Likely last burial section opens at Oakland cemetery

By Carrie McClish

Oakland’s St. Mary’s Cemetery marked a milestone June 24 when the newest, and most likely the last, burial section was blessed.

Staff members of the Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services, which operates cemeteries, mausoleums and funeral centers in the Diocese of Oakland, marked the occasion by bringing an altar, crucifix and candles to the site for the late morning blessing service presided by Rev. Paul Coleman, parochial administrator at St. Monica Parish in Moraga.

The new St. Joseph section, which adds about 205 spaces for new burials in the 156-year old cemetery, is located near the back of the cemetery, which is at 4529 Howe St. This section of the cemetery had previously been used as a disposal site, said Eric Karleskind, who works in sales and interment services at the Cathedral of Christ the Light Mausoleum in Oakland.

For over several months the area had been cleared out and vaults and a retaining wall were installed.

Now the section has the distinction of commanding views of Oakland and, on a clear day, the San Francisco skyline. The views are spectacular, Karleskind said.

In operation since 1863, St. Mary Cemetery is the oldest cemetery in Oakland, said Heather Gloster, CFCS director of funerals and cemeteries. “Several generations of Catholic people who have relatives here and they have wished for a long time that they could be buried closer to their families,” she noted.

“Like them to choose to be cremated and go in the grave of a grandmother or mother, but there was really a want to whole body burials so the Holy Spirit guided us to a new location here,” Gloster said.

“The burial section should last us 5 to 7 more years and then we will be out of space for full body ground, but we have many crypts available and cremation spaces,” Gloster said. “We also have many families with spaces left in their own graves for cremation burials.”

The first burial in the new section occurred the previous week, Karleskind said. A young man, who died in 2008, had been in a nearby grave and was moved to the new section at the request of the man’s family.

The first burial in the 52-acre cemetery was Mary Reilly, a native of Ireland, who was born in 1833 and died in 1883 at age 30.

A little more than 100,000 people are buried at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Gloster said. Included in this number are several Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary who arrived in Oakland from Canada more than 150 years ago and went on to establish schools and convents in the East Bay as well as the first group of Sisters of Presentation, including Mother Mary Teresa Comerford, which settled in Berkeley where they established a convent and Presentation High School.

There is also a single most unmet need is dental care for adults, or no dental insurance in Western Contra Costa County.

The day before the big celebration, a mobile clinic with two dental chairs was parked near St. Mark Church in Richmond, assessing the dental needs of people who had lined up a week before to register. It is a project of St. Vincent de Paul and LifeLong Dental Care in West Contra Costa County. The people were lined up for the 9 a.m. registration. It’s an example, said Stephen Krank, Vincentian support manager, of a greater need. A study by the school showed that the single most unmet need is dental care for adults in Contra Costa County.

In addition to a free dining room and free Rotacare medical clinic in Pittsburg, there are other services that employ people and keep goods out of landfills.

But its heart and soul are the volunteers at the parish-based conferences who meet their neighbors in need, assess those needs and get them the assistance they need.

More than two dozen volunteers were recognized with awards.

The Blessed Rosalie Rendu “Zeal for the Poor” Award is earned by a Vincentian who shows a drive past meeting the basic needs of the poor to include education, care for infants, elderly and the organization of works of charity. Ten people received this award.

The St. Louise de Marillac Award honors the saint who, inspired by her spiritual advisor St. Vincent de Paul, co-founded the Daughters of Charity. This award was presented to three spiritual advisors.

At the June 29 event at St. Stephen Parish, the De Paul Society of Contra Costa County was given to Vincentians in honor of extraordinary service to neighbors in need. Fourteen people received this award.

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A special $100 award was presented to Stephen Krank, Vincentian support manager, for years of Vincentian service and unparalleled devotion to duty above and beyond.

The St. Vincent de Paul Top Hat Award, the highest and most prestigious award given toVincentians in honor of extraordinary service to St. Vincent de Paul, was presented posthumously to Ron Weston.

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Dominican ordination

On May 31, two Dominicans of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, which is based in Oakland, were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Oscar Cantú of San Jose. Flanking him on the steps of St. Dominic Church in San Jose, as proposed, will undermine the seal of confession for all the faithful. Even though amended, SB 360 still denies the sanctity of confession to priests and to thousands of Catholics who work with priests in parishes and other Church agencies and ministries.

For Catholics, the sanctity of the confessional is unquestionable, the bishops said. It is central to our faith and to our constitutional right to the free exercise of religion. Any law that does not keep this unique form of religious communications private and available to every person, is wrong and violates Californians’ rights to practice their religion freely.

Clergy and ministers are already mandated reporters of abuse when it comes to their administrative duties. That is right and important. It must continue unabated. But inserting the government into the confessional is not going to help children.

Abusers are notoriously meticulous, secretive and deceptive. They would not likely seek spiritual reconciliation or counseling but rather go to great lengths to conceal their hideous crimes.

In addition, Canon law is very clear that any priest who violates the seal of confession is automatically excommunicated. That will not change. In fact, several priests have been martyred rather than violate the seal.

The free exercise of religion has been recognized for centuries by nations around the world. SB 360 would undermine that, create conflict, deter counseling and discourage spiritual counseling without gaining any protection for children.

In the light of “a worrying negative prejudice” against the Catholic Church, Pope Francis ordered the publication of a document affirming the absolute secrecy of everything said in confession and calling on priests to uphold it at all costs, even at the cost of their lives. The need for the absolute secrecy of confession “comes directly from revealed divine law and has its roots in the very nature of the sacrament to the point that no exception whichever he is called to admit to existence of the ecclesi- sive sphere and even less in the civil one,” a new Vatican document said.

