

WEEK AT A GLANCE**Monday, March 3**

Yoga - 8:15 a.m.

Senior Fitness - 9:45 a.m.

Yoga - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

Strength Training for Seniors - 9:00 a.m.

RCIA Inquiry - 6:45 p.m.

RCIA - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

Senior Fitness - 9:45 a.m.

Moms' Group - 10:00 a.m.

Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.

Yoga - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

Strength Training for Seniors - 9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 7

Yoga - 8:00 a.m.

Senior Fitness - 9:45 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Lenten Soup Meal - 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Confessions - 4:00 p.m.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of former parishioner, **George Jurach**; and **Floerfina Galvez Florita** (Enrico Florita's mother); who died recently.

THANK YOU!

We are most grateful to the following people who helped prepare the parish mailing last Thursday: **Monique Alvarez, Luis Barraza, Nina Coleman, Hazel Colston-Ing, Betty Fagunes, Marie Gross, Joan Healy, Norma Hill, Bill & Gail Kassis, Blanca Marquez, Eileen Marsh, Jo Martin, Betty Matranga, Rosie McNair, Gladys Naake, Barbara Nussbaum, Pat Aguilar Ramirez, Larry & Maxine Rotharmel, Marlene Tobia and Cathy Wong.**

Mass Intentions and Readings**Monday (3)**

(8:00) Hattie Cooley †

Lenten Weekday*Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54***Tuesday (4)**

(8:00) Gaspar Garcia †

Lenten Weekday*Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16***Wednesday (5)**

(8:00) Frausto Family, SI

Lenten Weekday*Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30***Thursday (6)**

(8:00) Chris Roldan †

Lenten Weekday*Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47***Friday (7)**

(8:00) Hattie Cooley †

Lenten Weekday*Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30***Saturday (8)**

(8:30) Charles Houy †

Lenten Weekday*Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53*

(5:00) Hattie Cooley †

Sunday (9)

(8:30) Mary Waterbury †

Fifth Sunday of Lent*Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45*

(10:30) Thomas Brady †

(5:00) For the People

OUR LENTEN OBSERVANCE

DAILY MASS: Daily Mass is at 8:00 a.m. Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross are held at 7:00 p.m. in the church each Friday of Lent. Please join us as we journey together toward Easter.

LENTEN FRUGAL MEALS: As part of our obligation to fast and abstain from meat on Fridays, the parish social committee provides soup meals every Friday during Lent (serving from 6:00-6:30 p.m.). On March 7, the soups will be New England clam chowder and nacho potato. Our soups are all homemade and are served with salad, crackers, jello and beverages. The cost of the meal is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children aged 2-9, and children under 2 are free. Proceeds will go to various charities that feed the hungry. Take advantage of the opportunity to visit with friends, have a warm meal, and contribute to the hungry. Tickets will be on sale after Mass or you may phone the parish office (428-5678) by Wednesday of each week to reserve a spot.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: As a traditional practice of Lent, Catholics pray as a community, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, give concrete assistance to those most in need, while learning about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. If you received a "Rice Bowl" (small cardboard bank) on Ash Wednesday, please use that for your contributions. We will collect the banks during Easter week. If you did not receive a cardboard bank, there are bowls in the back of the church where you may leave your donation. Please check out the Catholic Relief Services web site for more information on how to make a difference in feeding the poor - www.crs.org.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE: Our annual Lenten communal penance service will be on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar so you can join the parish community in this liturgy of reconciliation.

