Diocese releases names of credibly accused clergy

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

Today we publish the names of 20 diocesan priests, and 25 other priests, brothers and a deacon who have worked in the Diocese of Oakland and have had credible accusations of sexual abuse of minors. The only correct number is "25.

However, there are right now more than 120,000 faithful, active and dedicated priests serving 900,000 Catholics in our two-county diocese. We are on duty daily to serve you.

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I promised to publish a list, not to reopen the wounds of survivors, but to declare, "We have nothing to hide." It is a "living list," and will be updated as needed.

I hope this will help bring healing (Continued on Page 4.)

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Staff report

The Diocese of Oakland has released the names of 45 Roman Catholic priests, deacons and religious brothers who the diocese has determined have been credibly accused of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Among those listed are 20 priests incarcerated in the Diocese of Oakland, which was founded Jan. 13, 1962. Incarcerated means they are attached to the diocese, either through ordination or transfer. The list also contains three priests who were incarcerated in other dioceses, and, from religious orders, 13 priests, one deacon and eight brothers.

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In his Oct. 8 column in The Catholic Voice, Bishop Barber said he would release a list of clergy — including diocesan, religious order and those of other dioceses who have served here — credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor.

"The lists include:

- 20 Diocese of Oakland priests. Six are living. Four are deceased. The diocese says these are living priests of prayer and penance.
- 22 religious order priests, deacons and religious brothers, and three priests from other dioceses. Bishop Barber has restricted all of these men from functioning in ministe-

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List of accused clergy

The first part of this list includes priests of the Diocese of Oakland who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors going back to Jan. 13, 1962, when the diocese was founded. The Diocese of Oakland includes Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Prior to 1962 these two counties were part of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Later we list those who were priests, deacons or religious brothers who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors who were not under the control of the Diocese of Oakland but may have lived or worked here, going back to Jan. 13, 1962.

This list is incomplete and based on the best information the diocese could discover. It will be updated as the diocese receives additional information.

Diocesan priests

Jeffrey N. Acebo
Ordained for the Diocese of Oakland
May 24, 1986
Abuse occurred: 1986 - 1988
Removed from ministry: April 2002
Status: Prayer and penance

Thomas Duong Binh-Minh
Ordained for the Diocese of Oakland
August 24, 1990
Abuse occurred: 1987
Removed from ministry: June 30, 1991
Status: Deceased March 3, 1996

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24 Hours for the Lord on March 8-9

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, will celebrate the opening Mass at 7:30 p.m. March 8 at Holy Spirit Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont. The closing Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. March 9 at St. Joan of Arc Church, 7200 Mission Blvd., Menlo Park.

Visit to school for imams

As organizers prepare to begin their 40 Days for Life Lenten vigil outside the Planned Parenthood clinic, where abortions are provided in Walnut Creek, they have received the endorsement of Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ.

“Here in the United States, we have a trinity of bishops who have received the endorsement of Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ.”

Bishop endorses 40 Days for Life vigil

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“The vigil will take place in the public right-of-way at 1357 Oakland Blvd., Walnut Creek.”

The night before it begins, at 7 p.m. March 9, a spring kickoff rally will be held at St. Mary Parish Gym, 2051 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek.

John Thomas Burkart/Special to The Catholic Voice

Additional information on the vigil is available at 40DaysforLife.com/walnut-creek or by email at friends@40DaysforLife.org.
A native of Oakland, Rev. Brian T. Joyce was ordained on March 16, 1963 at St. Anthony Church in Oakland by Bishop Floyd L. Begin, the first bishop of the Diocese of Oakland. Father Joyce was graduated with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and theology from St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, and with a master’s degree in religious education and theology at Manhattan College in New York City.

He served as associate pastor at the parishes of St. Lawrence O’Toole and St. Augustine, both in Oakland, before he was appointed diocesan director of Adult Education in 1967. After returning from New York, he was appointed diocesan chancellor in 1970, a post he held until 1979. In 1979 he became pastor at St. Monica Parish in Moraga, where he served until

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Though III, Rev. Brian T. Joyce supported social justice until the end. Here he met with Rev. Jesus Moreno Coto, SJ, at an Interfaith meeting to raise awareness of humanitarian issues in Honduras, in Berkeley last June.
Have you or someone you know been abused?

Vicars of child sexual abuse are provided counseling and can join the No More Secrets group, a mutual support group for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse that has the full support and encouragement of the Diocese of Oakland.

The No More Secrets group was formed in 2002. The diocese’s support for survivors of clergy sexual abuse has included the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted in 2002. In 1987 the Oakland Diocesan Senate of Priests issued its first set of guidelines on how to respond to such reports. No More Secrets meets the first Saturday of every month at the diocesan Pastoral Center in Alameda. Its next meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 6 in the Santa Maria Parish Library, 40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda. Dial 510-267-8334 for additional information.