The state’s bishops urge people to call their Assembly representative now to stop SB 360 in this critical committee. Individual email contacts can be made via the state bishops’ website.

Two of our East Bay representatives are on the Public Safety Committee: Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and Buffy Wicks.

**Bishop Barber’s Schedule**

July 8: 8 p.m., Mass and dinner.
July 10: Dedication of Christ Cathedral, Diocese of Orange.
July 19: Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland.
July 24-27: Napa Institute, Napa.
July 28: 10 a.m., Mass for the LifeTown/Beaumont Conference, San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon.
July 30: Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland.
July 31: Celebration in honor of St. Ignatius of Loyola with Jesuit community.

Jesuits ordained

Rev. Jonathan Harmon, OP, was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Gregory Aymond, archbishop of New Orleans, June 8 at Holy Name of Jesus Church of New Orleans, June 8 at Holy Name of Jesus Church of New Orleans, June 8.

Rev. Christopher Fadok, OP; Father Opsahl, Bishop Cantú, Father Jorgensen, Rev. Andrew Opsahl, OP, and Rev. Cody Cantú of San Jose. Flanking him on the steps of St. Dominic Church in San Jose.


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Take action now — bishops ask faithful to contact lawmakers

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St. Paul’s mission to Europe: a master class in evangelization

By Most Rev. Robert Barron

The account of St. Paul’s address on the Areopagus hill, as seen from the Agropolis, Athens, Greece, site of a celebrated speech by St. Paul, the apostle, is more than a story of a single event. It is a lesson in understanding how the culture, and anyone engaged today in the task of evangelization, should read it with care.

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But I want to place special emphasis on the fact that Paul went to Athens, arguably the most important cultural center of the ancient Roman world. It is by a sure instinct that Christians—from Paul and Augustine to Thomas Aquinas, John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton—have made a beeline to the centers of thought, communication and the great commission is to be honored, culture must be evangelized.

Upon arriving in the great city, Paul made a beeline to the synagogue, for his Good News is that God, in Christ Jesus, had promised to send the Holy Spirit to Israel. He knew that Jews were in the ordinary and the most sophisticated.

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Attendees must be 21 or over
Among those at the event was Sister Rose Marie Hennessy, OP, who served as principal of the school, and as superintendent of the diocese’s Department of Catholic Schools.

By Michele Jurich

On our cover

In same-sex marriages. The schools involved teachers concerning expectations of "convey and be support-" ministerial witnesses" must in their contracts that these Catholic priests nearly a century ago.

Remains moved

PEORIA, Illinois — As a small group of witnesses silently looked on, the mortal remains of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen were interred at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Peoria late in the afternoon of June 27, completing a transfer from St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York that began early that morning. Peoria Bishop Daniel R. Jenky was among those present as the casket arrived by hearse at the cathedral where Archbishop Sheen was ordained a priest nearly a century ago.

Archbishop, schools

INDIANAPOLIS — Noting that he tries to be “Christ-centered” in every decision he makes, Archbishop Charles C. Thompson of Indianapolis stressed two major points as he met with reporters June 27. The new gathering was held to discuss the recent choices made by Catholic universities.

Policy on naming

RICHMOND, Va. — Richmond Bishop Barry C. Knestout announced a new policy, effective June 27, directing that all diocesan institutions, schools and parish buildings will no longer be named after a bishop, pastor, founder or another individual. The policy says the diocese’s structures and institutions are to identify themselves only with “the names of saints, the mysteries of the faith, the titles of Our Lord or of Our Lady, or the place where the ministry has been established.”

Religious freedom abused

WASHINGTON — The State Department’s newly released annual report on international religious freedom shows continued attacks and abuse by governments and societies against religious minorities in their respective countries. The report, issued June 21, collected data on each nation for the year 2018. A sampling of situations found in the report provides examples after example of disturbing situations. The full report can found online at https://10225/IRMMRS.

Cardinal Burke cuts ties

WATICAN CITY — U.S. Cardinal Raymond L. Burke has resigned from the Dignitatis Humanae Institute, saying it has become “more and more identified with the political program” of Steve Bannon. In a letter posted on his Twitter feed, Cardinal Burke said June 25 he had urged the institute to return to its original purpose of promoting the respect of human dignity but “it has not done so,” so he was terminating his relationship, including being the institute’s honorary president.

Cross can stay

WASHINGTON — In a 7-2 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of preserving a historic cross-shaped memorial in Bladensburg, Maryland, saying the cross did not endorse religion. The June 20 ruling reversed a lower court decision last year.

Vaccines’ ‘moral health’

ALBANY, N.Y. — Measles, chicken pox and other diseases are making a comeback as more parents are choosing not to vaccinate their children out of the fear of side effects, especially with regard to the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine. Skeptics are concerned it leads to sickness, autism or death. But doctors, physicians and immunologists have come forward to debunk the loud din of the anti-vaccination movement and the Catholic Church has joined them. A long supporter of vaccines, the church continues to advocate for their use.

Two bishops die

Retired Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton died June 18 after a prolonged illness. He was 77. A native of Los Angeles and ordained a priest in 1967, Bishop Blaire retired in January 2018. Before being named to head the six-county Stockton Diocese, he had been an auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles for nine years. Bishop Roland Pierre DuMaine, first bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, died June 13. He was 87. Bishop DuMaine was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco on June 29, 1976, serving in that capacity until March 18, 1981, when he became the founding Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose. He retired in 1999.
Holy Land pilgrimage: Are you still on the fence?

By Rev. Richard A. Mangini

What are you waiting for? Are you still on the fence? Shall I go to Israel and the Holy Land next Feb 10 or not? Are you afraid to travel to Israel? For many Catholic Christians and for many Christians of other denominations, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a dream of a lifetime.