CONCLUDING CEREMONY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

This weekend at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the engaged couples who participated in *Unitas*, our seven-week marriage formation program, mark the end of the process with a concluding ceremony. This ceremony takes place at a weekend liturgy to remind the couples of their important role in the Christian community. It also reminds the entire parish community of the importance of Christian marriage, and the witness of faith that the couples provide. Please pray for each engaged couple as they approach their wedding and the days when they will live as husband and wife: **Beth Bennett & Mark Ruggiero, Natalie Del Porto & Ryan Hintz, Angel Hernandez & Joe Basquez, Sharla Hoig & Justin Seybold, Chantell Komure & Joel Bailey, Kim Le & Nhat Pham, Stephanie Singh & Mike Avalos, and Lisa Yancy & Dan Boulger.**

Many thanks to the dedicated team who give of their time and energy to present this enriching program to our engaged couples: **Geri & Frank Allen, Pam & Bob Anderson, Fr. John Boll, Kate Ellis, Joan & Deacon Jim Healy, Nannette & Jim Henderson, Ronda & Eric Hintz, Gail & Bill Kassis, Alberta & Hermann Lorenz, Pat & Fred Nichols, Msgr. Brendan O'Sullivan, Kathy & Bob Reynolds, Sharon & Ron Schommer, Maureen Sergent & Tony Walters, Mercedes & Bob Slakey, and Debbie & Mike Virga.**

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

St. Anthony Parish is organizing a small committee to begin to explore the possibility of dialogue/mutual education with our friends and neighbors in the Muslim community. Fr. John was part of such a successful dialogue when he was in Woodland. If you are interested, please contact **Deacon Rich Koppes (391-1810 or rkoppes@jonesday.com).**

FAMILY PROMISE

Our next Family Promise hosting week is March 9-15. If you would like to participate, please sign up after Mass this weekend or call **Connie Koppes (391-1810)**. Financial donations are also requested to help pay for expenses for breakfast and lunch. If you are signing up to help with activity time or to spend the night, please be sure that you pick up one of the "Safe Environment" folders and read the contents. They are available at the sign-up table or in the parish office.

MONSIGNOR BRENDAN O'SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Monsignor Brendan O'Sullivan Scholarship will be available in the parish office beginning Monday, March 3. Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors beginning full-time undergraduate study, or enrolling in a vocational/technical program. Their families must be registered and active members of St. Anthony Parish. Completed applications must be submitted no later than Wednesday, April 9.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will host the parish pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Memorial Center. The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 6-11. Anyone younger than six and older than 90 comes in free! There will be pre-sale of tickets after the Masses March 1/2 although you can also purchase a ticket the day of the breakfast.

HELP NEEDED!

The priests of the diocese will be here at St. Anthony on Thursday, March 13 for a day of recollection. We will provide a continental breakfast and lunch for them and need volunteers to help with food preparation, serving and clean-up. If you are available to help, please contact **Becky Stratman (428-4284)**.

Donations of finger food are needed for the reception following the Easter Vigil Mass on March 22. If you can donate something and/or assist with set-up, serving or clean-up, please contact **Becky Stratman (428-4284)**.

SAINT ANTHONY NIGHT AT THE KINGS GAME

Join your fellow parishioners and the youth ministry for a FUN night at the Kings game on Friday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. They'll be playing against the Portland Trailblazers. Tickets are \$25.50 per person and you can reserve your spot by contacting **Christine Ledesma (428-5678, ext. 116 or christine@stanthony-sacramento.org)**. Reserve your spot soon!

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

White azaleas and pastel mini calla lilies will help to decorate the sanctuary during the Easter season. If you would like to purchase one (\$13 each) in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the form below and return to the parish office by Monday, March 17. There will only be 60 plants this year, so don't delay if you wish to purchase one!

Name of person(s) for whom plant is requested

_____ Living _____ Deceased

Name of person(s) requesting plant

SAINT ANTHONY SENIORS

Our Lenten day of recollection on February 21 was successful beyond expectation. The coffee and donuts klatch assumed the stature of an inaugural breakfast and early arrivals provided a buzz of excitement as they sipped their brew and chatted amiably. Msgr. Brendan O'Sullivan delivered the instruction of the day and captivated the gathering with the skill of a seasoned thespian, further enhanced by his Irish heritage and God-given talent. Even the brown bag luncheon was elevated to something grand by the events preceding and was further punctuated by the hot soup entree a la Marlene Tobia's culinary efforts. Further, appreciation is extended to hostesses and host of the day--Kay Sanders, Ray & Rose Nielsen, and Beckie Ricke--and of course to Al Franks, our "pres," who arrived early to brew the coffee. Finally, lest we forget, thank you to everyone who attended...aren't you glad you did?