To the great sorrow of everyone in our environs for minors and vulnerable adults, priests, deacons, teachers, chancery employees, parish volunteers and CYO coaches receive training every three years. From July 1, 2019 to Feb. 11, 2019, 33,334 new and returning users have been trained. Anyone wishing to report any allegation of sexual misconduct by any clergy or diocesan employee should contact the local civil authority, such as the police or sheriff’s department. Stephen A. Wilcox, chancellor of the diocese, can also assist in processing allegations of sexual misconduct and is a mandatory reporter. He can be reached at swilcox@oakdiocese.org or 510-267-8334.

The Healing Garden at the northeast corner of the cathedral plaza at Grand Avenue and Harrison Street, adjacent to the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, has been developed to support the healing of survivors of clergy sexual abuse. It was dedicated in 2008; it was proposed by members of the No More Secrets diocesan support group for survivors.

What is a ‘credible’ accusation?

The diocese must have knowledge of an allegation made against the person named and the allegation must include all of the following:

- The alleged involvement sexual abuse of a minor (under the age of 18 at the time of the alleged abuse).
- The alleged perpetrator was a priest, deacon, religious brother or religious sister at the time of the alleged abuse or sometime after the alleged abuse.
- The alleged abuse is claimed to have been committed:
  1. Within the geographic jurisdiction of the Diocese of Oakland, or
  2. By a priest or deacon of the Diocese of Oakland, or
  3. By a seminarian or lay person affiliated with the diocese who was later ordained, or
  4. By a priest or deacon who is a known to have lived in Alameda or Contra Costa counties and who has been identified by another diocese, a religious order, laity or in any other way as being credibly accused.

- Review of the reasonably available, relevant information, there is reason to believe the allegation is more likely than not to be true.

Further, the diocese stated that the process for evaluating whether an allegation is credible is not a legal process. Examples of information that helped to ascertain credibility include, but are not limited to, admissions by the accused, criminal convictions, other types of legal actions, patterns of conduct and prior determination closer to the time of the alleged sexual abuse or the time when the matter was first investigated. The determination as to credibility of an allegation does not establish that a crime was committed.

Diocese . . .

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The diocese has a credible allegation of abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon of the Diocese of Oakland since 1988, according to Wilcox. The diocese does not have complete records regarding the religious brothers and priests, or priests who served in the diocese but are from another diocese, he said.

Now, no priest or deacon who is in active ministry in the Diocese of Oakland has a credible allegation of abuse of a minor, Wilcox said.

Wilcox has submitted to the Oakland Police Department a report given to the diocese of alleged sexual misconduct by Father Alexander Castillo, who was ordained in 2011 and has most recently served as director of Faith Formation and Evangelization, in addition to his duties as episcopal secretary and master of ceremonies. Father Castillo was placed on temporary administrative leave on Jan. 30 until the investigation is concluded.

The lists, which were compiled on Feb. 13, should be considered works in progress, Kathleen Mechen, a former FBI official who established the US Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Office of Child Protection, is scheduled to begin a full review of the Oakland diocesan files next month. Her report is expected to be completed by late spring.

The lists do not estimate the number of victims of the accused clerical agents.

In September 2005, then-Bishop Allen H. Vigneron said the Diocese of Oakland had reached a global settlement of the 56 lawsuits filed against it for sexual misconduct of minors by 13 priests. A total of $56,358,000 was paid, with $26,318,000 coming from the diocese and the remainder paid by insurers. The diocese covered its portion of the settlement by the sale of real estate and assuming a loan for the remainder.

Since 2002, when the diocese first began to keep financial records related to clergy sex abuse, it has spent slightly more than $1.3 million in direct support of survivors.

Church law mandates that the diocese has responsibility for the sustenance of the four priests from the diocese who have been restricted to live of prayer and penance. In addition, they are legally eligible for retirement benefits. Since 2004, the diocese has spent slightly less than $600,000 for the care of priests restricted from public ministry.

If a man has been laicized — returned to the lay, or non-priestly, state — or excommunicated, he is no longer a priest and the diocese has no responsibility for him.
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Rec. Mangini

By Rev. Richard Mangini

Who wants to visit Portugal, France and Spain? Whose bucket list is not complete until they see the Shrines of Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes and the Virgin of Montserrat? Please do not put off again what you will be able to see this coming fall, Sept. 23 to Oct. 2, 2019.

One of the interesting and beautiful details of this tour is to travel by bus coach through the countryside of Portugal, France and Spain visiting the great pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela and walking a part of “The Way” and seeing the beautiful Spanish city of Barcelona, the famous Ramblas, Montjuic Hill and the Gaudi Basilica of the Sagrada Familia.

As Mary the Mother of Jesus accompanied her Son during His life, she will accompany us as we enter the sanctuaries where people have come for decades to honor her where she has appeared to us.