Let me tell you that these pilgrimages are first class in their organization and thorough, with local first-class tour guides, first-class hotel, with excellent Middle Eastern and Western cuisine. Unitours Inc. has scouted out the best and nearby accommodations, and we tour in large, comfortable and modern, air-conditioned busses. And the price is excellent, including airfare, at $3,999 per person — a big bang for your well-earned and saved bucks. Weather wise, it is winter-spring. So, you will need to dress warmly. There may be rain. There will be sunshine. It will be breezy. February is not the sweltering, humid summer. The land will be carpeted in green!

From a security perspective, Israel is a very safe place to travel. Yes, just after we returned from Israel last year, the Hamas Palestinians launched a rocket that flew to Tel Aviv and crashed, hurting no one. A couple of months ago, attacks were launched against the southern city of Ashkelon. No injuries.

The pilgrimage centers itself in Galilee and Jerusalem, which is outside of the normal rocket striking zones. My experience last year is that you would not know that there are problems or tensions. That does not mean that the question of statehood for Palestine is settled or that Israel does not provoke tensions.

While it is impossible to see everything in 10 days, we will see a lot, especially the most important shrines that mark the most important moments in the life of Jesus and his ministry. Yes, we are on the go, but the traveling is not exhausting. We start out about 8 a.m. every morning, always stopping for morning prayer and breakfast, which each person will pay for, and return to our hotel before evening buffet dinner and a good night's rest. In fact, the number of other people in their late 80s and early 90s. One person even brought a motorized wheelchair. Everything is possible. All you need is an open, joyful, positive spirit. And there is lots of fun, humor and happy times.

An important aspect of the pilgrimage is the personal and spiritual enrichment that you receive. To be "in the place" where Jesus was born, lived and walked. To hear his word again at the place where they were spoken. To make our way past Calvary to the Church of the Nativity, waiting to enter the Grotto which marks the spot of Jesus' birth and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which houses the shrines surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus, especially long lines waiting to enter the Tomb of Jesus. But the waiting is well worth the waiting. Waiting can turn into a deeper awareness and thoughtful prayer. If you stop to think about it, we are waiting from our births to complete our lives on earth like Jesus waited, to make our way past Calvary to the tomb and the new Life. There are always some things to think about as you wait.

We celebrate Mass every day at the most important shrines, have morning prayer and Scripture readings at all the holy places. Is this the right year? Is this the time to go? February is the beginning of the pilgrimage season to the Holy Land. The crowds only increase as the months advance toward June.

I welcome you to come with us. You will have a marvelous time, and I promise that you will return home a much different and a much better person. This year we are limiting this spring pilgrimage to two buses. Last year, we had three buses with three priests and 135 travelers. Everything went well, and everyone got along well. The pilgrimage keeps its down-to-earth touch. No one is lost in the crowd. Everyone has a prayer partner and looks out for one another.

Remember the pilgrimage is not a tour group. It is a community of faithful believers who experience their spiritual roots, and once back, you will hear the Scriptures at Mass in a new way.

Please join us.

(Father Richard A. Mangini, retired and former pastor at St. Bonaventure Parish, Concord, is the spiritual guide to The Catholic Voice’s Holy Land Pilgrimage Feb 10-19, 2020. Joining him will be Rev. Jimmy Macalino, parochial vicar at Most Holy Rosary Parish, Antioch.)

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Above, most anyone can make a pilgrimage, as this group from the 2019 pilgrimage demonstrates on the Via Dolorosa. Left, Rev. Richard Mangini, left, leads a group of pilgrims carrying a cross on the Via Dolorosa in 2019.

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Louisiana chef says Fatima trip led to healing of debilitating foot injury

By Bonny Van
Catholic News Service

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana — When meeting Louisiana chef John Folse, one immediately learns he is a man who believes in his Catholic faith. Watching him walk, one also learns he’s a man who believes in miracles.

For 20 years, Folse walked with a limp in his left leg, the result of a debilitating injury to the calcaneus, or heel bone, in his left foot. Then last year, Folse, who always dreamed of walking the Way of St. James, or El Camino de Santiago, was encouraged to join a co-worker and her friend who were already planning to make the trek in November. The plan, according to Folse, was for him to walk as long as he could each day and to catch up with his companions by vehicle if needed.

Weeks before the excursion, Folse said he received a call from a close friend in Baton Rouge, Sister Dulce Maria, a Mercedarian Sister of the Blessed Sacrament. She told him that the Blessed Mother had a gift for him in Fatima but that he had to pick it up in person.

Arriving in Spain for the start of his pilgrimage, Folse said he realized that the final portion of the planned 118-kilometer walk, which ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, was only a three-hour drive from Fatima. While studying the map of the places the pilgrims would visit, Folse said he realized that the final portion of the planned 118-kilometer walk, which ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, was only a three-hour drive from Fatima. Arriving in Spain for the start of his spiritual journey, Folse said he had resigned himself to walking one mile a day. But setting out on the first day, in silence and in prayer, he and his group completed 10 miles.

As he encountered others walking the El Camino, Folse said the faith of those around him was astounding. Though the men and women came from different countries, spoke different languages and lived different lifestyles, Folse said they were “all there for the same reason: They were in search of God.”

During a visit to the home of the Marto brothers, Folse said he had resigned himself to walking one mile a day. But setting out on the first day, in silence and in prayer, he and his group completed 10 miles.

“It started walking across the cement to the store and I said, ‘My God! I have no pain in my foot at all!’” Folse stated.

Turning to his companions, he showed the movement in his previously stiff left foot. Then, Folse said he did something he hadn’t done in decades — run.

