The Church offers guidance on issues, not candidates

By Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ

I couldn’t stand watching the first presidential debate. I had to leave the TV room where my fellow priests and I were watching after 15 minutes.

Some parishioners have been asking me, “Who should I vote for? I don’t like either candidate.” The Church does not take sides on persons running for office. But the Church does have clear teachings about the duties of candidates to address issues at stake. That is what we offer for your consideration as you make an informed decision. The Church does not tell Catholics which candidates to vote for. We may take an official stand as a Church on an issue put to the voters, but not on people. Where can I find this guidance? Go to USCCB.org — and you will find all the materials right there on the opening page. I especially recommend three short videos that summarize Catholic teaching on “Protecting Human Life and Dignity,” “Promoting the Common Good” and “Love of Neighbor.”

Across the country, some priests have gotten carried away and have endorsed particular candidates (of particular parties) “from the pulpit.” Some priests have gone further and said that “You’re not a good Catholic if you vote for X.” Some people are so rooted in their particular political party that their hearts are not open to the message of Christ and the teaching of His Church. They look for pastors and bishops to endorse their candidates. May I make a suggestion? Be a Christian first, before you are a member of your political party. Pope Francis said that neither political party in the US supports Catholic social teaching on all the issues. True. But you will have to decide which one comes closest.

I was impressed with Cardinal Sean O’Malley, Archbishop of Boston, who issued a brief but clear statement on the election, with which I agree: “The Catholic community has the right to expect the priests of the Archdiocese and those entrusted with handling on the faith to be clear and unequivocal on the Church’s teaching concerning respect and protection for life from the moment of conception to natural death. This teaching is of the highest priority for the Church.

With regard to statements of the clergy and religious and laity who minister or serve in the Archdiocese of Boston, following the guidance of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as representatives of the Archdiocese they may not endorse or oppose candidates for election or political parties. This directive also applies to parishes and organizations directly connected to the Archdiocese.

“The teaching role of the Catholic Church brings religious and moral principles to the life of our society, our Commonwealth, and our nation. Our advocacy addresses protection of human life at all stages and in all circumstances, including issues of social and economic equality, the pervasive influence of systemic racism and welcoming immigrants and refugees. “Catholics are urged to play an active role in our public life and to fulfill the basic obligation of a democracy, to vote. We are called to bring the light of faith and reason to our civic responsibilities as we strive to build a civilization of love.”

I hope you will consider Christ’s and the Church’s teaching as you make your voting decisions. Please DO vote. That is a duty of all good Catholics.

Diocese provides update on church reopenings

When will we go back to Mass inside church? It depends. Contra Costa County approved resuming indoor public worship effective Oct. 1. Most parishes had submitted reopening plans with the Diocese of Oakland, which published on June 12 a Diocesan COVID-19 Liturgical Protocol, which remains in effect.

- Indoor attendance is limited to 25 percent of capacity, not exceeding 100 people.
- Communion may now be distributed during Mass, at the usual time. It is no longer required to distribute communion after Mass.
- Continuation of outdoor Masses as long as possible is encouraged.
- Cleaning is less stringent than before. There is no need to sanitize pews and other surfaces between services, but it is still important to keep things as clean as possible throughout the week.
- Coffee hours and other occasions for gathering are still prohibited.
- In general, it is very important to keep the sacramental life of the Church (baptism, confirmation, first communion, weddings and funeral, etc.) alive during this pandemic.
- Indoor classes, Bible study, etc. are still prohibited.
- Coffee hours and other occasions for gathering are still prohibited.
- Alameda County has not yet approved resuming indoor public worship. This permission is expected to come soon. Until it does, it is very important to comply with the County Order to not have any indoor services in Alameda County parishes at this time.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses continues until further notice. Although the faithful are dispenses from the obligation to attend Mass, they are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday (such as following a live-stream Mass or participating in a spiritual or corporal act of mercy). Out of an abundance of caution for those at high risk, the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass continues even after public Masses resume.

Solemn Requiem Mass for All Soul’s Day

On All Souls’ Day, the Church prays for all the faithful departed, those who await that day when they will join the company of all the saints.

This feast reminds us all that even after death, we are linked with our loved ones and fellow travelers in an unbroken line of faith, hope and love. All Souls’ Day gives us the opportunity to strengthen that bond, to remember those who have died, and to inspire and strengthen one another as the community of believers still here on earth.

Each year All Souls’ Day is observed at the Cathedral of Christ the Light with a Solemn Requiem Mass, celebrated by Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ. The Mass, to begin at 7 p.m. Nov. 2, is not open to the public.

The Mass will be live streamed at https://www.youtube.com/c/CathedralofChristtheLight. This year the Cathedral's Schola Lumen Gentium will sing a Requiem composed for choir by 17th-century Portuguese composer Diogo Lobos continued on p. 14
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THE VATICAN

Pope Francis greets the crowd during his general audience in Paul VI hall at the Vatican on Oct. 28, 2020. A few days after testing positive for COVID-19, the pope broke from his normal pattern and did not personally greet people in the crowd.

Prayer, crying out to God is only source of salvation, pope says

By Junno Aroro Esteves

Catholic News Service

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“The prayer of the psalms is the testimony of this cry: a multiple cry because in life, pain takes thousands forms and sounds the name of sickness, hatred, war, persecution, distrust, until the supreme appeal, that of death,” he said.

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Parishes with plans to reopen, when counties give the go-ahead

The following parishes have met diocesan and county requirements for resuming public, indoor Masses once Alameda and Contra Costa County restrictions have been lifted. Contra Costa County lifted some restrictions Oct. 1; Alameda County has not lifted restrictions on public, indoor Masses. This list is updated daily. This list was effective Oct. 13. The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended until further notice. Live-streamed Masses are still provided for those unable to attend in person. Please check the website for details. Check www.catholicvoiceoakland.org for updates:

Oakland: Cathedral of Christ the Light (20 June) ccl Oakland; Divine Mercy (19 June) dm oakland.org; Our Lady of Lourdes (12 July) lourdesoakland.com; Sacred Heart (19 June) shoakland@comcast.net; St. Anthony & Mary Help of Christians (28 June) stanthonymaryhelp.org; St. Augustine (4 July) staugustineoakland.org; St. Benedict (11 July) StBenedictcht@aol.com; St. Bernard (19 June) st.bernard.church@sbglobal.net; St. Columba (Pending) stcolumba-oak.org; St. Elizabeth (4 July) santeleva-bethoak.org; St. John (19 June) stjohnath.com; St. Leo the Great (12 July) churchofstleothegreat.org; St. Louis Bertrand (19 June) sblouisbertrand-oakland.com; St. Margaret Mary (25-28 June) stmmargaretmaryoak.org; St. Patrick (16 August) sapatrickoakland.com; St. Theresa (19 June) sttherosesaakland.org.

Alameda: St. Barnabas (pending) stparishoffice@comcast.net; St. Joseph Basilica (21 June) sjbala Combo.org; St. Philip Neri & St. Albert the Great (20 June) sphania.org;

Berkeley: Most Holy Rosary (4 July) holyrosaryberkeley.org; St. Ignatius of Antioch (not determined) stignatiusoakland.org.

Bay Point: Our Lady Queen of the World (11 July) slboakland.com.

Hayward: Holy Spirit- Newman Hall (26 June) hsnhall.org; St. Joseph the Worker (6 July) sjstephenstworkerchurch.org; St. Mary Magdalen (6 July) marymagdalen.org; St. Ambrose (Pending) stambroseberkeley.org.

Brentwood: Immaculate Heart of Mary (22 June) thmbrentwood.com.

Byron: St. Anne (5 July) stannemothealbyn.org.

Castro Valley: Our Lady of Grace (refer to website) lodgr.org.

Concord: Queen of All Saints (19 June) qaschurch.org; St. Agnes (1 July) stagnesparish.net; St. Bonaventure (20 June) sbbonaventure.net; St. Francis of Assisi (11 July) sfconcord.com.

