

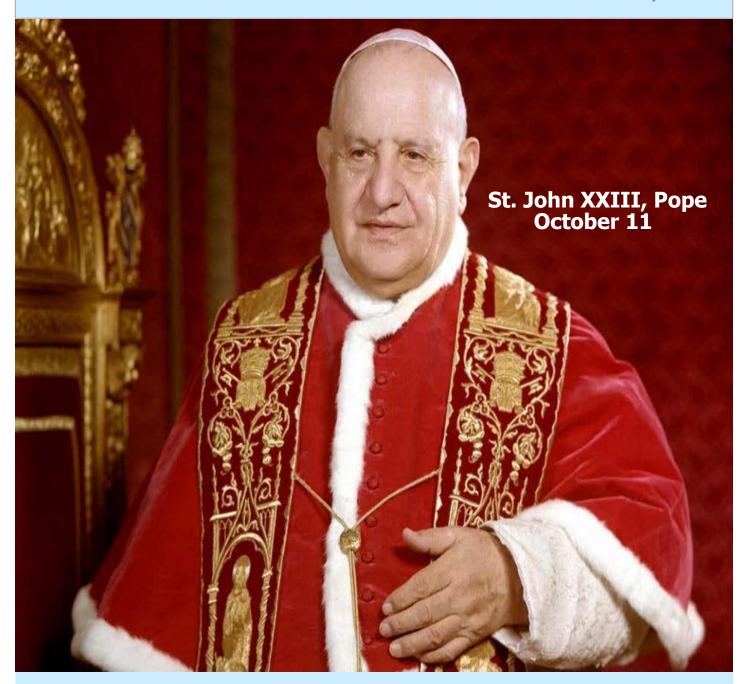
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial

 $oldsymbol{W}$ ith Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions. **C**on María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.

TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 10, 2021



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The Pastor's Page/Página del Pastor

Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

This need for possessions is very prevalent today in our society. Ranging from big houses, large tv screens down to fancy phones. We are all trying to keep up with the Jones's. But our lives are not fulfilled. So, we buy more possessions only to find out the money spent did not fill the need we have. Only God can fulfill our lives with His love for us and give us the wisdom to trust Him.

Thanks to all who attended the 4th Marian Conference here at IHM. It was a wonderful day in honor of our Blessed Mary, Mother of God. To those who participated from the Anointing Mass to the Closing Mass and candlelight procession we know our lives are fulfilled with God's love and know we can trust in the wisdom He gives us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for us.

Fr. Quanq

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

En las lecturas de hoy, se descubre que la riqueza material por sí sola no nos impide ser discípulos. Veremos que hay otros dones más importantes que la riqueza material, pero aún así, es cómo usamos nuestros dones lo que más importa.

Las Escrituras de hoy señalan el valor de los dones de la sabiduría, la confianza en Dios y dejando que nuestras acciones reflejen el amor de Dios desde nuestro interior. No es el oro lo que nos hace caer, sino más bien el deseo del oro por encima de todas las demás cosas. De las lecturas de la Sabiduría y de la Carta a los Hebreos, encontramos la fuente de los dones de Dios en nuestras vidas. La sabiduría es más valiosa que las posesiones mundanas. En Hebreos se nos reta a examinar nuestros valores y admitir honestamente lo que controla nuestras vidas.

Esta necesidad de posesiones es muy frecuente hoy en día en nuestra sociedad. Desde grandes casas, televisiónes de grandes pantallas, hasta teléfonos de lujo. Todos estamos tratando de mantenernos al día con los Jones. Pero nuestras vidas no están satisfechas. Entonces, compramos más posesiones sólo para descubrir que el dinero gastado no llenó la necesidad que tenemos. Solo Dios puede llenar nuestras vidas con Su amor por nosotros y darnos la sabiduría para confiar en Él.

Gracias a todos los que asistieron a la 4ª Conferencia Mariana aquí en IHM. Fue un día maravilloso en honor a nuestra Santísima María, Madre de Dios. A los que participaron desde la Misa de Unción hasta la Misa de Clausura y la procesión de velas, sabemos que nuestras vidas se cumplen, con el amor de Dios y sabemos que podemos confiar en la sabiduría que El nos da.