“There are miracles in your life all the time, you just have to be faithful,” Folse said.

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Quo Vadis Camp: ‘One of the best things I could have done’

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer

Seminarists of the Diocese of Oakland, who study at five seminaries, are spending the month of July together, immersed in service projects and other works.

“The one closest to their hearts may well be Quo Vadis Day, on July 22, when they will host young men, ages 13 to 18, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood.

It was not long ago that seminarian Aidan Cameron-Smith, 20, was among the teenagers discerning his vocation.

Cameron-Smith first heard the call to the priesthood when he was a fifth-grader, after serving at St. Michael Parish in Livermore.

In his sophomore year in high school, he attended a retreat at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Livermore. “Quite a few people, independent of each other, told me that they thought I’d be a good priest,” he said.

Cameron-Smith had been talking to his pastor, Rev. Mark Wisnewski, who suggested a young man attend Quo Vadis Camp that summer.

“I went because I wanted to know what it meant to be a priest,” Cameron-Smith said. “Of all the talks and activities, the greatest thing was the seminars we were held on.”

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For 51-year-old Tracy Quinnine of Hayward, the answer remains elusive. "I have been told to be patient."

She has been speaking with the Marian Sisters in Santa Rosa during her discernment.

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New realities confront those discerning a vocation

By David Scholz
Special to the Catholic Voice

Fewer men and women with spiritual discipline and perseverance are actively discerning religious vocations today compared to the heyday in the last century.

The number of diocesan and religious priests has declined from 32,124 in 1990 to 37,192 in 2015, according to statistics from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate in Washington, DC. Declines also are reported in religious sisters (52,004 in 1990 to 44,117 in 2018) and brothers (6,721 in 1990 to 3,897 in 2018).

But the number of graduate-level seminarians to the priesthood has been relatively steady, 3,658 in 1990 and 3,535 in 2018.

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For 51-year-old Tracy Quinnine of Hayward, the answer remains elusive. "I have been told to be patient."

She has been speaking with the Marian Sisters in Santa Rosa during her discernment.

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Salute to our veteran priests

With this issue, The Catholic Voice salutes and thanks the religious men who have devoted their lives to serving the people of God. In the following pages, we honor priests who have given anywhere from 25 to 60 years in service to the Lord. Join us in offering them our thanks.

Rev. Thomas Hayes, OP
Birthplace: Seattle, Washington
Ordination: June 12, 1959
St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francisco
Present ministry: Retired

To quote Jean-Baptiste Henri Lacordaire, OP (1802-1861): To live in the midst of the world with no desire for blessing; to bless and to be blessed forever, O God, what a life, and it is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ!

Rev. Walter W. Mayer
Birthplace: Chicago
Heights, Illinois
Ordination: May 30, 1969
Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet, Illinois
Present ministry: Retired, Concord. Celebrating Mass daily with Catholic residents.

There have been many grace-filled experiences with which I have been blessed. I’m living in a community of senior residents. I get around my apartment with a walker. I have an electric scooter to get around outside my community. I celebrate daily Mass here at the apartment. Before I moved here and began celebrating daily Mass there were six residents here who had not been able to attend Mass for up to ten years. I miss regular parish life and rectory living. Being able to continue priestly ministry as I approach my 90th birthday is a special blessing for which I thank God as I celebrate 60 years of priesthood.

Rev. Alexander Snyder
Birthplace: Detroit, Michigan
Ordained: February 22, 1959
Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota
Present ministry: Retired
Past service: Instructor, Bishop Montgomery High School, Tonawanda; St. Mary Seminary, Crystal Lake, Illinois. Associate pastor, All Saints Parish, Hayward; Holy Spirit Parish, Fremont; St. Leo Parish, Oakland; St. Cornelius Parish, Richmond; St. Jerome Parish, El Centro. Pastor, St. Anne Parish, Union City. St. David of Wales Parish, Richmond; Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, San Leandro. Director, Catholic Cemeteries.

Past service: Teacher and coach, Bellarmine College Preparatory, San Jose. Co-founder and director, Community of United People (CUOP), a multi-ethnic, multi-racial community organization, west side of Chicago. Executive director, PICO National Network. Jubilee is a time of gratitude: to God for my vocation; and to my family, friends and fellow Jesuits for their prayers, love and support on this journey. Ignatian spirituality has led me to find God in others and to serve God by serving God’s people. Vatican II influenced me on how we understand our Church should interact with contemporary society. This motivated me to pursue a ministry that changed my life, that empowers others; and that resulted in the founding of Faith in Action (formerly PICO). For 47 years, Faith in Action has been a vehicle for people across the globe in our fight for economic and racial justice. This effort is more important than ever. As Pope Francis says, “Let us not forget that responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.” The greatest reward of my 50 years as a priest is being with people who build God’s Kingdom here on earth.

Rev. John Baumann, SJ
Birthplace: Springfield, Massachusetts
Ordination: May 10, 1969
St. Francis Cabrini Church, San Jose
Present ministry: Founder and director, Special Projects, Faith in Action Network (formerly PICO), Oakland
Past service: Community of United People (COUP), a multi-ethnic, multi-racial community organization, west side of Chicago. Executive director, PICO National Network.

Blessings on your Jubilee and 40 years of Faithful and Loving Service to Our Lord, His Church and His Family of Faith. Thank you for your love and guidance, your joy and comfort, and your spirituality that has touched the lives of so many. We bless you now as you have blessed us.

Your Family of Faith at St. Joan of Arc Church

Congratulations to you, our Spiritual Leader on your 25th anniversary of ordination. Thanks for dedicating your life to serving God and His people.

Felicidades a nuestro Lider Espiritual en su aniversario 25 de su ordenacion. Gracias por dedicar su vida sirviendo a Dios y a su pueblo.