Danville: St. Jude (29 September) stjude.com.

Dublin: St. Raymond (19 June) st raymond-dublin.org.

El Cerrito: St. John the Baptist (18 October) stjohnelcerrito.org.

El Sobrante: St. Callistus (11 July) saintcallistus.org.

Freemont: Corpus Christi (4 July) corpuschristifremont.org; Holy Spirit (19 June) holyspiritfremont.org; Our Lady of Guadalupe (19 June) olgchurch.org; St. Joseph & Old Mission San Jose (29 June) saintjosephoj.org.

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Livermore: St. Charles Borromeo (22 June) stcharlesborromeo.org; St. Michael (19 June) stmichaelLivermore.com.

Martinez: St. Catherine of Siena (19 June) stmormartinez.org.

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DIA de los MUERTos
JOIN US THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26TH-30TH
Come decorate your Luminaria Memorial Bag. Tables will be set up outside our office locations everyday from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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CCEB: An essential service for the past 85 years

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures.

As an essential service, Catholic Charities East Bay has been responding to these times with hope, innovation and resilience. Good thing that the organization has had a good deal of practice in its 85 years of service.

In a virtual gathering on Nov. 14, Catholic Charities East Bay will not only show how its guests how the agency has responded to other challenging times it has faced in those 85 years.

Father Jim Schexnayder is speaking about the response to the AIDS in the 1980s; Miles Burns to the resettling in the East Bay of people displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005; Sister Elisabeth Lang, OP, longtime refugee resettlement coordinator on the refugees who came from Southeast Asia, through the displacements from war-torn Afghanistan and Iraq from the wars in the 1990s until the gates closed in the past couple of years; Bishop John S. Cummins, bishop emeritus of Oakland, and Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, are expected to appear in the filed presentation.

The videos are filmed with limited in-person contact, following COVID-19 protocols.

The theme of hope, innovation and resilience is lived daily in the diocese, parishes and Catholic Charities.

“All together we will get through this,” said Mary Kuhn, communications director for Catholic Charities East Bay.

As an essential service, Catholic Charities East Bay has been hard a work. “We’ve changed our practice,” she said. “We never stopped working.”

Looking at the impact of that work, from the first of January to Aug. 31:

• The food giveaway partnership with St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County has provided 180,000 pounds of fresh and nonperishable food in Richmond since April. About 17,000 people were fed. Catholic Charities is working on a plan to expand food distribution into Oakland.
• In addition to fielding calls from people facing abrupt unemployment because of COVID-19 who needed help with rent, there were calls from people needing help with mortgages. Building on its experience with Keep Oakland Housed, Catholic Charities was able to extend assistance to other parts of Alameda County as well as Contra Costa County. The agency assisted 564 households, with grants averaging $2,497. Sixty days after receiving assistance, 81.48% remained stably housed.
• The successful campaign with the state of California put $500 gift cards in the hands of 10,000 people who did not qualify for federal COVID-19 assistance.
• A six-week campaign to file citizenship applications before a major increase in fees proved successful. Before that campaign, which led up to an Oct. 2 deadline, 364 consultations on citizenship were filed; 96 applications for citizenship were filed.
• Mental health teams have been active, offering training on reducing stress and anxiety in these times to almost 500 people. School-based mental health programs remain in touch with more than 100 students. The hep is extending to families as well, Kuhn said.

Notes from the front lines of CCEB’s work:

• A mother of 5, newly arrived from Afghanistan, where her husband was killed. She has some trauma and mental health issues, so unable to work.
• A 71-year-old man who was working as wholesaler for flashlights and sunglasses lost his job.
• A very proud older gentleman who was working part time serving meals to homeless folks, who said, “I have never ever asked for help before, but I so need it now.”
• A pregnant mom of 2 kids, who finally found a place of her own that she could afford. She works nights doing security, take classes online to get her MA certificate, helps her daughter with her Zoom kindergarten and tries to find time to sleep during the day.
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Salute to our Priests

In 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 from 25 to 70 or more years in their ministries. While the Custodial Orders for the custodial years—1960, 1970, 1980 and 1995—have been delayed by COVID-19, be assured that our gratitude has not not have all the answers and still don’t. This is the vocation not only contributed to my ministry as an administrator but also to my pastoral outreach in preaching the Good News.

Rev. David Farrugia, OP

Birthplace: Vittoriosa, Malta
Ordination: April 2, 1960, St. John’s Co-Cathedral, Valletta, Malta
Present Ministry: Retired, Las Vegas, Nevada
Past Service: Chaplain to the Christian Brothers at Mont La Salle, Napa, California
Pastors at Occidental College, Los Angeles
Director and pastor of the Newman Center (campus ministry) at UC Riverside
Assistant pastor, St. Dominic Parish, Los Angeles; St. Dominic Parish, Berkeley
Father, Our Lady of the Mountain Parish, Ashland, Oregon; St. Dominic Parish, Brescia; St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Berkeley

I was fortunate to grow in a parish, vibration, prayer, and responsibility. The priests were like family. They played soccer, tennis, and swimming. I became an altar server and more and more involved in the parish. They always gave me good impression on me, though then I had to go for further studies and take a decision. When I was in college somehow, I began to think of the calling to the priesthood, but it took too long to make a decision.

I joined the Dominicans. I liked their style of life, prayer, formation and ministry. The priesthood gave me so many opportunities to understand life. I loved people. It was a blessing to be part of their life. There were times when I laughed with them and cried when I shared their sorrow. It was a blessing to be part of their lives.

Priesthood means giving and being one with God’s people. Jesus brought God closer and closer. That was His mission. This is the vocation, the mission of the priest.

I thank The High Priest, Jesus, for giving me this vocation, to participate in His Priesthood.

Rev. Albert Felice-Pace, OP

Birthplace: Hanrum, Malta
Ordination: April 2, 1960, St. John Co-Cathedral, Valletta, Malta
Present Ministry: Retired, Las Vegas, Nevada
Past Service: Associate pastor, St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Berkeley; St. Dominic Parish, Los Angeles
Part-time Campus Ministry at Occidental College, Los Angeles
Student Master, St. Albert’s Priory, Brescia; St. Andrew’s Newman Center serving the University of California, Riverside
Director, Serra Club, St. Andrew’s Newman Center, Los Angeles
Co-director of Campus Ministry, St. Dorothy, Knecht Memorial Scholarship, Education and the Charismatic Renewal for the Diocese of San Bernardino
Pastor, All Saints Newman Center, serving the Arizona State University and Arizona State University, Phoenix
Pastor/Campus Minister at St. Thomas More Newman Center serving the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon
Pastor/Campus Minister at St. Thomas More Newman Center, serving the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
Pastor/Campus Minister at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center serving the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada

I could not believe that I have been ordained a priest 60 years ago. I believe that when a priest is doing what he is called to do, when one is happy in his ministry time files very quickly. And people find it. I spent 49 years of my priesthood serving various campuses on the West Coast and across the country. It was a blessing to be part of their life and times when I shared their sorrows. It was a blessing to be part of their life.

Again, dealing with a priest is the story of the washing of the feet. Throughout my priesthood, I reflected on this story almost daily. As Jesus washed my feet telling me, “If, therefore, the master and teacher, you have washed you feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you an example to follow, as I have done for you, you should also do.” Jn13:14,15. For me to be a priest is to be a humble servant, to be a servant to others.

Rev. Bruno Gibson, OP

Birthplace: San Francisco
Ordination: June 10, 1960, St. Mary’s Seminary of the West, San Francisco
Present Ministry: St. Mary Magdalen Mission Church, Bolinas
Past Service: Teacher, Marin Catholic High School, Greenbrae; Chaplain, St. Thomas More Newman Center at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon; St. Mary’s Newman Center at the University of California, Riverside; Newman Catholic Campus Community, Los Angeles
Associate pastor, pastor and prior, St. Dominic Church and Priory, San Francisco, Associate pastor, St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Berkeley

I arrived in the US as a Vietnamese refugee, I did not speak any English. Struggling with language skill, cultural adaptation and racial challenges, I endured and moved one day at a time. In 1983, I felt a call from God, and I opened to respond to this special call. Again, dealing with a language barrier, I suffered even more to maintain passing grades. I was surprised myself that I persevered through these difficult years of studies and of training formation.