Inmaculado Corazon de Maria, ruega por nosostros. Padre Quang

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:0AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u> 5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30am (English) 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) -2:00PM (Spanish) 5:00PM -Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA**

Sat. Oct, 9th

Marian Conference Intentions 8:00 am 5:00 pm Marian Conference Intentions

Sun. Oct. 10th

7:30 am + Angelita & Carol Morris

9:00 am † John Benasso 10:45 am **IHM Parishioners** 12:30 pm † Neil Christian Hortaleza

2:00 pm Francisco Gallardo (Birthday) 5:00 pm + Andres Hernandez

Mon. Oct. 11th

8:00 am + Fe Luna Salcedo

Tues. Oct. 12th

8:00 am † Juan Rojo, Sr.

Wed. Oct. 13th

8:00 am + Eufemio Urenda & Family

Thurs. Oct. 14th

8:00 am † Doris Sablan

Fri. Oct. 15th

8:00am + Baudelio (Buddy) Serna

Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Jan Cooper, Louise Delia, Art Silvergleid, Dcn. Ron Horan, Gina Lilly, Giselle Honore, Kay Aviani, Patti Hitch *****

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Funerals for the month of September

Elvira Cortez Ordaz

Michael Owen Constance (Connie) Maryann Healey Baby Michael Alberto Ortega



READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 467: Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1bcde, 2-4

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: 468: Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5

Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 469: Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9

Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: 470: Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-6b

Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 471: Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11

Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: 472: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:6-9, 42-43

Lk 12:8-12

146: Is 53:10-11 Sunday: Ps 33:-5, 18-20, 22

Mk 10:35-45 Heb 4:14-16

Lectura

Primera Lectura

Sab 7, 7-11

Supliqué y se me concedió la prudencia; invoqué y vino sobre mí el espíritu de sabiduría. La preferí a los cetros y a los tronos, y en comparación con ella tuve en nada la riqueza. No se puede comparar con la piedra más preciosa, porque todo el oro, junto a ella, es un poco de arena y la plata es como lodo en su presencia. La tuve en más que la salud y la belleza; la preferí a la luz, porque su resplandor nunca se apaga.

Todos los bienes me vinieron con ella; sus manos me trajeron riquezas incontables.

Salmo Responsorial Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Sácianos, Señor, con tu bondad para que nos llene la alegría.

Segunda Lectura

Heb 4, 12-13

Hermanos: La palabra de Dios es viva, eficaz y más penetrante que una espada de dos filos. Llega hasta lo más íntimo del alma, hasta la médula de los huesos y descubre los pensamientos e intenciones del corazón. Toda creatura es transparente para ella. Todo queda al desnudo y al descubierto ante los ojos de aquel a quien debemos rendir cuentas.

Evangelio

Mc 10, 2-16

En aquel tiempo, se acercaron a Jesús unos fariseos y le preguntaron, para ponerlo a prueba: "¿Le es lícito a un hombre divorciarse de su esposa?"

Él les respondió: "¿Qué les prescribió Moisés?" Ellos contestaron: "Moisés nos permitió el divorcio mediante la entrega de un acta de divorcio a la esposa". Jesús les dijo: "Moisés prescribió esto, debido a la dureza del corazón de ustedes. Pero desde el principio, al crearlos, Dios los hizo hombre y mujer. Por eso dejará el hombre a su padre y a su madre y se unirá a su esposa y serán los dos una sola cosa. De modo que ya no son dos, sino una sola cosa. Por eso, lo que Dios unió, que no lo separe el hombre".

Ya en casa, los discípulos le volvieron a preguntar sobre el asunto. Jesús les dijo: "Si uno se divorcia de su esposa y se casa con otra, comete adulterio contra la primera. Y si ella se divorcia de su marido y se casa con otro, comete adulterio".

Después de esto, la gente le llevó a Jesús unos niños para que los tocara, pero los discípulos trataban de impedirlo.

Al ver aquello, Jesús se disgustó y les dijo: "Dejen que los niños se acerquen a mí y no se lo impidan, porque el Reino de Dios es de los que son como ellos. Les aseguro que el que no reciba el Reino de Dios como un niño, no entrará en él".

Después tomó en brazos a los niños y los bendijo imponiéndoles las manos.

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no credo, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, *y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre;* y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padecío al tercer día, segun las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecho del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria. Para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que hablo por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.



Readings

First Reading

Wis 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came

I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her

nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand,

and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.

Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to

Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Second Reading

Heb 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters:

Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow,

and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of I believe in one God, the Father almighty, him to whom we must render an account.