REPEAT REMINDER - The March meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, March 13 has been changed. The new date is **Tuesday, March 11**. Write it down--we want you there! Please bring your own lunch; refreshments will be served by our hostesses. Katherine Hutchinson from the Sacramento Police Department will speak on identity theft. We're all potential victims--come find out why and how.

The next casino bus trip will be to Gold Country Casino in Oroville on Tuesday, March 18. The bus will leave the St. Anthony parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and will return by 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$11 and includes tip for bus driver. You will receive \$10 at the casino if you have a card. Cards are free with your I.D. To reserve a spot, please mail check (payable to St. Anthony Seniors) to Eileen Marsh (35 Greenway Circle, 95831) by March 3. Your name will go on the list when your check is received. Please put your phone number on your check. Sorry, but there will be no refunds. We have to pay for empty seats, unless you arrange for someone else to take your place. If you have any questions, please call **Jean Lukey (391-9851)**.

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Sharon White, RN

(428-5678, ext. 102 or sharon@stanthony-sacramento.org)

OFFICE HOURS

Sharon will be in the office on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Thursdays from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. As your Parish nurse, I have information on many diseases and conditions, as well as a variety of community resources that may help you or a family member.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING THIS WEEKEND

Blood pressure screening will be offered after ALL MASSES this weekend. Please stop by the library to have your blood pressure taken and to meet Sharon White.

HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Health Ministry team and work alongside Sharon White, please contact the Health Ministry office. Realize that you need not be a medical professional to join, and your time and talents would be welcomed. If you are an R.N. or L.V.N. and can donate one-hour a month or more, the Health Ministry would welcome your assistance with blood pressure screening or other health-related activities and events. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon in the Health Ministry office.

EXERCISE CLASSES

IN THE MEMORIAL CENTER

Senior fitness meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. **Yoga** is offered on Mondays at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., and Fridays at 8:00 a.m. **Strength training for seniors** meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-9:45 a.m. (this class meets in blocks of five weeks...the next series will begin March 4). **Hawaiian hula** will resume in June!

SAINT ANTHONY YOUTH MINISTRY**Junior High<>High School**

Christine Ledesma, Coordinator
christine@stanthony-sacramento.org
 428-5678, ext. 116

HIGH SCHOOL MEETING TONIGHT!

Sunday, March 2 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Come to the 5 p.m. Mass and stay after for the high school meeting!

LENTEN LOCK-IN

March 15-16

What is a lock-in? A lock-in is an overnight retreat for junior high and high school students at St. Anthony Parish. **Forms are now available and are due NO LATER than March 12.** Don't wait to turn in your forms, there are only 25 spots available! After 25 forms are accepted, the rest will be placed on a waiting list.

2ND ANNUAL DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY

Saturday, March 29

Calling all 6th-8th grade youth! It's time for the 2nd Annual Diocese of Sacramento Middle School Youth Rally. Join us and other youth from around Sacramento for a FUN day of community building, workshops, dynamic talks, prayer, food, and liturgy! This year, we are excited to be hosting this year's rally here at St. Anthony Parish. Cost is \$15. Forms are now available. Deadline is Friday, March 14. For more information, please contact Christine (428-5678, ext. 116).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, March 14

Lenten Soup (6 p.m.) & Stations of the Cross (7 p.m.)

Junior High & High School volunteers needed to serve!

Families are welcome to purchase tickets after Mass or call the parish office (428-5678) to reserve a spot.

Palm Sunday, March 16

SAYM Presents Mime of the Passion of Christ - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 18

Practice for Live Stations of the Cross - 6:30 p.m.

Junior High & High School volunteers needed!