Fr. Jesus Nieto-Ruiz
Pastor
From your parishioners at: De sus parroquianos en: Our Lady of the Rosary Church
703 "C" Street, Union City

Congratulations on your Silver Jubilee of your Priesthood, wish you joy and happiness! As you celebrate this anniversary it is a time when you look back and thank the Lord for His goodness and it is our sincere prayer that He will continue giving you according to His purpose. May your vocation in the Priesthood bring immemorial blessings to you and to all you serve. With gratitude from the parishioners and staff of St. Anne Catholic Church, Union City
Jubilarians ...

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Present ministry: Retired, Oakland

My love for liturgy and music attracted me to the priesthood. In my youth, I spent lots of time in church — serving Mass, singing in the choir, playing the organ. I admired the clergy in my home parish, especially one nun who was popular and a fine musician. I wanted to be like her. That’s how the desire to become a priest/musician took root in my heart. I felt fulfilled; music brought me close friendships and a “vocabulary” for my spiritual life. For the first thirty years of ministry, church music directed the path my voca- tion would take; initially, with the Salesians — it was how I came to California — and, some years later, with Father Raymond Breton who hired me as music director at St. Philip Neri Parish. Then, at the request of Father Ray, Bishop Cummins assigned me as parochial vicar of St. Jarlath Parish where I happily took charge of music and liturgy. Ray’s ongoing support and encouragement of my involvement in music and ministry led to my requesting incardination into the Oakland diocese, one of the best and happiest times of my life. Thank you, Ray! And to Bishop Cummins, I also owe a debt of gratitude for naming me the pastor of St. Stephen Parish where my “vocabulary” developed and deepened by serving with people as an instrument of God’s loving mercy and kindness, presence and compassion. There were chal- lenges, surely, but even greater rewards: the blessings of a happy priesthood and retirement, and family and close friends with whom to enjoy those blessing!

Rev. Ray Tintle, OFM
Birthplace: Pasadena
Ordination: June 13, 1969

Since my ordination, I have prayed to God daily — and will continue to do so unto death — for the fortitude to emulate the following by Fr. Henri Lacordaire, OP:

“Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.”
Brothers of the Christian Schools teach us, “Gospel way challenges us to live… As the a servant of Jesus Christ with you as the one to this day have taught me how to be done only what we ought to have done...” (Luke 17:10). Thanks be to God for all of you who to this day have taught me how to be a servant of Jesus Christ with you as the Gospel way challenges us to live. As the Brothers of the Christian Schools teach us, “Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.”

Rev. Cassian Thomas Lewinski, OP
Birthplace: Winona, Minnesota
Ordination: June 13, 1969
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Oakland
Present ministry: Retired

Rev. Thomas J. McElligott
Birthplace: San Francisco
Ordination: May 24, 1969
St. Matthew, San Mateo
Present ministry: Adjunct associate professor, Saint Mary’s College, Moraga. Chaplain, Saint Mary’s College Parish, Moraga. Resident director, Aquinas Resident Hall, Saint Mary’s College, Moraga. Parish, All Souls Parish, South San Francisco.

Whatever else might be written about being a priest, the priest is first, last and always only a servant to the people of God. The phrase “being conformed to Jesus Christ” means being a servant and sharing in the ministry of service with the community of faith in Jesus Christ, nothing more and nothing less. So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done.” (Luke 17:10).

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Rev. Leonard Alban Asuncion
Birthplace: Agoo, La Union, Philippines
Ordination: April 21, 1979
Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Charity, Agoo, La Union, Philippines
Present ministry: Parochial Administrator, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Rockwood; St. Patrick’s Mission, Port Costa
Past service: Associate pastor, St. William Cathedral, San Fernando, La Union, Philippines. Parochial vicar, St. John the Baptist Parish, El Cerro; St. Joseph Parish, Old Mission San Jose, Fremont; Catholic Community of Pleasanton, Pleasanton; St. Bede Parish, Hayward. Parochial administrator, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Martinez.

St. Augustine said, “To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek him, the greatest adventure, to find him, the greatest human achievement.” Blessed to be celebrating my 40th anniversary of ordination, these words of St. Augustine resonate in my heart with deep emotion.

God is defined in the Sacred Scripture as, “Loy is love and anyone who lives in Loy’s love in God and God in him” (1 John 4:16). It was on April 21, 1979, when I left prostrates on the floor of the sanctuary of our town parish church, I remembered the chanting of the Litany of the Saints, followed by the imposition of hands upon

Rev. Martin de Porres Walsh, OP
Birthplace: Vallejo
Ordination: June 13, 1969
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Oakland
Present ministry: Director, Dominic Mission Foundation (based in San Francisco, it currently supports mis- sionary work in Mexico and Chapas, Mexico; Rabinal, Guatemala; and Mosul and Erbil, Iraq). Vicar for Religious for the Diocese of Mexico. Parochial vicar, Santa Maria de Guadalupe Parish, Mexico.

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Rev. John Kasper, OSFS
On your 40th Jubilee
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious unto you
May the Lord grant you his peace

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Fr. LaSalle Sean Hallisey, OP
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May the Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious unto you
May the Lord grant you his peace
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Jubilarians

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my head and the anointing of my hands

with the bread offered by my bishop, the

late Bishop Victorino Ligot, DD, whom

unfortunately passed away two months

after I was ordained as he said, “You are a

priest. This is the end of your formation.”

The Catholic priesthood is the vehicle

through which we are able to experience

and participate in the love of God. Forty

years of priesthood has been an answer

of great love for me. For us priests, our

bible is the Church, the Bride of Christ.