Gospel

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran

knelt down before him, and asked him,

"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal

Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: You shall not kill;

you shall not commit adultery;

you shall not steal;

you shall not bear false witness;

you shall not defraud;

honor your father and your mother."

He replied and said to him,

"Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing.

Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,

"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.

All things are possible for God."

Peter began to say to him,

"We have given up everything and followed

you."

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters

or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age:

houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

The Nicene Creed

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. Mk 10:17-30 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became *man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead 5 and the life of the world to come. Amen.



October 10, 2021 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11 | Heb 4:12-13 | Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Written by
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FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In the Old Testament, wealth was considered a sign of God's favor. So imagine the rich young man's surprise when he approached Jesus, only to find out that he would need to sell what he had and then give to the poor in order to follow Jesus. His face fell and he walked away. His demeanor highlights the fundamental error of equating what we have, and what we do, with salvation - of relying on earthly things, rather than God, for our deepest comfort and security. In contrast, the Book of Wisdom speaks of the richness and worth of divine wisdom over that of any precious gem or gold. We understand that divine wisdom to be manifested in the person of Jesus Christ. Therefore, true wisdom means having faith in Jesus rather than in our own efforts and whatever we might have earned in our lifetime. Otherwise, we are like a camel trying to squeeze through the eye of a needle. Jesus truly offers us the only way. I like to think that the young man came around eventually. After all, as Jesus says, "all things are possible for God." As we reflect, we can ask Jesus what we need to "let go of" to turn our sights, our minds, and our lives over to God, knowing that following his will is the surest path to the Kingdom.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just a few days ago, we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The behavior of the rich young man in today's Gospel – daring, enthusiastic, confident – brings the young Francis to mind. Born into wealth, he relished his carefree lifestyle and sought to become a knight. His dreams of glory, however, quickly became a nightmare as his comrades fell and he was imprisoned in a dank cell for a year. After his release, he fell seriously ill, and God spoke to him. Francis cast aside the trappings of wealth, choosing instead to seek God's will in all things. His example invites us to pray about our priorities: What things or attitudes get in the way of our relationship with God and one another? What is the Lord asking of us and how can we respond? How can we give witness to our belief that all things are possible with God?

ACTION Perhaps try a "consumption fast" for the next couple of weeks, purchasing only what you need - food and other necessities.

Use time and energy you may have spent shopping to deepen your relationship with God and others by participating in Eucharistic adoration, going to confession, visiting an elderly relative, or contacting an old friend.

Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la
perversidad y asechanzas del
demonio. Reprímale Dios,
pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la
Milicia Celestial,
con el divino poder de Dios,
arroja al infierno a Satanás
y a todos los espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos
por el mundo
para la perdición de las almas.
Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. 6 Amen

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of October 17, 2021, please bring canned tuna and other meats. THANK YOU!

Para el fin de semana del 17 de octubre, 2021 por favor traigan atun enlatado y otras carnes. **GRACIAS!!!**

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 17, 2021 - Maintenance Fund October 31, 2021 - St. Vincent de Pau

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

17 de octubre, 2021 - Fondo del Mantenimiento 31 de octubre, 2021 - San Vicente de Paul

Banns of Marriage

Natividad Tello Clark and Rossana Talavera Bolaños are planning to get married in the Parish of San Jose de Bolaños Obrador in the Capilla de la Inmaculada Concepción in Huilacatitlan, State of Jalisco, Mexico on December 25, 2021. If anyone knows of any reason why this marriage should not take place, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible at 925-634-4154. Thank You!

FOOD BANK

CONTRA COSTA



The Contra Costa Food Bank Mobile Produce Distribution Program distributes FREE produce on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the IHM parking lot from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm to families in need. This program is only for low-income families.

For more information, please call Ralph at: 925-437-3509.

Amonestaciones

Natividad Tello Clark y Rossana Talavera Bolaños estan planeando casarse en la Parroquia de San Jose de de Bolaños Obrador en la Capilla de la Inmaculada Concepción en Huilacatitlan, Estado de Jalisco, Mexico el 25 de diciembre, 2021. Si alguien sabe de alguna razón por la cual este matrimonio no debe llevarse a cabo, por favor póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial lo más pronto posible al 925-634-4154. Gracias!

Hours of Adoration are

on Thursdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm with Holy Hour from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. On Fridays, 24 hour Adoration begins at 8:30am and continues until Saturday morning at 7:30am.