On June 1, 1995, I was ordained a Redemptorist priest of the Denver province. Since then I have done various ministries, some seem to be easy and some are very challenging, but again patience and wisdom, the opportunity for countless acts of loving and of helping others. Priesthood is the ocean of love, of forgiveness of challenge, you talk on this ice and are enveloped by grace all the time. It is forever.

Rev. Mark Wiesner

Birthplace: Buffalo, New York
Ordination: June 10, 1960, St. Francis de Sales Assisi Parish, Concord
Present Ministry: Pastor, St. Augustine Parish, Concord
Past Service: Associate pastor, All Saints Parish, Hayward; Augustinian Parish, Pleasanton;
Church of the Visitation of the Holy Virgin, Morgan Hill; St. Landry Parish, New Orleans; Parish Supervisor, St. Augustine Parish, Oakland; Augustinian Parish, Oakland; St. Augustine Parish, Livermore. Reserve chaplain, USAF

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Rev. Dev. Terece O’Malley, SCJ

Birthplace: Westport, County Mayo, Ireland
Ordination: June 12, 1960, St. Tuddwulw’s College, Bangor, University of St. Andrews
Present Ministry: Parochial Administrator, Transfiguration Parish, Castro Valley
Past Service: Parochial vicar, St. Raymond Parish, Dublin; All Saints Parish, Westcliff; Sacred Heart Seminary, Sampron, Thailand; English Province of Congregate of Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; Sacred Heart College, Droitwich, Worcestershire, England; Secretary, Deanery, England, Midland.

In 1995, when I was training to be a priest, there was great emphasis that a Priest was an alter Christus – another Christ. What a magnificent calling. It was a blessing whenever they will live after their college experience.

“Mary, mother of Jesus, was the story of the washing of the feet. Throughout my priesthood, I reflected on this story almost daily. As Jesus washed my feet telling me, “If, therefore, the master and teacher, you have washed you feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you an example to follow, as I have done for you, you should also do.” Jn13:14,15. For me to be a priest is to be a humble servant, to be a servant to others.

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Jubilarians

full life with no two days quite the same. There is a lot of fun to be had, and a lot of heartache shared as you accompany God’s people through the happiest and most difficult moments of life.

“But when asked why I became a priest I have come to realize that the reason is not because I am somehow holier than anyone else. My experience has been that many of God’s people are further along that path than I. Rather, God has called me to this vocation as the path on which I have the best shot at deepening my relationship with Him and becoming holy. I am keenly aware that if I was not with people in the most human moments of life, if I did not have to read the Scriptures and preach on them daily, or pray daily, or teach about our faith, I would forget what is truly important, what really gives life meaning, and what is of everlasting value. Chances are my faith would have become a sidebar to a busy life, and I’d never realize how lost I would be without God in Christ.

“The gift of the priesthood to me is the gift of God working with me to see me through to salvation. It’s the amazing gift of love wanting to save me despite myself. It’s the lived irony of losing one’s life but finding it. To that end, I will be forever grateful for the countless individuals who have been part of the last 25 years: those who I have had the privilege of ministering to, those who I have had the honor of ministering with, and — even more so — those who have ministered to me.”

More Jubilarians

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

- **70 years:** Rev. Antoninus Wall, OP
- **50 years:** Rev. Denis Reilly, OP
- **40 years:** Rev. Christopher Berbena
- **25 years:** Rev. Ramiro Flores, Rev. Mark C. Padrez, OP

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**Belief in God as creator has practical consequences, pope says**

**By Cindy Wooden**

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Professing faith in God as the creator of all human beings, or even simply recognizing that all people are capable servants of God, Carlo Acutis, layman, who, with the enthusiasm of youth, cultivated a friendship with our Lord Jesus, placing the Eucharist and the witness of charity at the center of his life, Life, fostered a friendship with our Lord Jesus, placing the Eucharist and the witness of charity at the center of his life, and brought a sense of hope and inspiration.

The title, which literally means “all human beings,” was given to Francis by the young Acutis, who was among those attending the beatification Mass.

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The teenager’s remains were on display for 10 days before being buried.

**Motto of beatified teen: ‘The Eucharist is my highway to heaven’**

It was liturgy held in the Basilica of St. Francis, but measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 meant that most of those attending sat outside on seats set three-feet apart, watching on big screens.

Many young men and women came to Assisi for the beatification. For many of them, the fact that a normal teen could be beatified was a source of hope and inspiration.

**The parable eloquently presents the two opposing forces: the good Samaritan and the wealthy priest**

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“Pope Francis’ teaching here is profound and beautiful. God our father has created every human being with equal dignity and rights, and our creator calls us to form a single family in which we live as brothers and sisters, to be part of the human family, in every aspect of our lives — from how we treat the stranger, feeding the hungry, listening to the sick, to treating all with the respect due to their dignity and worth.”

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**Francisco’s apostolic letter proclaiming Acutis’ “blessed,” the Vatican said, was the beginning of a process before canonization.**

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On a mission: The Catholic schools of the Diocese

The Catholic Voice asked Superintendent Kathleen Radecke for some questions about the extraordinary challenges Catholic education has faced in 2020. As always, Radecke—a graduate of St. Clement School and Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward—answered with the grace, faith and enthusiasm that has marked her tenure as superintendent of the schools of the Oakland diocese. She shared, too, the mission statement for the schools for 2020-21: “Unite in Mission: Fortitude through Faith, Fellowship and Formation”

How has the value of Catholic education been evident over these past seven months?

The greatest strength of Catholic education here in our diocese has always been the people, the dedicated teachers, staff and principals who choose to minister in our Catholic schools. During these last seven months each has contributed in extraordinary ways. Our care for the whole child and selfless commitment to exhaust our efforts represents the deepest value of our collective capacity to serve one another—to love one another as we are loved. Our principals and teachers are some of the unsung heroes in this pandemic, and I am extremely proud and grateful for their resilience, leadership and partnership exhibited with our school families and diocesan leadership. The people of the Diocese of Oakland are special—and as a result, our school communities are a cherished place to be a part of.

What is the planning process for returning to the classroom?—Is it a diocesan-wide plan or does each school make its own plan?

The process toward in-person instruction has been a highly consultative one. Last May we advised our schools to create a School Site Planning Committee (SSPC) which consisted of various members of their school community who provided support and assistance to the principals in discussing the guidelines provided by the state and county agencies, as well as our diocese.

Each school’s leadership has been very diligent and intentional in planning with their teachers, staff and parents, with consultation and guidance from our diocese. Each school’s enrollment, facilities and staffing considerations are unique and need to be considered in the decision-making process. Our schools will continue their on-going communication process with their school communities as we work together navigating the needs of this unprecedented school year. Each school will provide a detailed return to in-person instruction plan for their school community and post it on their school website.

Our school leadership remains focused on a balanced decision making process with detailed planning and preparation to return to in-person instruction, in compliance with our County health orders. The guiding principle for all of our schools remains the health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff.

What’s your vision for the future of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland?

Our Catholic schools have strengthened their teaching and learning through the perseverance and knowledge acquired through distance learning. Our approach to educating our students will be further enriched because of what we have experienced both as the teacher and learner. Our appreciation and for attention to the social emotional well-being of our students, faculty, staff and parent community has been more clearly understood and valued than ever before.

The humility of this experience for all of us can and should awaken the critical importance of care for one another, love for one another and witness toward building a more united community of faith. A community of selfless commitment to the appreciation of the gifts we have been given will help us to move toward solidarity as we strive for social justice, peace and healing in our communities and world.