Most of the time, our bride is looking

beautiful and wonderful to be with, but

sometimes our bride can be nagging with

complaints or unfaithful, and corrupt.

Nevertheless, Jesus has taken priests each
day to love His Bride with renewed love

made in acts of service, patience and

forgiveness. Within any walk of life there

are always difficulties, trials and

persecutions. Married couples experience

moments of tremendous obstacles and so
do priests. However, St. Paul reminds us

that love endures all things. I have seen

and heard of people that would cause the

strongest of men to retreat from the battle.

We have not and will never give up because

we are convinced that the promise of Jesus

is true, that He is the one who calls us to

the saints of the Church, not her sinners

and to the priesthood may be assisted to

work in others. For this, I am very

grateful, and pray that others may share

in eternal rest.

My parish experience has

there been need, but I found my work as

a teacher, my vocation put me in the

elderly and play new sports with the

children. I have been a Salesian priest for

the last Bishop Victorino Ligot, DD, whom

I have always loved: St. Mark, San

Ramon, California; and secondly by taking up long

distance running, including 15 marathons

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Rev. Nicholas Gilsson

BIRTHPLACE: Sarasota, Florida

ORDINATION: May 26, 1979

PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Pastor, St. Mary Magdalen Church,

Burlington, Vermont

PASTORAL VISION:

To be a teacher, my vocation put me in the

elderly and play new sports with the

children. I have been a Salesian priest for

the last 40 years.

I was ordained a priest in the Dominican

Order in the former Oakland Cathedral of

St. Francis de Sales in March 1979. After

finishing my Master of Divinity from the

Dominican School in Berkley, I began a career in various parishes served by the Western Dominican Province up and

down the West Coast. These were very

happy years serving and being served by

the people of God. Currently, I serve

as chaplain at my alma mater, my beloved

St. John’s University in Collegeville, St.

Benedict Lodge, McKenzie Bridge,

Tualatin, Oregon; St. Mary Magdalen Parish,

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Jubilarians . . .
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Rev. Jesus Hernandez Vidal
Birthplace: Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico
Ordination: July 2, 1992
Month, City, Mexico
Present ministry: Pastor, St. Peter
Parochial vicar, St. Jamas Parish, Oakland

I love being a Catholic and I love being a Catholic priest. It was on July 2, 1992, when I laid prostate on the floor of a beautiful Chapel Catholic priest. It was on July 2, 1994, when I receive the indescribable gift of the Catholic priesthood. Twenty-five years later I stand, the beautiful image of Our Blessed Mother to recognize him. (adapted from Luke 24:13-35)

Then their eyes were opened, and they rec-
blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus himself came near and said to them,
but their eyes were kept from recognizing
him. "Who are you looking for?" he asked
them. They were saying among them, "It is
so they would not do it.
But that did not stop my pursuit to a reli-
gious formation after coming to the United
States, having been married and divorc
d now with two children, and living in
the Bay Area. I found a spiritual home
with the Paulist Fathers at Old St. Mary’s
Church in San Francisco, which was closed
to where I worked at Wells Fargo Bank, as
vice president of personnel and operations.
After spending almost 18 years at Old St.
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the choir, doing everything from working with
St. Vincent de Paul, leading a parish council,
running the parish administration and function
as an acolyte at most liturgies, the question
came up, "Why didn’t you join the Paulists?"
There it was again, the stumbling block.
You have to have a college degree. You are

Jesus, our good and compassionate shepherd invites us to do as He does. He walk with one another, accompany, lis-
ten, strengthen, include, welcome, uplift, empower, cooperate, and keep on being fully present, allow Christ’s healing grace to unfold, and be able to pastorally accompany the people of God on their journeys of life. It stirs his listening heart, would gratefully consider that a profound blessing. Being a priest for me has meant to be a sheep, who — like my humanity, with strengths and weaknesses, with moments of light and of darkness — facilitates God’s unconditional love to be tangible. Diocesan priesthood cannot be lived in isolation but in the midst of the People of God. I am deeply grateful for their loving support these 25 years.

Rev. Helmut Richter
Birthplace: Germany
Ordination: May 14, 1994
Christ the King Parish, Pleasant Hill
Present ministry: Retired, Supply Priest, St. Anne Parish,
Byron, daily and weekend Masses as assigned. Mayfair Hospital, Concord. Seminary Community and Viaticum. Prison ministry, Martinez Detention, individual counseling, Corona del Mar, Ric — Mass and individual counseling, Chaplain, Pittsburg Police Department; Pittsburg Fire District; Pittsburg Catholic Church; Pleasant Hill; Pastor, Church of the Good Shepherd, Pittsburg.

They called us Second Career Vocation or Late Vocations. Spending five years at Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales, Wisconsin, with 180 some men from every walk of life, occupation, lifestyle and family status with the average age of 43. I found that whole experi-
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Jubilarians
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New realities . . .
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Networking that Quinmann cultivated in the corporate world as a management consultant specializing in human capital strategy, will be offered to the Church and its organizations.
Aging with deep prayer and reading, she has been serving in different ministries within her parish of All Saints and within the Oakland diocese.
Quinnmann, who has a doctoral degree, cited maturity, life experience and a clear calling that she brings, which younger women don’t necessarily possess right out of high school.
"A generational understanding is required," she said. "Young people are trying to discover what to do with them-
selves.
"You give up everything material and are not paid. You are giving all of yourself in the service to others."
Those interviewed encouraged regu-
lar prayer and thoughtful reading of the Gospel when considering vocation.
"Make time to cultivate the relationship with Jesus, everything flows from that," Peters said.