The Christmas Season is over now, and it is time to sign up for the fall pilgrimage! Way back in 1978, I spent the summer in Lisbon, Portugal, studying Portuguese as I began my pastoral work in San Leandro as pastor of St. Leander Church. Back then, I had the opportunity to visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima and many other places in Portugal. And I have been back to Portugal and the Azores Islands several times. I go back again now at a different time in my life with a more eager heart, an older sense of who I am and a hope to be embraced once again by the surprising simplicity of the spirituality of the three children and Fatima’s simple message to place everything in God’s heart.

The topography of Fatima is very different from the topography of Lourdes in France. Fatima appears much dryer, rockier and more barren while Lourdes is verdant and forested with a flowing river running through it. I have never been to Barcelona or to Montserrat or to the famous Gaudi Church of the Sagrada Familia. Nor have I travelled through the countryside of St. Ignatius Loyola’s home town and shrine.

I have been to the Galician capital of Santiago de Compostela, now more popular by “the Way of St. James” and the film starring Martin Sheen, entitled “The Way”. Santiago de Compostela is one of Europe’s three oldest pilgrimage sites along with Rome and Jerusalem. There are nine paths that a person can walk and the longest is 500 miles beginning in France. The tradition says that the basilica Church covers the burial site of St. James the Apostle, brother of St. John, and that is where the pilgrimage routes ends.

We will have an opportunity to walk a few miles of “The Way”. And hopefully, we will see the giant incense thurible (censer) that stands about five feet high and swings from one end of the transept to the other.

So, are you ready to sign up? We welcome you to join us! The Mother of Jesus is waiting.

(Father Richard A. Mangini, retired and most recently pastor at St. Bonaventure Parish, Concord, will lead The Catholic Voice’s Marian Shrines Pilgrimage Sept. 23 to Oct. 2, 2019.)
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A religious pilgrimage is not a sightseeing trip, a vacation destination or simply an educational tour; but it is a slow and measured sacred journey that has faith as its motive and goal, prayer as the sandals on the pilgrim’s feet, the contemplative reading of the Gospel as the belt around the pilgrim’s waist and daily Mass at the shrines as the pilgrim’s staff of life, reflecting the pilgrimage of one’s life toward God and the New Jerusalem.

I write the above words as one who has been leading pilgrims to the Holy Land continuously for the past 42 years and who has lived there with my Franciscan brothers who have been official custodians of the Holy Places since 1335 when the saintly Queen Sanchez and her husband Robert D’Anjou, through difficult negotiations and much money, bought the first piece of property for the Franciscans on Mount Zion, the traditional site of the Upper Room, where they lived and prayed for 200 years.

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By Rev. Mario DiCicco, OFM

Psalm 122 is the quintessential pilgrim psalm. It extends a joyful invitation to God’s Holy People to make a pilgrimage to the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, that City of God, “to give thanks to the name of the Lord.”

The pilgrimage cries out in a burst of joy, almost in disbelief: “And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem!” Pilgrimage to the Holy City, as the psalmist declares, “was decreed for Israel.”

Indeed the pious Jew was required to go to Jerusalem three times a year, as commanded in various places in Exodus and Deuteronomy, to celebrate the three major festivals of Passover, Weeks and Booths. Even Mary and Joseph themselves, as observant Jews, “went up every year to Jerusalem for the festival of Passover according to festival custom, as the Gospel of Luke recounts (2:41-42), and this time they took with them their 12-year old son, Jesus.”

Pilgrimage was always a sacred obligation for law-abiding Jews Christian pilgrims likewise throughout the centuries have “gone up” to Jerusalem but for a different reason.

Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem by faith, but Christians went there to see for themselves the Tomb “where they laid him” and those other Holy Places where Jesus proclaimed the healing ministry of God’s love, suffered and died and rose in a mighty act of power, and gave the Holy Spirit to the Church.

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a special form of spiritual retreat, a religious event in one’s life where the words of Jesus, read at the sites of their first utterance, take on a new and significant meaning for one who is open to the Holy Spirit.

The land of Palestine is the land of the Mother Church

By Rev. Mario DiCicco, OFM

The land of Palestine is the land of the Mother Church. Members of the current Catholic Voice pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Feb. 4-13) gather inside the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The church is built over the site where the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, telling her she would bear the Son of God, Jesus.

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The land . . .
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It contains a Church of living stones, the stones and bones, however sacred; but is not just a museum or dusty archive of knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and Land enriches one's faith, deepens one's love for humanity. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land . . . in obedience to God's will and out of humankind's salvation, the steps Jesus retrace in a prayerful way the scenes of spiritually born.
I must assert here that the Holy Land is more than 70 percent. Our Palestinian Christians, few as they are now in the Holy Land, belong to the faithful lineage of the earliest Church community, reminding us, as it did St. Paul in his insistence on a collection from his Gentile converts, that this land of Palestine is the land of the Mother Church which we must support, because from Her we were spiritually born.
I hope that one day you will enter her ancient gates to pray the words invoked on Jerusalem by Psalm 122: “May peace be yours, may prosperity be yours, may blessings be yours.” Let us all go up to Jerusalem!
(Father Mario DiCicco, OFM, was president of the Franciscan School of Theology from 2004 until his retirement in 2011.)