My vision/hope includes focus on our continued growth toward equity and opportunity for all of our families who desire a Catholic school education for their children. The strengthening of our communities through faith, fellowship and formation will guide us to the full mission of Catholic education for the Diocese of Oakland.
Lumen Christi Academies lighting the way

By Rodney Pierre-Antoine
Special to The Catholic Voice

Lighting the Way with prayer

2020 has been a stormy year: The pandemic, raging wildfires and ongoing social unrest around issues of justice have impacted all of us, even the students entrusted to our collective care. As a community of faith, we are called to stay fixed in steadfast prayer. Christ lights the way for our Lumen Christi Academies. We stand united in ministry and rooted in prayer. Students and teachers unite in prayer as they offer daily intentions to our loving God. We especially hold everyone who has been impacted by the devastating fires and the ongoing pandemic in steadfast prayer.

Lighting the Way from a distance

Authentic distance learning experiences were developed for students during the planning process for the 2020-2021 school year. We researched best practices and analyzed student needs and experiences from the spring-time to implement balanced schedules and engaging distance learning experiences to effectively support students’ holistic needs during these unprecedented times.

We utilized a variety of resources to design synchronous and asynchronous learning experiences to guide student progress through authentic tasks, demonstrations of learning, creation of media or other content. The synchronous experiences happen in real-time, face to face, through programs such as Zoom or Google Meet, allowing for discussion, small group targeted instruction and 1:1 instruction. The asynchronous experiences occur through online channels or occur offline and allow the students to move at their own time, place and pace.

Lighting the Way with hands-on student projects

Our students’ sense of faith, emotional health and social development are always a priority; now more than ever. Much has changed in the world, so we have made Social Emotional Learning a priority in our classrooms, whether virtual or in person. Every day of instruction this year features project time for creativity, building and sharing.

At St. Paul School in San Pablo, Eva Schoenock is using multicultural texts as a way of Culturally Responsive Teaching. She has added a new book to the second-grade library that represent her students’ rich diversity, ensuring students see themselves in the literature they are experiencing.

The book, “I am” is a way for students to answer questions such as: “Who am I?” “What am I good at?” “How do I make others feel?” “What do I do to help others?” “What do I look like?” “What do I enjoy?” “What is my favorite thing to do?” “What is my favorite food?” “What is my favorite color?” “Can you guess my favorite animal?” These are just a few of the questions students see themselves in the literature they are experiencing.

“Every student can answer the question ‘I Am. Every Good Thing,’ by Derrick Barnes, whose son was the inspiration for this book. Barnes wanted black boys everywhere to know where they belong and they can be represented as considerate, humorous, sensitive and so much more. Each page contains an ‘I Am’ statement using beautiful figurative language. After they read the book, students wrote their own ‘I Am’ statements after reading the book. Here are some of the ‘I Am’ statements from Mrs. Schoenock’s class:

• I am a child of God with lots of great abilities.
• I am like a flower that grows every day with knowledge.
• I am a little sister and I work hard.
• I am a student and I love to learn about God.
• I am a student that never gives up.
• I am a St. Paul Panther.

Lighting the Way with STEM

Our teachers creatively integrate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum into their distance-learning plans. Students have engaged in hands-on STEM activities based on real-world applications. The second-graders at Queen of All Saints School in Concord worked with teacher Robert Perez to make chairs for a special stuffed animal or doll. The students were challenged to engineer and construct a chair with four legs and a back, they were only allowed to use paper and tape. The free-standing chair needed to be strong enough to hold up their distance-learning friend on its own. “The students were so excited to join in on the board,” Mr. Perez said.

The same class was later invited put on their agricultural thinking caps to design and build a robot that would be able to support the planting and harvesting of crops. Students were instructed to utilize whatever building supplies accessible to them. The boy who needed to have a container to hold seeds, a process for the seeds to come out and be able to move. Students also had to explain the robot’s function, the best time of the year to plant and how the robot would impact the lives of agriculturists. It was amazing to witness students’ ingenuity in their designs and creative builds. These STEM activities help develop foundational skills such as communication, problem-solving and creative builds that are central to the engineering process.

Lighting the Way with Faith Families

Our schools have integrated virtual Faith Family activities into their distance-learning programs. Faith Families normally meet about once a month for activities that promote fellowship across grade levels, leadership by upper grade level students and a deeper understanding of what it means to be Catholic through faith practice by all students.

Students at St. Catherine of Siena School in Martinez look forward to par-ticipating in their weekly virtual Faith Family activities as part of their Wellness Wednesday, which begin with live streaming of the Holy Mass. The theme for their first Faith Family activity was “Saints as Friends.” Every week students learn more about saints and make connections to various virtues and gifts through videos, slide deck presentations, and opportunities to compose their own prayers, images or coloring pages during their time together.

Students at St. Raymond School work with their homeroom, religion, and language arts teacher at St. Raymond School for seven years. Prior to joining St. Raymond, Father Villa served as parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Brentwood for four years. They will continue to work closely together to carry out the school’s mission statement and foster an environ-

St. Raymond welcomes new leadership

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St. Raymond School in Dublin welcomes the addition of two new leaders this school year: Gregory Peterson, principal, and Rev. Erick Villa, parochial administrator.

Prior to becoming the principal, Peterson served as vice principal and middle school homeroom, religion, and language arts teacher at St. Raymond School for seven years. Prior to joining St. Raymond, Father Villa served as parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Brentwood for four years. They will continue to work closely together to carry out the school’s mission statement and foster an environment that enriches our children and community.

As a community of faith, we find comfort in knowing Christ will continue lighting the way for our Lumen Christi Academies. We give thanks to Christ for lighting the way whether in the midst of distance learning, preparing our reopening plans, or when we ultimately return to in-person instruction. We also give thanks to our incredible faculty and teachers across our diocese who have found creative ways to prioritize Christ and the human connection, as they creatively form the minds and hearts of our students from a distance.

Rodney Pierre-Antoine is executive director of the Lumen Christi Academies.
Assumption School begins with Visiting Day

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It was an exciting start to the school year at Assumption School in San Leandro, where the school’s annual Visiting Day brought parents, students and teachers together on Aug. 24, with masks and social distance, to gather educational materials and share some smiles and laughter.

Assumption School is carrying out distance learning until further notice in accordance with Alameda County’s Shelter-in-Place order. Despite the restrictions, the school is optimistic and confident about delivering a high quality of education.

“Our school staff, students and families all share the same values of commitment, action, respect and achieving their best, which is why I know we will all pull together to make the best of our circumstances until we can be back into the classroom together again,” Principal Lana Rocheford said. “We are embracing distance learning and we are excited to see the new ways in which our families are connecting and building community.”

Dana Yumul has two kids, Brea and Joshua Jr., entering transitional kindergarten and kindergarten, respectively, and a returning student, Giovani, heading into seventh grade.

“What makes our school community so special is that we all work together to share in the responsibility of making Assumption School the best place for our kids to grow up in,” she said. “I’ve witnessed my son, Giovani, develop into a smart and passionate boy thanks to our school community; and, now I get to relive that magic again with my daughter, Brea, and son, Joshua Jr., who are at the beginning of their catholic school journey.”

The first week of school included a virtual back-to-school night and ended with an introduction of the transitional kindergarten and kindergarten classes at Sunday Mass and a blessing by Rev. Leonard Marujop, parochial administrator, for students as they begin their distance learning.

The school held its annual Fall festival from Sept. 18-19. Festivities began with a ‘grab-and-go’ traditional spaghetti dinner followed by a virtual talent show streamed into the living rooms of Assumption families. On the following night, with a movie playing on a giant outdoor screen, attendees indulged in Filipino food, hot dogs and beverages from inside their cars. From start to finish, the weekend brought a feeling of community that has kept Assumption families coming back to the festival for generations.