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OBITUARIES

Sister Dolores Freitas, SHF
Sister Delores Freitas, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family for 59 years, died June 21. She was 78. Born Dec. 4, 1941, in San Francisco, she joined the Sisters of the Holy Family from St. Joachim Parish in Hayward in 1960, in her early years as a Sister she served in religious education and parish ministry in San Francisco and Hawaii. In 1978 she came to Mission San Jose where she worked in area parishes as well as in the senior centers in Union City and Fremont. In 1982 Sister Freitas began part-time pastoral service in the Sisters of the Holy Family infirmary, and she went on to receive pastoral service in the Sisters of the Holy Family from Columbia, Tennessee, and loving nieces and nephews.

Sister Marie Quinnene, OP
Sister Marie Quinnene, formerly known as Sister Madonna Joseph, died June 25 at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Michigan. She was 83 years of age and in the 66th year of her religious profession in the Adrian Dominican Congregation.

A native of Detroit, she received a bacherelor of arts degree in Latin from Wayne State University in Detroit. Sister Quinnene spent 44 years ministering in elementary education in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and California. In the Diocese of Oakland, she taught at St. Lawrence O’Toole School in Oakland from 1976 to 1977.

She also was the associate director for the Adrian Dominican Development Office for nine years in Detroit and Eastpointe, Michigan. In retirement she built a residence of the Dominican Life Center in 2009.

Sister Quinnene was survived by a brother, Donald of Columbia, Tennessee, and loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass was held June 26 at the Motherhouse Oratory in Fremont. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma.

The funeral Mass took place, July 2 in St. Catherine Chapel. The Rite of Committal was in the Congregation cemetery.

Sister Eileen Marie Corrigan, OP
Sister Eileen Marie (Marlene) Corrigan, a professed member of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose for 57 years, died June 28 at the Motherhouse in Fremont. She was 77 years of age.

A native of Pasadena, she joined the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose after her high school graduation. As an educator she ministered as an elementary school teacher and principal at schools in San Gabriel, San Diego State University in San Diego, and at Saint Mary's College in California.

Known for her love for the Word of God, her great gift of friendship and engaging sense of humor, Sister Eileen Marie inspired many by her patient and prayerful acceptance of illness,” according to the obituary shared by her community.

After moving to Fremont in 2011 due to declining health, she devoted herself to an apostolate of prayer “inviting friends and Sisters to go with her from the place where she had posted her in room as a daily reminder to pray for others.”

The funeral mass was held June 7 in the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse Chapel.

Grants for East Bay poverty-fighting organisations

Staff report

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development has money available to fund East Bay non-profit groups engaged in community organizing and/or economic development with low-income people. Grants from $5,000 to $10,000 will be made in October.

The deadline for submission of proposals is Aug 5.

The CCHD was established by the U.S. Catholic bishops in 1969 to provide funding for groups that work to combat poverty in the U.S. The funds come from the annual CHH Development that takes place in November in parishes across the country. Twenty-five percent of the funds collected stay in local dioceses and the remainder is distributed across the country.

Qualifying organizations must show that low-income people are engaged in the organization’s decision-making process and that the funded project will empower people at or near the poverty level to work toward changing conditions that negatively impact their lives.

Because this grant program is an initiative of the Catholic Church, the organization and money involved in activities that are contrary to the teachings of the Church. Groups do not need to be Catholic to apply. Applications closing in October, eight local grant recipients received a total of $55,000. They are Shelby Community Development, $8,000; East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, $5,000; Monument Impact, $10,000; St. Vincent de Paul Justice, $10,000; St. Mary’s Center, $5,000; United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County, $5,000; Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay, $5,000; East Bay Community Foundation, $5,000.

For information or to request an application packet by e-mail from Marc Kimmey, CMM/CCHD 650-309-6840, or download one at www.cchdcsbay.org. Return completed applications via e-mail or U.S. mail. A workshop on how to apply, detailing CCHD criteria, will be held at 10 a.m. on July 11 at Catholic Charities of the East Bay, 433 Jefferson St. Oakland. For information or to contact Marc Kimmey at 510-788- 3176 or mmkimmey@coeb.org.

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**NEW EVENTS**

**Friday, July 12**
All-You-Can-Eat Surf & Turf Fry, Grilled Cheese and Pasta Ties. 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Raymond Parish, 11502 Village Drive, Concord. Tickets are $23 for adults, $15 for children 6-12, and under 6 are free. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council 11502.

**Monday, July 22**
Cool music for a hot night
Don Pearson, organist, director of music and artist-in-residence at St. Ignatius Church and Angela Nunnich, another gifted organist, are teaming up again for an Adoration of Cool Music on a Hot Night from 7:30 p.m. July 22. Information: 925-776-0768.

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An ecumenical, candlelit service of prayer in unity through prayer and song, silent prayer and veneration of the cross.

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**July 24**
Santos Babin Center, 1100 Chestnut St., Alameda. Every fourth Friday (third every third Friday in September). Website: www.alamedacommunitymedia.org. Facebook: ImmaculataOnTheIsland.

**EVENTS**

**July 7, 15, 22, 29**
Weekly mediation groups in the John Main, July 7 and 22, 3 to 4:30 p.m., at the Royal Oak Center in the Resale Center. St. Charles Borromeo Church, 13131 San Ramon Rd., Dublin. Information: 925-447-9880 or ccastilla@collavisto.com.

**July 9, 16, 23, 30**
Catholic Charities of America’s Mother’s Day Fundraiser, 5 p.m. in the hall at Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, 3200 Bollinger Canyon Rd., Pleasant Hill. Begin with social hour (no-host bar), followed by dinner of champagne chicken and carved beef. Tickets are $45 each, in advance only. Deadline: July 15. Contact: Sarah Silvia, 925-225-1364 or silvia@cfcs.org.