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Retreat explores Lenten prayer through art

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer

“I’ve done art all my life,” said Beverly Terlep, who will present three retreats on “Paths to Grace: Lenten Prayer through Art” next month at the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose’s Center for Education and Spirituality in Fremont.

And it’s perfectly fine to attend, even if you have no experience or skill in art. Terlep asks participants to bring an openness to explore prayer and your faith through art.

The retreats, three hours each, may be taken as a series, or just one.

The first, from 1-4:30 p.m. March 2, centers on “I Am The Way”: Exploring Our Path to God. It is followed by “I Am The Truth,” from 9 a.m. to noon March 9, exploring our barriers to change.

“I Am The Life,” from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. March 13, explores what gives us life, using our gifts for others.

“I always knew I liked working with groups,” she said. “I see something happening that doesn’t happen with just one or two people.” It also takes a skilled leader to invite people to begin working with art. “Sometimes people are afraid to pick up art materials unless they’ve done it before,” she said. Terlep has developed the skills to know what materials — colored pencils, for example, and markers — are most easily adopted by new users.

She has offered art and prayer retreats at Valumbrosa retreat center in Menlo Park, when it was led by her former pastor, Rev. George Matanic, OP. She found that while the retreat center had been offering retreats on the spirituality of the arts, there was no drawing or painting. She changed that.

She offered an Advent workshop at the Dominican Center in Mission San Jose, where she is returning for “Art can help you go deeper with yourself,” Terlep said. “Spirituality and the person … you cannot disconnect them.”

The sessions will offer time for prayer, reflection and art. She will suggest ways participants can use the art they create during Lenten prayer.

Attendance is limited to 30 people at each session. Register at http://bit.ly/2019PathsToGrace by Feb. 28 for the March 2 and 9 sessions, and March 7 for the March 13 session.

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What we have failed to do is to make disciples. Pope John 23rd, the Second Vatican Council, John Paul II all raised the call to mission.

To move from maintenance to mission, John Paul II said, “We need to jettison the last Mass by a half-hour. We need to jettison the junk so we can see this happen and have some skills to make a commitment to a large project, such as renovating the church, building a gym or a parish hall or even open a local parish school. Such parishes may appear to be successful, even startlingly successful. The parishioners collect money, find local members to donate time and energy projects, form friendships with outside workers and may even fill the pews for Sunday services.

Wonderful, but when the project is completed, when the school or parish hall opens, when attention shifts from famine relief when the election is won the parish begins to lose itselan and sink back into its previous inactivity.

Why are we here?

For Mallon, all the parishes described above will decline in numbers because the key question has not been asked, is what a parish intended for? What is it supposed to be doing? What are all of us supposed to be doing?

The answer to the key question was given to Jesus in the great commission, Matthew in the Great Commission. Before Jesus ascended into heaven he said, “Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19).

At the great commissioning four tasks were given, to go, to make disciples, to baptize them and to teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19).

Mallon admits his proposals may not be the best and they are not intended as a blue print for all parishes since all parishes bring something different.

Comment

This book was written by a Catholic Pastor for other Pastors as we have said, and can be read with profit by everyone. The parish is a very ancient and is still a central up to Paul in the church wherever the Gospel is preached and the sacraments distributed. The book says nowhere only place to find out what goes on in the Catholic Church and this book is not a blueprint for every parish — maybe three from a parish of similar make a commitment to a large project, such as renovating the church, building a gym or a parish hall open a local parish school. Such parishes may appear to be successful, even startlingly successful. The parishioners collect money, find local members to donate time and energy projects, form friendships with outside workers and may even fill the pews for Sunday services.

Wonderful, but when the project is completed, when the school or parish hall opens, when attention shifts from famine relief when the election is won the parish begins to lose itselan and sink back into its previous inactivity.

Why are we here?

For Mallon, all the parishes described above will decline in numbers because the key question has not been asked, is what a parish intended for? What is it supposed to be doing? What are all of us supposed to be doing?

The answer to the key question was given to Jesus in the great commission, Matthew in the Great Commission. Before Jesus ascended into heaven he said, “Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19).

At the great commissioning four tasks were given, to go, to make disciples, to baptize them and to teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19).

Mallon offers up 10 values and shows a blueprint for all parishes since all parishes bring something different.

