include Tri-Vally Haven, the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, Livermore Homeless Refuge, St. Michael RCIA, Organizing’s Gate, Catholic Daughters of America and Open Heart Kitchen.

The Livermore Knights have also delivered funds to St. Michael School to pay for much-needed new picnic tables for their courtyard and to support student’s educational

The best young adult ministry is a healthy parish

By Steven Lewis

Special to The Catholic Voice

Young adult ministry is hard. This generation of young people is famously secular, stubborn and elusive. We do not feel the need to commit to employers, partners or community, yet a healthy economic landscape makes it increasingly unlikely that we will live in one town for our entire lives. How can we encourage this group of people to come together, pray, share their faith and live with God in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy? Is this a question too easy to answer?

The answer to this problem has been the parish young adult ministry: a small group of young people who come together, usually on the church grounds, to do church things. The ministry is run by young adults who honestly open up about their personal stories, share their experience, and get to know one another, usually through study groups reading through one of St. Paul’s letters. I’ve met young adult ministries that rotated the leadership on a regular basis and others that meetings. This usually means that a different hot button issue or the morality of Church teaching is discussed every week.

These ministries give transient young adults a safe and faith community, create and train the leaders for the parish, are a place of formation for young adults and are even a place of solace and support when the groups face tragedy or the laws of a church are changed. Young adult ministries do an incalculable good for our parishes, but I believe that they are a second-rate option. Band-Aid until we can create what will truly serve our young adults. The best young adult ministry is not a Bible study, or a fancy curriculum, a fundraiser-dance or even a well-attended diocesan event.

The best way to minister to young adults is simply to be a healthy parish. Young adult ministries are beautiful and helpful, but they will never do what a parish can. A young person who already feels welcomed, spiritually fed and empowered will always choose their parish will have no need to seek those things in a specific group. Our parish is already responding to the needs of young adults through the existence of young adult ministries, but how can they respond through the transformation of the parish itself? You can take the steps to start making your parish healthier by answering these simple questions.

Does your parish pray with each other to God? Do you talk to each other about prayer? This may seem too simple. Praying to God is the primary thing we do as a Church! Yes, but the details of how this prayer is done is important and critical.

This is a specific challenge to our music ministries, lectors, altar serving coordinators who are usually on the church grounds, to do church things. The announcement of the seminary’s new leadership described Bishop Christian as a highly respected theologian and professor, holding teaching and administrative positions at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome over the past 25 years.

From 1997-1999, Bishop Christian served as vicar provincial of the Western Dominican Province headquartered in Oakland. During the three years before his ordination as a bishop, he served the Western Dominican Province as student master and as adjunct professor at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley.

Eight of the Diocese of Oakland’s 19 seminarians study at St. Patrick’s.
Ode to a fallen classmate: Rev. Daniel E. Danielson

To me he was a giant palm tree laden with fruit that routinely fell to the ground nourishing the population and not infrequently landing on an innocent head, stunning it into awareness of realities hidden in the sky.

The towering arbor withstood the wrath of many storms but when the winds were favorable would bend and sway and dance.

And when its fruit was cracked and opened, the meat was hearty and its milk refreshing. We air tasted it of it and were enriched, and some made aware.

May the Monumental mind and soul that grew alongside us these ferile decades with us always, as we are transplanted to that garden on high to blossom together for seasons without end.

Rev. E. Donald Osuna
diocesan director of a continuing education program for permanent deacons. He also served as chairman of the diocesan Theological Commission and wrote a column for The Catholic Voice for three years. Later he helped set up the first Diocesan Pastoral Council, directed the Ministry to Priests Program, served on the Senate of Priests, was part of the diocesan Strategic Planning Group, was diocesan coordinator for evangelization, and a consultant to Bishop John S. Cummins.

Father Danielson was also an irregular master tutor and lecturer who facilitated nearly 100 faith formation sessions for priests and seminarians throughout the country, including the United States, U.K. and Ireland.

He served as pastor at St. Paschal Parish in Oakland from 1963 to 1986 and an American Priesthood retreat and was part of a task force of the National Federation of Catholic Religious and the National Commission for the Promotion of Priestly Vocation that revised a 25-year-old document, “The Spiritual Renewal of the Apostolic Priesthood.”

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**NEW EVENTS**

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**DATING**

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**Divine Mercy Devotion**

Visit Our Lady’s newest parish and celebrate the Divine Word devotion, which includes praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, adoration and confession in the Second Friday of the Month. When: 9 a.m. Wednesdays at Divine Mercy Parish, 3725 St. Paul, Oakdale. Bryan O’Toole, chm@stjbd.org, DivineMercyOak.org or 510-530-0761. See other Divine Mercy events under “Spirituality,” below.

**Divine Mercy in Oakdale**

6 to 7 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Worker Church, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. 925-843-2244; www.sfdivinemercychurch.org 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Isabel of Hunawich Church, 561 Easmond Ave., Richmond. 510-337-1315.

**Thursday, Jan. 24**

**San Benito Healing Prayer**

8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary School, 3155 First St., Hayward. Simon Medrano, 510-303-2965

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**Our Lady Queen of the World Church**

8:15 a.m. Wednesdays after last morning Mass, 1109 Chestnut St., Alameda. 510-522-0181.

**Wednesday, Jan. 23**

**Evangelization of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

5:30-9:30 pm in the Chapel at St. Joseph of Nazareth Church, 2301 Belleman Ave., Alameda. 510-797-1660.

**Wednesday, Jan. 23**

**Marriage: A Transforming Friendship**

Workshop with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy and Karla and Richard Obernesser. At San Ramon Dam, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Cost: $30 per couple. Information: www.sandamiano.org or 925-933-6363 or lachm@meijoministers.org.

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Agenda for lay collaboration and episcopal authority

By George Weigel

The Vatican is a hotbed of rumor, gossip and speculation — and these times are not those times. This is what the 2002 document implementing 2002 and the positive effects of those reforms. But there is a lot of disinformation and some- thing about which we need to be clear.

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