Principal Lana Rocheford said the festival exceeded its fundraising goal of $12,000, which will benefit educational programs and the implementation of safety measures that will aid in the school’s reopening. “It’s a rallying cry for our community,” she said.

St. Joseph in Fremont celebrates 60 years

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When St. Joseph School in Fremont held its first day of school on Sept. 6, 1960, the Mission-style, eight-room school was not yet completed. Classes took place instead at St. Mary of the Palms School near Washington Boulevard.

At the request of Rev. James O’Neill, pastor of St. Joseph Church, two Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose began sessions in first and second grade, taught by Marilyn Ayres and Emmanuel Jimenez taught 50 boys and 50 girls evenly divided in two classes in the first year of St. Joseph School in Fremont.

Sixty years later, it continues to be a special place in the community. "Although the school facilities have expanded over the years to accommodate our growing student body—adding the Kindergarten Learning Center for TK and kinder, and the Kline Library, the values St. Joseph instills in its young learners have remained consistent," Principal Patti Calton said.

Sixty years of cultivating critical thinkers makes a difference. “SJU provides a loving, nurturing and faith-filled educational environment,” Sandi Di Bari, an alumni parent, said. “Its spirit of inclusiveness, celebration of individual experiences, and a legacy of kindness and doing for others, installed in our daughters a mindfulness and respect toward others that they’ve carried into adulthood.” Daughter Shauna DiBari was the 2019 NCEA Distinguished Graduate recipient for her contribution to American life and the Catholic Church.

Plans to highlight St. Joseph’s enduring presence as an educational institution in Fremont will take place later in the school year, when it is safe to gather again as a community. A full-scale celebration to commemorate its relationship to the parish and the families it has served will come in time. After all, all good things are worth waiting for.

St. Joseph Pinole opens preschool

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Good news from St. Joseph School in Pinole: We are very excited to have opened our preschool in late August during a pandemic. St. Joseph Preschool offers a rich and diverse experiential environment for students 2 years, 8 months to 4 years old. We have a caring, involved staff, a large outdoor space, compelling activities fostered by many early childhood education philosophies that challenge the children academically, socially, creatively, physically and psychologically.

We have made a commitment to empowering children. The program is structured to allow a maximum amount of freedom for each child within the limits of responsibility. The preschool is year-round and has the flexibility of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The preschool is not the only part of the school to welcome young newcomers: Transitional kindergarten also opened this school year.


On Visiting Day, Megan Scherer, kindergarten teacher and assistant principal at Assumption School, meets with kindergartner Leo Sugayan.

Dominican Sisters Allen Ayres and Emmanuel Jimenez taught 50 boys and 50 girls evenly divided in two classes in the first year of St. Joseph School in Fremont.
St. Patrick School ‘making lemonade out of lemons’

As we know, distance learning is not ideal for students or teachers but St. Patrick School in Rodeo is making the best of a tough situation, and like the theme of our third-grade classroom, we are choosing to “make lemonade out of lemons.”

With five full days of online instruction, enhanced with Spanish, music, art, PE and science, teachers are not teaching the standard or amount of material that students are expected to learn at each grade level.

Monitoring student progress is key and teachers will continue to test for student growth. Testing is done every six weeks, using STAR for Reading and Math, starting with the benchmark test in August.

Teachers in K-5 also spent the first two weeks of school in the afternoon, after teaching, meeting individually with students, one on one, to administer assessments to determine initial student reading levels. Small group instruction can then be offered to students who may need extra support in English/language arts and math.

Teachers are also offering “home-work club” daily for students who need assistance and to help take the burden off parents.

Third- through fifth-grade teachers remodeled their typical daily schedule, moving from self-contained classes to a middle school model, to allow expert teachers to teach their passion subjects.

All of this hard work is supported by several amazing aides who each support two or three classroom teachers by logging in homework and being a second person in the “room” during live instruction.

To keep learning fun, the teachers are offering online live cooking classes to middle schoolers (one week they made summer spring rolls) as well as to K-8 parents; Spirit Week Dress Up Days; version and berry tasting in social studies class; middle school retreats; and Fun Friday activities.

High-end technology supports a rigorous curriculum with teachers spending their summer attending workshops and trainings to help prepare themselves for this new way of teaching, provided by our full-time tech personnel, who have helped make this transition feel effortless.

Teachers offer a personal touch with visits to student homes on the day of their birthday; replication of students much like Major League Baseball in middle school classrooms; special book checkout from the school library; and yoga and dance classes — even our teachers join in!

The school’s Student Leadership Team is active with God Squad planning daily Morning Assembly including prayers, announcements, and birthday celebrations via YouTube. Our Yearbook Committee is also getting ready to record this unusual year ahead, and the Green Team planning community service projects, such as Family Coastal Clean-up in September, and making Christmas gifts from the school garden.

Our preschoolers and TKers are not to be outdone, with even the youngest of our students learning their letter sounds through song and dance, good hygiene techniques, and enjoying our preschool director’s daily visit to read a story.

We could choose to complain or grumble in these uncertain times but instead we have decided to rise above and continue offering the best educational and community experience for our students and families. This is how we choose to make lemonade — St. Patrick style.

Donations help to support
to help St. Felicitas

Special to The Catholic Voice

Parent-Teachers Association at St. Felicitas School in San Leandro has come up with a novel way to raise funds.

The parents are seeking donations of gently worn, used and new shoes. The collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and creating something together and finding connection during this time of distance learning.

Here are some comments from the student artists:

“The Chalk Walk was fun. I got to draw and have fun seeing my classmates and my teachers;” — first-grader.

“I liked walking around the school and looking at all of the fun pictures.” — third-grader.

“It was great just seeing my classmates and creating something together. I miss my school!!” eighth-grader.

St. Edward enjoys moments of community

Special to The Catholic Voice

Every Monday and Friday morning, St. Edward School in Newark starts its school day with the student body gathering via Zoom. The assembly begins with greetings and the Pledge of Allegiance. A student shares a special prayer with the community, followed by Principal Tina Cruz picking the winner of the Monday morning raffle drawing.

St. Edward School participated in the City of Newark’s 65th birthday celebration by being part of the Porch Parade. PTG board members organized the beautiful display for the front of the school. “We are proud to be a part of this awesome city,” the school reports. “Happy Birthday Newark!”

Special to The Catholic Voice

How do you continue to build and grow your community in a distance learning environment? This is the task before the Community Building Committee at Saint Philip Neri School in Alameda.

With a plan of one community-building activity per month, the Saint Philip Neri Community Building Committee orchestrated the first event: The Chalk Walk. This uplifting event safely brought the community together for collaboration and fun. From Sept. 14 to 16, the students worked together to transform the sidewalks outside Saint Philip Neri School and Church into a colorful street gallery.

Socially distanced, with masks and in small cohorts, students colored artwork and wrote quotes on the pavement to represent community and the SPN theme for the year: Connection.

Each grade had designated squares on the sidewalk and, collaboratively, they created a masterpiece! The parent volunteers used some “chalk magic” to preserve the drawings.

Over the weekend, families were invited to come back and stroll around school to enjoy the community-created art gallery.

It was a wonderful way to bring students and families together and find connection during this time of distance learning.

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“Happy Birthday Newark!”
During hearings, Barrett stresses commitment to 'rule of law'

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service
WASHINGTON — On Oct. 13, the second day of confirmation hearings on her Supreme Court nomination, Judge Amy Coney Barrett made a clear distinction between policy preferences and legal precedents in responding to questions from members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

“My policy preferences are irrelevant,” she said when asked if she had intended to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, and she reiterated this same view when asked about abortion and same-sex marriage.

On the opening day of the hearings, Republican senators had adamantly emphasized that Barrett’s Catholic faith should not be a factor in questioning, and on the start of the first day of this inquiry, it clearly wasn’t a topic, although it was mentioned, even in opening remarks by Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California, the ranking member of the committee, asked Barrett about abortion, specifically if she agreed with Justice Antonin Scalia’s opinion that the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion was wrongly decided. Barrett declined to answer, saying that as a sitting judge, she wasn’t going to grade precedent with a “thumbs-up or thumbs-down.”