Weakness

A weakness of the book is his jettisoning of the last Mass by a half-hour. If throwing out old arrangements is the greatest way, a haphazard way, too much will be lost that will have to be reinvented again. The face of a community depends upon individuals who are members of it. If parishioners are going to see their Baptism as primarily connected with making disciples, they must be joyful when conversions are made — more joyful than when building another new chapel or school. If bringing people to the love of God and to a personal experience of Christ’s love becomes the parish focus, as Mallon hopes, there must be a significant number of parishioners, or at least key leaders in the community who want to see this happen and have some skills to bring it about.

There is a golden rule, whenever any plans to move from A to B, i.e., from a situation where they now are to a situation where they would like to be, it is important to make connections with B where they are going, before cutting ties with A, the place where they now are. In jettisoning the past, in leaving the maintenance parish behind (i.e., A) a lot of what is valuable will be lost, while building up the new (B) is notoriously hard to do.

New territory has to be charted for (B) and there is a need to keep coming back to (A) again. If the maintenance parish is to die, let it settle itself into a comfortable demise, not that of a dying parish. New disciples need to emerge and be successful, then it needs to be possible for people to clings and strength.

(Father John Hilary Martin, OP, is a profes sor emeritus of Philosophy & Theology at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley)
Hundreds gather for Day of the Sick Mass

Staff report

Hundreds gathered for the annual World Day of the Sick Mass Feb. 9 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland.

The annual event allows those who are sick or ill and their families, caregivers and health care providers and friends to pray and receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Integrated with the Liturgy, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, and Cathedral Rector Very Rev. James Matthews sprinkled the crowd with holy water. Later the priests extended their hands and blessed the crowd. The priests moved into the crowd, anointing those who wished to be with holy oil.

In his homily, Bishop Barber explained that Christ, “Christos” in Greek, means the anointed one, thus, Christians are the anointed ones. People are anointed with sacred chrism oil when they are baptized, confirmed and when they die.

“The Lord wants to heal the sick,” the bishop said.

Before and after Mass, people were invited to write prayer intentions on cards, which will be taken by the Knights and Dames on their annual trip with about 100 ill people to Lourdes, France. After the Mass, people were able to join in a reception in the cathedral event center and received complimentary vials of Lourdes water. Lourdes is a Marian shrine where water flows from a spring that may have healing properties. People worldwide make pilgrimages there seeking a cure for their illness.

“This is the best World Day of the Sick we’ve ever had,” said Tom Greerty, a Knight of Malta and coordinator of the Knights of Malta’s Pope Francis Free Legal Clinic at the diocesan offices in Oakland. Greerty and others handed out information about the clinic, including durable powers of attorney, during the reception.

In addition to the legal clinic, the Knights of Malta Western Association operates the Malta Clinic, which offers free health care to the uninsured. It’s also housed at the diocesan headquarters, the Chancery. For more information, about the health clinic, 510-587-3000 or orderofmaltaclinic.com. 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. More photos at facebook.com/TheCatholicVoice.
Father Brian Joyce celebrates his retirement Mass at Christ the King Parish, Pleasant Hill, Sept. 14, 2014. With him at the altar, from left, Rev. Dan Derry of the Diocese of San Jose, Deacon John Ashmore, and Rev. Dan Danielson, Fathers Danielson and Hill, where he served for 26 years until his retirement in 2014. He formed his parishes into warm and loving communities and touched many hearts with his concern for the mentally ill, the poor, the LGBTQ, women who sought to protest gun violence. When he was no longer able to walk along the route he said in a chair and held a sign. When asked about Father Joyce’s leadership, Al: “The Catholic Voice was a member at Christ the King Parish, narrowed his answer to three words — inclusion, truth and hospitality. He made everyone feel welcome, no matter their ‘worthiness’ in the eyes of the Church,” Garrotto wrote in an email message. He told the people the truth never to plant flowers in memory of God’s unconditional love for every person — no matter what their status or Catholic credentials? He insisted on hospitality at all levels of parish life. As an example, he wanted our St. Vincent de Paul Society to welcome people at the front door of the parish office, not the back door. His favorite definition of the Catholic Church was Here Comes Everybody (a book by Tim Unsworth, 1993)."

In his own words, Father Joyce offered this reflection on the 40th anniversary of his ordination about the “Church that is God’s Church as institution has sometimes disappointed and fallen short of our hopes as well as of the hopes and vision of Vatican II, the Church as community has repeatedly exceeded my expectations and imaginations. A wise monarch once contributed to me what a priest presiding at Mass should be by saying, ‘he should look like he needs it too’ I continue to need Eucharist and the Eucharistic people who find me especially in my parishioners. I give daily thanks for those who work with me all the time and not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable as they also embrace me, not up to me, who challenge me and hold me accountable 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**NEW EVENTS**

**Saturday, March 2**
- Assumption of the Virgin Parish Senior Group to Take on the Future, 30th Annual Auction Fundraiser. 5 p.m. in the assumpion of the Virgin Parish. For more information, contact Prudence Leith at 510-933-6360 or dominicans@msjdominicans.org.