**July 11, 22, 28**

**July 12**
Children’s Book Reading at San Daniilael Retreat: Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Information: 925-837-9141, ext. 315 or www.sandamiano.org. Register: www.onfirenorcal.com/events/steubenville-norcal/. Cost: $205.

**July 13**
‘Leader Me Lord” — Diocese of Oakland Catholic Congress. 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bishop O'Dowd High School, 9500 Stearns Ave, Oakland. Information: www.dioceseofoakland.org/congress. Early registration: $35 before July 15; $40 after that. There will be no on-site registration. Last day to register is Aug 9.

**July 14**
Wine in the Bay 4. In the Bay at 4: p.m. at St. Anne Community Life Center, 2800 Camino Diablo Road, Danville. An additionally $21 per person. There will be food, music, live and silent auction fundrais-
ers. A portion of the proceeds benefits St. Anne community programs such as the food pantry, scholarships, The Giving Wreath and more. Tickets: 925-988-0331 or via Paypal at stannechurchbythebay@gmail.com.

**July 19**

**July 20**

**July 21**

**July 27**
22 to 27

**Saturday, July 27**
Christian Life Center, with Donna Lare, Claire Lavulotte and June Pangelinan. Registration begins at 8 a.m. (unarranged from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Information/registration: 925-837-9141, ext. 315, or www.sandamiano.org.

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Family Careworker Support Group, info in notices.

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Knights help priests move

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton Knights of Columbus completed the move of both Rev. Kwame Assenyoh, SVD, and Rev. Mark Wiesner on June 27, transporting Father Assenyoh’s furniture in a caravan of pickups and helping load and unload Father Wiesner’s belongings at both ends of the move. Father Assenyoh led the caravan of pickups to his new parish at St. Charles Borromeo in Livermore, where Knights unloaded and setup his quarters in the rectory. Father Mark is settling into his new home at St. Augustine Parish in Pleasanton. Knights-movers in the photos are with Father Assenyoh, in black shirt, and Father Wiesner, in white.

Igbo community celebrates national convention

Hundreds of the faithful came together as the Igbo Catholic Community USA of Hayward hosted the 2019 ICCUSA National Convention at Holy Spirit Parish, Fremont, on June 28-29. San Jose Bishop Oscar Cantú presided at the concluding Mass of the convention, which drew delegations from across the US. They were welcomed by Holy Spirit Pastor Rev. Kenneth Sales. In his opening remarks, when Bishop Cantú mentioned he was originally from Houston, a loud cheer came from the Houston delegation. “Thank you for your tremendous gift to the Catholic Church,” the bishop told attendees. We are able to celebrate our faith and culture, he said, because of your faith and culture. The Mass included prayer and song in Igbo, performed by various chapters. The Igbo are a people mainly from southern Nigeria, in the United States, most of them are Catholic, and there are Igbo Catholic communities in many cities. For more information about the Igbo Catholic Community, igbocatholic.org. See more at facebook.com/TheCatholicVoice.

— Albert C. Pacciorini/The Catholic Voice
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LETTERS

Corrupt Libraries

The corruption of the American Library Association is brilliantly masked because it has become the American Library Association. Over the past 30 years, rolling the First Amendment and having public libraries and children’s programs as front. Before they got the DVDs going they created us male and female, but physical "Pride" month and is being celebrated for the choice that resulted in the archdiocese not being able to continue the employment of a teacher involved in same-sex marriage case. Romans 1:27 states, “Those who have been born into the same bond of secrecy, for the same region symbols for many years. I don’t want to get into the silliness of same sex marriage or sexual relations, it’s the same bond of secrecy, for the same region symbols for many years. I don’t want to get into the silliness of same sex marriage or sexual relations, it’s the same bond of secrecy, for the same region symbols for many years. I don’t want to get into the silliness of same sex marriage or sexual relations, it’s the same bond of secrecy, for the same region symbols for many years.

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Archbishop Chaput doesn’t set well with "well-balanced people" (Everyone knows that activist pro-life aren’t well-balanced, right?) I must have misunderstood Father Coleman when he said that there is an equality between Catholic moral tradition that life begins with conception and a woman’s right to abortion. Catholic teachings know there is no moral right to abortion. That made as much sense as Ramona Kraussnik’s letter in the same issue when she said that President Trump is pro-life and not pro-life because of his positions on immigration, health care and gun control. After eight years of the pro-abortion president in US history and facing a slate of 23 rabid pro-abortion democratic candidates, for whom Archbishop Chaput recognizes that abortion is a "perversion of common law" and is the sedition of interest of secular ACLU. I urge the California Assembly to vote against Senate Bill 360. It endangers priests’ lives and our freedom of religion. It forces one priest to sign a document statement of another priest. The priest who gives the report may also have to testify in court. The public may not distinguish exposing sex abuse from exposing criminal activity in court. The public may not distinguish exposing sex abuse from exposing criminal activity in court. The public may not distinguish exposing sex abuse from exposing criminal activity in court.

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Remembering those who we have laid to rest in our Catholic Cemeteries during the month of June.

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Clay Castro  
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Mark Dutra  
Robert Eichler  
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Virginia Green  
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Harry Hoffman  
Maria Holland  
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Richard P. Jones  
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Anabelle Parenti  
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Lena D. Simon  
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Catarino Hernandez  
Marian Jimenez  
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Joseph Lewie Lombardo  
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Adora Montalbo  
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Hayward: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery  
Antioch: Holy Cross Cemetery  
Lafayette: Queen of Heaven Cemetery  
San Pablo: St. Joseph Cemetery  
Oakland: St. Mary Cemetery  
Livermore: St. Michael Cemetery*  

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