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Horas de Adoración son los jueves de 8:30am a 5:00pm. y la Hora Sagrada de 5:00pm a 6:00pm. Los Viernes, 24 horas de Adoración empieza a las 8:30 am y continua hasta las 7:30am el sabado en la manaña.

Donate Your Car or Any Vehicle!

We will pick up ANY vehicle within 48 hours in all 50 States. Free towing. 100% tax deductible. Donations used to fund the many charitable activities of the Knights of Columbus Brentwood Council #7467. Call: 925-529-2019

LIBRARY HOURS



The new hours for the IHM Library are only on Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

El nuevo horario de la Libreria de ICM es solamente los miercoles de 3:00pm a 5:00pm.



Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary has been issued a \$177.44 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2021.

Information/Información

Parish Appreciation Ceremony

The Pastoral Council is asking all Ministry Leaders to submit a list of names and contact information of individuals within their Ministry that have made regular, weekly or extra ordinary efforts of their time and energy to: the operation of the parish; the conduct of the masses; the maintenance of the grounds and the buildings; the success of special events; the education of our children; or other assistance to the community of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please contact Carol Rojo: crojo@ihmbrentwoo.com or George Verret: verretg@gmail.com

Ceremonia de Apreciacion Parroquial

El Consejo Pastoral está pidiendo a todos los Líderes de Ministerios que presenten una lista de nombres e información de contacto de individuos dentro de su Ministerio que hayan hecho esfuerzos regulares, semanales o extra ordinarios de su tiempo y energía para: la operación de la parroquia; la conducción de las misas; el mantenimiento de los terrenos y los edificios; el éxito de eventos especiales; la educación de nuestros niños; u otra ayuda a la comunidad del Inmaculado Corazón de María. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Carol Rojo: crojo@ihmbrentwood.com or George Verrret:verretg@gmail.com

WANTED!

Ushers needed at all English masses and, equally important, we need men and women to assist the Ushers with Collections and Communion Guides. Please volunteer and check in with your Head Usher upon arrival at the mass time you attend to let them know that you are available. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Important Notice!!

We will be asking all parishioners to complete a survey either after Mass or online between October 14—November 22, 2021. This survey will assist the Diocese to determine where we are and where we need to go. This survey will be anonymous. We need your input. Many thanks!! See page 9.

Informacion Importante!!

Estaremos pidiendo a todos los feligreses que completen una encuesta después de la misa o en línea entre el 14 de octubre y el 22 de noviembre de 2021. Esta encuesta ayudará a la Diócesis a determinar dónde estamos y hacia dónde necesitamos ir. La encuesta será anónima. Necesitamos su opinión. Muchas gracias.!! Ver pagina 9.

Please join us for the upcoming **40 Days for Life** prayer vigil. We will be peacefully praying for mothers and their unborn children - God's littlest children who have no voice but ours. We will be praying outside of Planned Parenthood in Concord and Walnut Creek from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Saturday, from September 22 through October 30 - please come join us for an hour a day, an hour a week, or even an hour total.

Together, through God's grace, we can end the horror of abortion. You can sign up for the Concord vigil at:

40daysforlife.com/CONCORDCA or for the

Walnut Creek vigil at:

For more information, please contact: friendsforlifeconcord@gmail.com or 925-595-0401 (Concord vigil) or friendsforlifetrivalley@gmail.com or 925-322-0544 (Walnut Creek vigil).



WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

Widow and widower grief support group from IHM Church meets every Thursday from 5-6:15 at IHM Church, 500 Fairview, Brentwood, CA. Open to all. We meet in the library. Masks required.

Come and learn how to find a new normal as you walk the grief trail with others experiencing the same loss. Also monthly potlucks held for group .

Contact Mary Ann Smith at 925 240-1706 or Sandy Heinisch at 925 513. 3412 for more information.



Aligning our mission:

THE CHURCH HAS ALWAYS DEPENDED ON THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. THIS FALL, THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND IS ALSO LOOKING TO THE FAITHFUL.....

This fall, parishioners in the Diocese of Oakland are being invited to participate in the Mission Alignment Process.

BY MICHELE JURICH

Michele Jurich is editor of The Catholic Voice.