**Saturday, March 9**
- Magnificat: A Ministry to Catholic Women Prayer Breakfast. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Cristo Rey Pinole Hotel, 45 Green Olive Drive, Pinole. Confident speaker: Barbara Nicolosi Henderson, creator and director of the Magnificat magazine and series. Registration is required at www.magnificat.org/pinole. Contact: Christin Koussis, 510-435-7074. Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Scholarship Program and other ICF Charities.

**Saturday, March 16**
- Men of St. Joseph meeting. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 3725 Highland Drive, Danville. For more information, contact Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220.

**Friday, March 22**
- Divine Mercy 101” DVD series. For more information, visit StMichaelLivermore.com.

**Sunday, March 24**
- Ash Wednesday of Repentance. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Evening of Repentance, 5:30 p.m. at St. Damien Retreat, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. With the Franciscan Priests of San Damiano. Information registration: www.sandamiano.org or 925-837-9147, ext. 315.

**Sunday, March 31**
- St. John the Baptist Greek Melkite Mission. 11:15 a.m. San Pablo Ave. San Ramon, CA. 925-843-2244; www.sanpablochurch.org

**LENTEN SPIRITUALITY**

**March 3, 9, 13**

**March 6 and all 14**
- 40 Days for Life. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., daily, except Sundays, outside a local abortion facility, 1573 Oakbank Blvd., Walnut Creek. Local contact: friends@f4lwalnutcreek@gmail.com or 925-212-7038. See http://bit.ly/2019AshWednesday for more information. Registration: http://40daysforlife.com.

**March 9 to April 13**
- Lenten Stations of the Cross with Fr. Mark Sampselle. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., every Saturday, at St. Mary Parish, 2201 Mission Circle, Fremont. Retreat director: Father Chris Alar, SJ. For more information, call 510-933-6360 or email Chris.Alar@msjdominicans.org.

**March 10 to April 14**
- Parenting from the Heart: Spiritual Support for Parents Who Have Lost a Child, Grief Support Group, led by Father Stanley. 7 to 9 p.m. at San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. For more information, call 925-837-9147, ext. 315.

**March 14 to April 11**
- Being the Love of Christ (Lenten Contemplative Prayer) with Father Rudy Shaughnessy and Sister Celeste Cate. 7 to 8 p.m. at San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Information: www.sandamiano.org or 925-837-9147, ext. 315.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Monday and Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Monday and Saturday, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.**
- At St. Agnes Parish, 3956 Chestnut Ave., Concord.

**Monday, Tuesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**
- At the Holy Rosary Church, 1331 A St., Antioch, 510-757-4502.

**Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- In the chapel at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 980 Oak Grove Ave., Concord.

**Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.**
- St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4051 Stoneridge Mall Drive, Pleasanton.

**Monday, Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.**
- Eucharistic Adoration in Vietnamese, at St. Joseph Basilica, 1109 Chestnut St., Alameda, 510-522-0181.

**Wednesday, March 6**
- Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Dominican Center, 4326 Mission Circle (entrance off Mission Tierra). Cost: $30; limited to 30 participants. Fee includes supplies. Registration: http://bit.ly/2019AshWednesday or dial 510-933-6360.

**Thursday, April 11**
- Holy Thursday. The evening of Holy Thursday begins at 6 p.m. with a Good Friday Vesper. The evening of Good Friday begins at 5 p.m. with the Easter Vigil. Information: phone or email: parishesecretary@msjdominicans.org

**EVENTS**

**Thursday, March 21**

**Saturday, March 23**
- Run for Life at St. Joseph's Parish. 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Michael Parish Hall, 326 Maple St., Livermore. Alpha is the 2nd annual 10K Run, 5K Walk, and Kids Run in Livermore. Proceeds benefit Teen and Adult Life Skills Services. Registration: alpha@stjosephchurch.org.

**Saturday, March 16, April 13**

**TAIZÉ**

(An ecumenical, candle-lit service of prayer in simplechant, short readings, intent worship and veneration of the cross.)

**Friday, Feb. 22**
- Taize on the Heights. 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish. Alameda, 1109 Chestnut St., Alameda. Every Fourth Friday (every third Friday in November and December), www.facebook.com/TaizeOnTheHeights.

**Saturday, March 15, April 19**

**Sunday, March 17**
- 6:30 p.m. at Walnut Creek United Methodist Church, 4366 Alamo Hill Road, Walnut Creek. Third Sundays of a participating area church.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Feb. 28**
- Dinner and Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4501 Stoneridge Mall Drive, Pleasanton. Call 925-865-8875 for more information. Women are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

**March 10, Fourth Wednesdays**
- DivorceCare. 7-9 p.m. at St. John of Assisi Parish, 2901 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. For more information, contact DivorcCare. Questions/registration, email: Resource/HomePages/divorceCareWkolak@msn.com.