Feinstein expressed some frustration saying: “It’s distressing not to get a straight answer,” on a topic that affects millions of women and where Barrett could be “a very important vote.” In response, Barrett said she had explained why she couldn’t answer but reiterated that “she can’t pre-commit to how she might vote or what her personal views are.

“I have no agenda to try to overturn Casey,” she said about the 1992 court decision, which states that may not enact abortion regulations that place an “undue burden” on pregnant women seeking an abortion.

When asked about the court’s 2015 Obergefell decision that legalized same-sex marriage, Barrett again said she has “no agenda” and added that she has “never discriminated on the basis of sexual preference.” She also noted that challenges to that decision were not likely to come to the Supreme Court.

Predicted return of deadly locusts triggers fear in East Africa

By Fredrick Nzewi
Catholic News Service
NAIROBI, Kenya — A predicted return of desert locusts in East Africa is triggering concerns among Catholic leaders and experts in the region, where communities are still recovering from the destruction by the first wave.

In MASEKI, a remote village in Kitui County, where the insects devoured crops and destroyed pasture in the last wave, the residents greeted the prediction with apprehension.

“They are still dependent on relief food,” said Perpetua Kavinya, a resident of the village who lost all her crop to the locusts. “I cannot imagine those insects returning. We are preparing our farms for planting, and I think quick action is needed to stop any infestation.”

At stake are the food security and livelihoods of millions in the region, according to clerics and agency officials.

In May, the World Food Program said 20 million people in Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Djibouti and Eritrea were facing acute food shortage. The situation was blamed partly on the locusts and environmental disasters, including flood and droughts.

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People are invited to consider a gift in honor of a deceased loved one in support of the Requiem Mass and the music ministry of the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

For a memorial gift of $100, a named family member or friend will be remembered at Mass and be included in the commemorative program.

Memorials may be made online at https://www.osvhub.com/ctlcathedral/lifts/fundsmemorial-november-2-all-souls-mass or mailed to the Cathedral parish of Christ the Light, 2121 Hamilton St., Suite 100, Oakland CA 94612. Memorials must be received by Oct. 26 to be included in the commemorative program.

Parishes ...

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Piedmont: Corpus Christi (30 June) continued
Pinoles: St. Joseph (18 July) spinoles.church
Pittsburg: Church of the Good Shepherd (1 July) goodshepherd.pittsburg.org; St. Peter Martyr (1 July) stpetermartyr@yahoo.com
Pleasant Hill: Christ the King (5 July) ctkph.org
Pleasanton: St. Augustine & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (21 June) staugustinepleaseaton.org
Richmond: St. Comelius (4 July) stcomeliusrichmond.org; St. David of Wales (1 July) stdavidofwales.org; St. Mark (21 June) smarkrichmond.org
Rodeo/Hercules: St. Patrick (1 July) stpatrickrodeo.org
San Leandro: Church of the Assumption (28 June) stassumption@bcglobal.net; Our Lady of Good Counsel (19 June) olgacga.leandro.com; St. Felicitas (19 June) sfelicitasclass.org; St. Leander (19 June) stleander@bcglobal.net
San Lorenzo: St. John the Baptist (17 June) sanjordbsf.org
San Pablo: St. Paul (19 June) spaul-churchsanpablo.org
San Ramon: Joan of Arc (Outdoor Masses until further notice) sjos.org
Union City: Our Lady of the Rosary (7 July) ourladyrosary.org; St. Anne (4 July) saintannechristcatholic.org
Walnut Creek: St. John Vianney (4 July) sjvianney.org; St. Mary (22 June) stmary-wc.org; St. Stephen (5 July) saintstephen.parish.org; St. Anne (18 October) st_anne@comcast.net
Ethnic Pastoral and Cultural Centers: Our Lady of Immigrants (5 July) polishpastoralcenter.org; St. Andrew Kim Korean Pastoral Center (2 July) okak.org

A woman from the Turkana tribe walks through a swarm of desert locusts in early July in the village of Lorengupi, Kenya. Predictions of a return of desert locusts in East Africa are triggering concerns among Catholic Church leaders and experts in the region, where communities are still recovering from the destruction by the first wave.

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Sister Ann Weltz, CSJ

Sister Ann Weltz, CSJ, founder of the Bay Area Crisis Nursery, died Sept. 21 in Concord. She was 81 and in her 62nd year as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Sister Ann began her ministry in April 1960 at the Bay Area Crisis Nursery, which Sister Ann served as executive director until 2018, is a 50-year-old shelter for abused and neglected children in the Bay Area. Parents facing a crisis turn to the nursery for their children temporarily at the Concord home, knowing they will be safe and loved in a secure environment. That’s been the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet since 1844. In 2013, she and the nursery were honored with the Northern California Women’s Hall of Fame Honor, cited for an ability to locate and guide parents facing crisis.

For Sister Ann, it was not about the many honors she received over the years. It was about the children and their families she served through the nursery.

As the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet wrote in their obituary, “Anyone who knows Sister Ann would agree that she possessed deep wisdom and compassion. With her gentleness and tranquility there was strength and courage.”

Sister Ann was born in Martinez, on March 15, 1939, and professed her first profession on March 9, 1961, at St. Joseph of Carondelet at St. Catherine of Siena School in Martinez. She remained close to the sisters as she continued her mission of caring for children.

She shared with Sister Mary Anne Bahn, CSJ her desire to become a nurse. In 1960, she received her strength and her energy into creating the Bay Area Crisis Nursery with Holy Names College Nursing School. She continued her quest for peace by addressing an online petition for nuclear disarmament and other tools of war.

Sister Ann was an exemplar of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at St. Catherine of Siena School in Martinez. She remained close to the sisters as she continued her mission of caring for children.

She served as an exemplar teacher at Sacred Heart Parish there on Oakland from 1947 to 1954, as teacher/dean of studies from 1965 to 1970 as assistant principal/dean of studies in 1970 as teacher/dean of studies from 1965 to 1971. She was honored by the CDA members, the parish community and the community.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Bonaventure Church in Concord on Oct. 4. Memorial gifts may be made to Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 East Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, Michigan 49221 for the Congregation cemetery.

Sister Thomas Josephine Lawler, OP

Sister Thomas Josephine Lawler, OP, was born on May 16 at the Downtown Life Center in Adrian, Michigan, in 1924, and in her 62nd year as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Sister Thomas Josephine was born in Chicago to Thomas and Josephine (Majocha) Lawler. She graduated from Aquinas High School in Chicago in 1942 and received a bachelor’s degree in science biology from Sierra Heights College (University) in Berkeley in 1946. She then moved to Byrd Hospital in New York City for graduate studies in the field of nursing education from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., a master of theology degree in applied theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, and a doctor of philosophy degree in Pastoral Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo.

From 1960 to 1962, she worked as a principal of the Dominican Life Center in San Francisco. She served as a teacher at St. LouisBermond School in Oakland from 1947 to 1954. She served as a teacher at St. John’s School in East Orange, New Jersey, from 1963 to 1965 and as teacher/dean of studies from 1965 to 1970. She was a resident of the Dominican Life Center in San Francisco in 1970.


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Pregnancy centers offer resources to make informed decision

By Nancy Cecconi

Special to The Catholic Voice

“So is that one of those places where they come to talk you out of having an abortion?” I can remember a friend asking me years ago. After explaining that most women do not seek out pregnancy consultation centers unless they are very undecided, and need support, the response was the usual skeptical, indifferent, “Mm, hmm.”

In a perfect world, every woman has a pro-life planned pregnancy, with the perfect support system as they await the birth of their perfect child.

And then there’s the reality…

The number of unintended pregnancies in the United States varies widely depending on who is doing the reporting, but can range upwards of 40%, according to the CDC’s most recent statistics. Also interesting and concerning is the current rate, which continues to fall, and since 2016 has been at below-replacement level (2.1) to 1.7 per women of childbearing years.