"The Mission Alignment Process is just that," said Rick Medeiros, co-chair of the commission appointed by Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ. "The diocese has lots of great resources and people," Rick said. "We need to make sure everything we're doing is aligned with the mission of the Diocese of Oakland." The process is data-driven, with commission subcommittees focusing on priests, demographics, schools, parishes and parishioners.

"This is a process that is seeking the engagement of everybody in the diocese," Rick said.

The active participation of parishioners in the Diocese of Oakland in a survey available from Oct. 14 to Nov. 22 is a crucial part of the process.

"We want their input and we'd like them to be intentional with it," Rick said.

The survey has been developed by the Catholic Leadership Institute and has been used by dozens of dioceses, Rick said.

The survey, he said, has been very successful in helping other dioceses get a good picture of where they are and where they need to go. Additionally, he said, "we can learn from the experience other dioceses have had."

The Lilly Foundation funds the Diocese of Oakland's participation.

The survey, which is anonymous, "asks where they in their faith journey, what their hopes are for their parish and their family's faith life, what they're looking for and what they need," he said. "We need that input," he said.

To help as many people as possible participate in the survey, it will be available online — each parish will have its own link — and on paper, in several languages.

Those taking the survey on paper will be supplied an envelope for mailing it.

Parish participation is 100%.

Each pastor has named a person who will lead the parish effort. The Catholic Leadership Institute is training them, via Zoom meetings conducted at the end of August.

The priests of the diocese will have their own surveys.

The surveys should show the commission "where we are and where we need to go to fulfill the mission," Rick said.

"There might be some terrific ideas brought up by our parishioners or pastors that have not been considered before," he said.

Prayer is an important part of the work, with eyes focused on being faithful to the mission entrusted to the commission.

The survey results will be used not only by the commission, but each parish will receive its results.

This is an opportunity to realign our resources to support evangelization and the formation of missionary disciples. When we are better aligned, we are better able to enhance our Sunday experience and be strengthened to continue acts of spiritual and corporal works of mercy."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Mission Alignment Process survey is live
Oct. 14-Nov. 22 at catholicleaders.org/oaklanddmi.
Learn more at oakdiocese.org/mission-alignment-process.

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I H M CRAFTERS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Help make this the biggest Holiday Boutique ever! Please consider donating some of your new homemade crafts to the IHM Crafters Holiday Boutique coming up Oct. 29-31. All proceeds go to support the church. Bring your items, individually priced to the church hall between 12:00 and 2:00pm Friday, October 29th. Any items not sold should be pick up by 2:00 Sunday Oct. 31st.

Come attend the Boutique: Friday Oct. 29 2:00pm-6:00pm Saturday Oct. 30 10:30am-6:30pm Sunday Oct. 31 8:30am-2:00pm

For more details contact Ann Galassi 925-864-3242

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Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM Saturday/Sabado: 3:30 - 4:30PM

Devotions/Devociones

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes 7:30AM

Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario

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Wednesday/Miércoles 8:30AM

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro

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Friday/Viernes 8:30AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia

Anointing of the Sick Unción de los Enfermos

<u>Home Communion</u> <u>Comunión a los Enfermos</u> Contact a priest / llame a un sacerdote

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Saint John XXIII's Story

Although few people had as great an impact on the 20th century as Pope John XXIII, he avoided the limelight as much as possible. Indeed, one writer has noted that his "ordinariness" seems one of his most remarkable qualities.

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo's diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order.

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After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of war. In 1921, Fr. Roncalli was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City.

In 1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

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Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. Pope John took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1962, he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis.

His most famous encyclicals were *Mother and Teacher* (1961) and *Peace on Earth* (1963). Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more International. At his address at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, he criticized the "prophets of doom" who "in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin." Pope John XXIII set a tone for the Council when he said, "The Church has always opposed... errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity."

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On his deathbed, Pope John said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead."

"Good Pope John" died on June 3, 1963. St. John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

Reflection

Throughout his life, Angelo Roncalli cooperated with God's grace, believing that the job at hand was worthy of his best efforts. His sense of God's providence made him the ideal person to promote a new dialogue with Protestant and Orthodox Christians, as well as with Jews and Muslims. In the sometimes noisy crypt of St. Peter's Basilica, many people become silent on seeing the simple tomb of Pope John XXIII, grateful for the gift of his life and holiness. After his beatification, his tomb was moved into the basilica itself.



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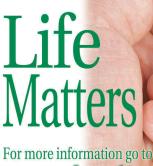


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