**March 27**
- Second Thursday. St. John Vianney Grief Ministry. 7 p.m. at Mullins Common, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek. Facilitator: Rev. Padre Gaspar. Information: Eileen Matthews, 925-939-8519 or ezmangaspar@yahoo.com.

**Fourth Sunday**
- United Nations of Support Group. 7 p.m. in rooms 214 and 215 in the Ministry Center at St. John Vianney Grief Ministry. For more information, call Christine, 925-212-5749. Family caregivers are invited to our monthly meet- ings which feature a guest speaker and discussion related to coping when caring for the elderly or chronically ill. 925-212-5749.

**Wednesdays**
- Widow/widowers grief support group. 5 p.m. at 505 Fairview Ave., Brentwood.面包Sandra Hiney, 925-531-3412 or sandracy@globalnet.org.

**Parents Who Have Lost a Child Grief Support Group.** At Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 505 First Street, Walnut Creek. Contact: Sandy Schutte, 925-531-3412 or sandracy@globalnet.org.

**Fourth Thursday**
- Catholic Military Support Group. 7-9 p.m. in rooms 214 and 215 in the Ministry Center at St. John Vianney Grief Ministry. For more information, call Christine, 925-212-5749. Family caregivers are invited to our monthly meet- ings which feature a guest speaker and discussion related to coping when caring for the elderly or chronically ill. 925-212-5749.

**CFC EVENTS AND GRIEF MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Prestige Senior Center**
- Catholic Senior Group to Take on the Future, 30th Annual Auction Fundraiser. 5 p.m. in the assumpion of the Virgin Parish. For more information, contact Prudence Leith at 510-933-6360 or dominicans@msjdominicans.org.

**April 27 and 28**
- Parish Outreach — Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 4051 Stoneridge Mall Drive, Pleasanton, CA. 925-461-1790 for information.

Next Voice: March 4. Submissions by February 20 to Carrie McClind, 212 Harbon Lane, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612. Database: christoice@cox.com (text photos); phone: 510-419-1074; or by fax at 510-893-4734.
Accused ...
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James A. Clark
Ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
June 14, 1947
Abuse occurred: 1971-1973
Removed from ministry: April 29, 1984
Status: Deceased July 27, 1989

Edmond G. Cloutier
Ordained for the Diocese of Portland, Maine
June 15, 1946
Abuse occurred: 1950s-1960s
Removed from ministry: Dec. 31, 1980
Status: Deceased April 9, 2003

Hilary Cooper
Ordained for the Diocese of Oakland, Oct. 1, 1970
Abuse occurred: 1978-1980
Removed from ministry: 1983
Status: Deceased Sept. 12, 1986

Joseph Ferreira
Ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
Jan. 6, 1953
Abuse occurred: 1973-1974
Removed from ministry: Retired Dec. 28, 1998
Status: Deceased Dec. 21, 2014

Molly Finnegan
Ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
Feb. 9, 1992
Abuse occurred: 1960s, 1973
Removed from ministry: Feb. 6, 1972
Status: Deceased Sept. 28, 1980

George J. Francis
Ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
June 21, 1937
Abuse occurred: 1958-1968
Removed from ministry: Explained April 4, 1986
Status: Deceased May 4, 1998

Robert F. Freitas
Ordained for the Diocese of Oakland May 19, 1980
Abuse occurred: 1977, 1980s
Removed from ministry: July 31, 1978
Status: Laicized Feb. 13, 1987

Ronald J. Lagasse
Ordained for the Diocese of Oakland May 3, 1949
Abuse occurred: 1960s
Removed from ministry: Oct. 2002
Status: Excommunicated June 14, 2008

Francisco Tarcisio Lanuevo
Incardinated in the Diocese of Oakland
April 2, 1985
Abuse occurred: 1979
Removed from ministry: July 29, 1992
Status: Prayer and Penance

Patrick McLeod
Ordained for the Diocese of Oakland
April 16, 1970
Abuse occurred: 1970s
Removed from ministry: Retired Jan. 4, 1987
Status: Deceased Dec. 17, 2001

Robert F. Pincinelli
Ordained at Detroit Michigan, for the Diocese of Oakland
April 12, 1969
Abuse occurred: 1960s, 1980s
Removed from ministry: Feb. 9, 1995
Status: Laicized 2005; deceased Jan. 9, 2009

Arthur A. Ribeiro
Ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
June 16, 1955
Abuse occurred: 1960s
Removed from ministry: Retired Jan. 1, 1992
Status: Deceased Oct. 18, 2000

Gary B. Toller
Ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
June 10, 1971
Abuse occurred: 1960s, 1970s, 1980s
Removed from ministry: 1995
Status: Deceased July 17, 1999