But the focus here is on report a development for those women and men confronted by the unexpected, often perplexing, but always profound, experience, of bearing a child, whether for the first time or after many times, and regardless of their situation.

What’s most important for those women, and men, when they don’t have strong support systems, which many others take for granted? The answers are as unique as the clients who face them, yet the need exists for the time, space and support needed to make their decision.

So why go to a clinic for such things? Foreign to some, but not so to others in an increasingly depersonalized and complex world, is the loneliness many women feel when there seems no one equipped to really listen and to answer questions.

Support Circle assistance

Since 1986, Support Circle pregnancy centers, formerly known as First Resort, has been serving women in their three Bay Area clinics, in Oakland, San Francisco and Redwood City. Support Circle was the first pregnancy center to begin offering ultrasounds and is a leader and a pioneer in that field. Numerous approaches have been taken over the years, such as church-based baby showers and distributing many supplies for new moms, as well as referrals for housing, where to go for counseling for abusive relationships, STD testing (now being offered there) and post-abortion counseling, such as the Rachel’s Vineyard healing retreats.

Probably the longest-standing and most helpfull service begins with the increasingly rare face-to-face encounter, followed by a face-to-face appointment with a registered nurse and licensed counselor.

This simple old-fashioned approach has helped thousands of women unpack the complex issues affecting their lives, has resulted in many children being saved from abortion, medical questions answered, and a good start on prenatal care.

Clinics now are staffed with a team of RNs, nurse sonographers, optimal health coaches and patient service managers to provide obstetric ultrasound, pregnancy verification, pregnancy consultation, patient advocacy, practical support, STD testing and treatment, abortion pill reversal, and general well-woman care.

In their efforts to serve women, Support Circle has faced extraordinary obstacles.

Beginning in 2011, San Francisco enacted an ordinance trying to restrict the clinics on the grounds that their advertising was “misleading… by omission,” intended as a punishment for not advertising that they don’t provide abortions. In 2013, a lawsuit was filed against the city on the grounds that the enforced speech is not true speech. The US District Court ruled against the clinics, as well as the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, in 2017, upholding the lower court ruling.

Supreme Court ruling

The lawsuit reached the US Supreme Court about the same time as a similar case from California, NIFLA vs. Becerra. NIFLA, the National Institute of Family Life Advocates, took on Attorney General Xavier Becerra’s AB 775, the so-called Reproductive Fact Act, again trying to force California’s 150 life-affirming pregnancy centers to advertise what they don’t provide.

The case went to the Supreme Court, which in June 2018, issued a historic ruling in favor of pro-life pregnancy centers. In addition to protecting the work of the pregnancy centers, this landmark ruling also expanded protections for the free speech rights of medical professionals, Christian counselors and churches. This decision thus set a precedent and allowed Support Circle to continue its services and outreach without further interference from San Francisco.

The most recent threat to providing services in the digital age is very well highlighted by a November 2019 article in the Wall Street Journal entitled, “How Google Interferes with its Search Algorithms and Changes Your Results: the internet giant uses blacklists, algorithm tweaking and an army of contractors to shape what you see.”

The article reported, despite pledging not to deny doing so, Google keeps blacklists to remove certain sites or prevent others from surfacing in certain types of results. Those moves are separate from those to block sites as required by U.S. or foreign law, such as those featuring child abuse or with copyright infringement, and from changes designed to demote spam sites, which attempt to game the system to appear higher in results.

Like many other life-affirming pregnancy centers, Support Circle found itself at the wrong end of this bias, and was suffering from low patient numbers due to an inability of women in distress trying to find them because they didn’t provide abortions.

Executive Director Albert Lee and his staff made continued, thorough, up-to-date conscientious and tech-savvy efforts to confront this challenge. Supporters knew the blacklisting was unfair, especially in the face of overwhelmingly positive reviews from past and present clients, and indeed the clinics have properly addressed this and are continuing to move forward to provide much-needed services.

New affiliation

So here we are, in the fall of 2020, and Support Circle Pregnancy Clinics with its decades-long history of serving women and men in crisis, is pleased to announce they are still at work for women and babies and are expanding their services. Another large pregnancy center known as Real Options operates in the South Bay and has been seeking similar objectives: to expand the scope of medical services offered to patients, add appointment availability, and obtain AAHC accreditation as an ambulatory health center. When Real Options Mountain View clinic had to close, it started a conversation whether the two organizations could accomplish their plans faster and with more momentum united, than separately, and the answer was a resounding yes.

As of this month, Support Circle will be merging its offices with Real Options Pregnancy Clinics to assist women facing life-changing decisions, of all their pregnancy options while offering quality medical care. The existing clinics will continue in Central San Jose, East San Jose and Union City. The closed Mountain View clinic will merge with the Redwood City clinic of Support Circle, and the latter’s Oakland Circle, the busiest of all, will now operate under the Real Options name.

Services will include not only pregnancy testing and ultrasound imaging, but preventive reproductive health care such as breast exams, STD testing and treatment and abortion pill reversal, and well-woman care. The merged organization will have the capacity to hire a doctor, either an OB/GYN or family practitioner, to provide more comprehensive care to patients.

Best of all this solves the blacklisting problems, because providing these services enhances the internet searcher’s ability to find them, by not getting caught in the limited category of “abortion providers.”

No doubt the abortion debate will rage on, through elections, Supreme Court nomination battles, and overseas funding debates. In a world where the level of discurso has reached a low-point evidenced by the tenor of talk in the average blogosphere, the life-affirming pregnancy centers exist to rise above it all.

Their voice is to share the woman, nor to block her legal rights to choose but simply to give her the time, space and support she needs. It’s their way of saying, “We care about you, your child and your choice. What can we do to help?”

Nancy Cecconi is a member of the Catholics Care ministry of the Diocese of Oakland. October is Respect Life Month. Additional resources are available at https://oakdiocese.org/catholics-care.
Joy for the Journey

Special to The Catholic Voice
Spiritual survival during the pandemic, reduced employment, unrest in our streets and enforced reduction of public worship in many places throughout the world requires the Christian to master techniques for triumphant living. In these times, Rev. Robert Mendonça offers “Joy for the Journey: The Royal Road in Time of Distress,” a step along the road to peace and joy — even in dark times.

Father Mendonça was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Oakland in 2000. He has served at St. Charles Borromeo and St. Michael parishes in Livermore and St. Raymond Parish in Dublin.

The book responds to the observation that although Christian joy is the Jubilium of our faith, many of us still do not demonstrate that joy.

“Many years ago, I opened the magazine Commonweal to see a picture group of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Their faces expressed the weight of the world, or pessimism about the problems of the world.” They did this while standing under a banner that read: “Shake your joy!”

The author begins a meditation about why we accept lifeless responses to the most remarkable story ever told, to the celebration of the hope of Easter. “Joy for the Journey” counters that inconsistency. The Royal Road is a metaphor for constant, safe and productive travel along the way of truth. The resources in this book are grounded in the Holy Word of God and from the author’s varied experiences and extensive education. The book is available for pre-order on Amazon.com. Look for it by its full name, “Joy for the Journey: The Royal Road in Time of Distress.” The author’s royalties on each pre-ordered book will be donated to St. Raymond Parish, where he is priest-in-residence.

Mass of Remembrance

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton will celebrate a virtual Mass of Remembrance at 7 p.m. Nov. 5. The Mass of Remembrance is a special liturgy to celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord. You will be able to view this celebration by logging on to catholicsofpleasanton.org. Find the Mass of Remembrance, click on it and you will find the worship aid and the readings. You will be able to view the Mass on YouTube, Facebook or on the website. If you have questions: Mary at 925-699-0199.

Crafts for causes

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Crafters will present their Holiday Boutique Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 at the parish, 500 Fairview Ave., Brentwood. Hours are 2-5 p.m. Oct. 30; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 31; and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 1. The boutique will feature handmade items and plants. There will be a raffle for a handmade quilt and a wall hanging.