Stephen M. Kiesle
Ordained for the Diocese of Oakland
May 19, 1972
Abuse occurred: 1970s
Removed from ministry: July 31, 1978
Status: Laicized 2007; deceased Nov. 14, 2011

Terrence Wong
Ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
Jan. 1, 1992
Removed from ministry: Feb. 2, 1987
Status: Deceased Jan. 22, 1990

Ruben Martinez
Priests of The Congregation of the Holy Cross (CSC)
Ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
June 16, 1955
Abuse occurred: 1960s
Removed from ministry: Retired Jan. 1, 1992
Status: Deceased Oct. 18, 2000

Gary B. Toller
Ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
June 10, 1971
Abuse occurred: 1960s, 1970s, 1980s
Removed from ministry: 1995
Status: Deceased July 17, 1999

Non diocesan
Credibly accused priests and deacons from religious orders and outside the Oakland diocese.

Robert Bravo
Order of Preachers (OP) (Dominican); Deacon

Mario Cimmarrusti
Franciscan Friars (OFM)

Vianid Coutts
Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB)

Bernard Dabbene
Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB)

J. Patrick Foley
Priests of The Congregation of the Holy Cross (CSC)

Laicized 2005; deceased Jan. 9, 2009

Laicized 2005; deceased Jan. 9, 2009

Credibly accused brokers from religious orders.

Salvatore Billante
Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB); Deacon

Donald Eagleson
Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross (CSC)

John Moriarty
Brothers of the Christian Schools (FCS)

Lawrence O’Brien
Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross (CSC)

Raimond Rose
Brothers of the Christian Schools (FCS)

Francis Vognern
Brothers of the Christian Schools (FCS)

Terrence Wong
Society of Mary (SM)

Still, “child sex abuse is a massively big problem in our culture,” said Domo, an associate professor in the National Catholic School of Social Service at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., who specializes in working with trauma survivors. “Sometimes the child does tell an adult with the language, the knowledge and the tools to spot such individuals,” she said.

Sometimes the child tells an adult and they are not believed, and the response is “it’s just a childhood fantasy.” Domo said that if they try to tell in a child’s way — not concretely, but say, “This person makes me feel uncomfortable, and I don’t want to be around them or don’t want to go to that place” — if they are not asked to provide more clarity, they will shut down.

In other cases, “they disclose and they are not believed because the person (the abuser) is so beloved or powerful of an authority figure,” she added.

“On the one hand, it’s hard to believe it’s not possible to do,” Domo said. “On the other hand, the initial disclosure can silence someone for decades,” Domo said. “But equally, such programs should take place beginning in preschool and be continued through the university level.”

Domo said that secondary prevention programs seek to intervene with those who are identified as “at risk.” For sexual abuse prevention, it would mean ensuring that those who have been abused get services, and also provide interventions to those who show sexualized behaviors at a young age or other concerning behaviors.

Societal shifts seen in acknowledging sex abuse, finding ways to address it...
LETTERS

Positive news

With the news covered with stories of building unnecessary medieval walls and senseless government shutdowns it was extremely refreshing to hear some positive news about what happened at San Damiano Retreat Center during the Christmas holidays.

As reported (Voice, Jan. 21), San Damiano opened its doors for five days around Christmas to victim families of the Paradise fire. About 150 people took advantage of this outreach.

The Franciscans offered the venue and volunteers from all over the East Bay offered their help, providing meals, laundry, entertainment, programs for the kids, gifts, Christmas carols and even Santa. In some cases, volunteers just offered a sympathetic ear as the victims related their harrowing personal stories and their healing process.

It was wonderful to hear the voices of children and family pets frolicking in the main courtyard. Victims were able to appreciate the beauty of the place and hike the trails. It provided a welcome respite from their uncertain lives of living in motels or with relatives, dealing with insurance companies and government officials, not knowing what the future has in store.

At least for a short period, things were somewhat normal. Anyone who has visited or been associated with the San Damiano Retreat knows what a special place it is. During those days it was much more special and more blessed. St. Francis would have been proud.

Dennis Wasclo
Clayton

Evil lies

I have just seen another film clip of the New York governor and Democratic legis-
lators standing with wild applause upon his signing the evil abortion/infanticide law into effect.

We should demand the ecclesiastical authorities take immediate action. They have delayed too long. They must interview the governor and each Catholic legislator who supported the law and communi-
cate all to refuse to reelect them. They are bringing shame to the Church by their disloyalty and damaging the authority of its teachings. Have they no convictions or moral principles of their own?

The New York Knights of Columbus along with other Catholic and Right to life organizations should organize street demon-
strations regularly to keep the attention of the good people in our country up to and including the 2020 election.

In addition, all Catholics and other Right to life writers should boycott New York State as long as they remain committed to this evil. Is the good people of New York can force a change. Only the ungodly or being associated with the San Damiano Retreat Center during the Christmas holidays.

For example, the Church teaching or contradict the spectrum of opinions will sometimes

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