The Gabriel Project, which offers support to pregnant women and their babies, will benefit from the sale of crafts, including pressed flowers in glass and metal frames, and glass bottle beads and dream catcher. Priced from $20 to $30. Email gabrielprojectandraiserasier@yahoo.com or 925-428-7009. Pick up at Holy Rosary Parish in Antioch; UPS shipping for an additional charge is available.

Hand-crafted items are among the available at the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose’s annual Holiday Boutique. Available online through Nov. 14. Don’t miss the boutique’s signature items, including olive oil, fruitcake ... it’s the season. Pick up your purchases at the Dominican Motherhouse, 43326 Mission Circle, Fremont from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 and 22. Shipping can be arranged for some items. Consult the website. To shop: https://domsjs-boutique.myshopify.com.

Virtual Workshops

The Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose are offering four virtual workshops this fall. Topics include racism and compassion, as well as Bible study and Lectio Divina. More information and registration continued on page 18.

Church of the Assumption in San Leandro celebrated First Eucharist celebrations back to back on Sept. 19 and 20. Under the loving care of their catechists, parents and teachers, the children were well prepared for their special day.

Peacemakers pray for racial atonement

The Peacemakers Group planted a purple rose of Attonement near the entrance of St. Joan of Arc Church in San Ramon.

These ashes were then used as the first soil amendment when a purple-colored rose of Attonement was planted in the ground near the main entrance of the church. This rose bush will stand as a visual symbol to all regarding God’s forgiveness of individual and collective sins in the area of racism, and the transformative power of God’s mercy to turn remorse into action against all forms of discrimination and injustice.

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The center is a place of quiet, where people can seek to understand the business of their day-to-day, and connect with the divine. As you pass through the tunnel of leafy trees, you are drawn toward the sky and turn slightly to the right, a beautiful white stature of St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Passionist Charism, greets everyone. Hundreds of people who have attended retreats at Christ the King have shared their feelings of being on ‘holy ground’ as they enter the private driveway.

Christ the King is a spacious and comfortable retreat center that has single-room accommodations with private baths for up to 65 guests, conference rooms, full-service dining room, and a chapel. The beautifully landscaped grounds have several areas for quiet meditation and prayer, including a Memorial Garden dedicated to St. Paul of the Cross, Stations of the Cross, Fatima Shrine and Holy Family Prayer Garden. In 2019, a basketball court was built on the property to provide options for the growing youth population in order to support and encourage the physical activities that are built into schools’ retreat programs. Christ the King is truly a sacred place that lifts the spirits and calms the souls of all who come here.

Since 1950, the Passionists and Christ the King team have sponsored retreats, days of prayer and other spiritual programs to enable all those who are seeking a deeper relationship with God to experience His presence in the peace, beauty and wonder in this remarkable place. Each year approximately 3,000 men and women attend the weekend retreats, midweek retreats and days of recollection. Programs such as married couples retreats, engaged retreats, 12-step retreats, weekly AA meetings, directed retreats, bereavement retreats, Triudium and New Year’s Eve retreats have added to the variety of spiritual growth opportunities offered at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center.

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Safe at home

I have not resented the government policies that prevent us from opening our Churches. They are based on the concerns of doctors and nurses and meant to protect us. I think the live-streamed Masses have been extended because they have kept us connected to the Church. Some churches have managed to creatively place the cameras so that you are at the altar intimately participating in this Sacred Act of Worship.

Larry Burke
Pleasanton

Hear ‘Mother Earth’

Nancy Crabtree’s point for including only the unborn child (Letters, Sept. 21) in her understanding of what life means was one I had not heard before and presented an interesting argument.

I read what she wrote, my mind jumped to another important issue, climate change. It occurred to me that ‘Mother Earth’ has her own rights, her own voice and her own decisions. When God created the heavens and the earth, He entrusted those He created to live upon it to nurture it, care for it, love it and protect it. ‘Mother Earth’ has no voice except us here now to speak for her.

We are told that nature is our mother, we care for our mothers, we know prenatal care is very important. This administration seeks to end WIC, food stamps, the Affordable Care Act and other provisions in our health care. Please ponder in your heart and intellect how this stance is ‘voice for the unborn.’

Phyllis Stevens
San Ramon

Make it inclusive

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

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Jose Anaya
Jessica Anderson
Dolores Andrade
Maria Banuelos
Victor Bao
Maria Barragon
Helen Bettencourt
Mike Blackwell
John Blasquez
Alba Carias
Artemio Carrasco
Faye Chambers
Sophia Chavez
Ana Chevez
John Cordeniz
Leon Cox II
Loretta Crosby
Virgilio David
Alice Drost
Alma Duran
Brian Emery
Roberto Estrada
Alvaro Flores
Ricardo Flores
Coral Freschi
Pablo Fuenzalida
John Gallardo
Eric Lange
Joan Lindsay
Francine Lopez Inami
Monique Lopez Puentes
Rosa Lott
James Lyons
Max Martinez
Ruben Mendez
Sabina Mendoza
James Mijares
Gerard Nate
Michael Nickle
Mary Nunes
Richard O'Neal
Patricia Opash
Ruben Orozco
Edna Pali
Luis Pande
Oscar Portal
Nancy Poets
Isabel Ramos
Patricia Reyes Jr.
Herbert Rodriguez
Antonia Rodriguez
Maria Rodriguez
Lena Rosellini
Elizabeth Rowe
Lorenzo Sabido
Henry Santos
Roger Skarston
Leona Sosa
Violet Souza
Anna Tinho
Rogerio Torres
Gloria Trinchero
Manuel Ulibarri
Connie Ulibarri
Jean Vetro
Helen Weber
Sidney West

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Kelly McIntyre Avila
Mary Anne Balestra
Genevieve Below
Agnes C. Gable
Edward Bennett
Elizabeth Bennett
Charles Brady
James Brennan
Shirley Cosgrove
Ann Hackett
Maureen Maltz
Paul McCaughey
Maria Montoya
Yvette O'Hor
Carolyn Rever
George Rusch
James Sherman
Anthony Springer
John Stein
Dante Storelli
Barbara Terry
Jose Villasenor

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Ketty C. Boeri
John J. Davi
Ho Ba Dong
Robert Donzelli
Myrtle Edgerly
Leatalua Faleafine
Anicia Garcia
Rose I. Gurrier
Agnes O. Gonzales
Paul V. Hebert
Gerardo Hernandez
Ricardo T. Herrera
Shiela Hooper-Wynn
Kroh A. Keoseang
Isabel Loayza
Benjamin Maravilla
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Keo Sivilay
Jimmy H. Soto
George Tate
Lieu Quy Tran
Juan C. Valdivinos
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Arturo Cabrera
Diane Carpenello
Eduardo Carranza Canales
Lupita Francesca Casillas
Carmen Katherine Cattolica
Jesus Ceja
Michael Dominic Ferreira
Joseph Gonzales
Connie Healey
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Rosey Kashi
Edward William Leal
Alma Natalia Lopez
Juan Carlos Lopez
Florna Mary Lucido
Barbara NFLynds
Eduardo Medina
Mariana Elizabeth Mercurio
Frank Nicoletti
Ramonn Orta
Jose Pineda
Betty Jane Peoples
Robert S. Peoples
Victor Reynoso
Roger Sanchez
Rosalie Marie Sangimino
Uma Aracely Sotano-Aguilar
Ed Thomas
Connie Zendejas

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Shawn D. Donahue
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Dayalin Gutierrez Magdaleno
Maria Engracia Jimenez
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Thomas Perez Gonzales
Elizabeth Petersen
Kenneth L. Petersen
Lily Pham
Walter A. Wagner

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Flavio Aramayo
Ralph Royce Broadhurst
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Harmon Jeff Moncada
Hello Margaret Royce
Benjamin Zaval

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