Good Friday, March 21

SAYM Presents Live Stations of the Cross - 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY (YMM)

10:30 am Mass on Palm Sunday, March 16

Practice 6:30-8:15 pm Thursday, March 13, in church

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 21

Practice 6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday, March 19, in Memorial Center

Note: Stations music practice immediately after Easter practice

11:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday, March 23

Practice 6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday, March 19, in Memorial Center

5:00 pm vigil Mass on Saturday, March 29

Practice 6:30-8:30 pm on Thursday, March 27, in church

The YMM Ensemble has been requested for this vigil Mass which follows the diocesan middle school day-long rally held at St. Anthony. For these students, let's end the day with great "spirit & song!"

Youth cantor - 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday, March 30

Practice to be arranged with cantor's schedule

ONE IN THE SAYM FAITH

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

(Pre-Kindergarten through High School)

Linda DiNinni, Coordinator

Christine Ledesma, Assistant

linda@stanthony-sacramento.org
392-6362

OFFICE HOURS

Monday/Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday/Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday mornings until 12 noon

SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL

There are openings in the Sunday morning preschool. Preschool is held during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays for three and four-year olds. Please call the CFF office if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sunday, March 2: Sing at 10:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 13: Rehearsal at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 14: Present the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 15: Sing at 5:00 p.m. Mass

RCIA I (FIRST YEAR STUDENTS!)

March 9 (Sunday) - Family Session, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

(You may not use "forgetting to set your clocks forward" as an excuse to miss class!)

March 16 (Sunday) - Arrive by 10:15 a.m. to participate in the palm procession/attend 10:30 a.m. Mass

(no dismissal and no RCIA session afterwards)

March 20-21-22 - Attend Triduum liturgies

March 30 (Sunday) - Youth session, 10:00-11:30

RCIA II (SECOND YEAR STUDENTS!)

March 9 (Sunday) - Gathering starts 10:00 a.m. for THIRD SCRUTINY @ 10:30 a.m. Mass; after dismissal, youth and sponsor/godparent attend FAMILY SESSION, 11:00-11:45 a.m.

March 11 (Tuesday) - 7:00 p.m. COMMUNAL PENANCE CELEBRATION (be seated in church by 6:45 p.m.); followed by individual confessions ("first" Sacrament of Reconciliation) for RCIA CANDIDATES.

March 16 (Sunday) - Arrive by 10:15 a.m. to participate in palm procession. Attend 10:30 a.m. Mass (no dismissal and no RCIA session afterwards).

March 20-21-22 - Attend Triduum liturgies

(CHECK YOUR RCIA CALENDAR for times and instructions.)

March 30 (Sunday) - Youth Session, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

March 16: Palm Sunday Mime of the Passion of Christ (in church)

April 6: Third Sunday of Easter "Living Bread"

April 27: Sixth Sunday of Easter "Our Constant Companion"

LENTEN BABY BOTTLE PROJECT - Did you know...

During the last five years through the Lenten Baby Bottle Project, the CFF program has collected \$6384.14 for the Sacramento Life Center to help moms and their unborn children?! Wow!! That's a lot of 'baby bottle' change! Thank you for helping those that need our help! Bottles can be brought in and emptied into the large bottle on a weekly basis or any time before March 13. Keep up the good work!

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN

Youth Ministry will sponsor an Easter egg hunt for children after the Masses on Easter Sunday. In preparation for this fun event, the following items are needed: plastic Easter eggs; small (individually wrapped) candies to fit in the eggs; small prizes to fit in the eggs; and gently used Easter baskets (large enough to fit more than one egg!). We are ALWAYS so grateful for your support and generosity! If you can help, please bring your donation to either the religious education office or the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact **Christine Ledesma (428-5678, ext. 116 or christine@stanthony-sacramento.org)**.

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Great way to start off 2008! Sunday's blood drive collected a total of 30 pints of blood from 33 registered donors and there were six new donors. This was 5 over BloodSource's goal of 25 donations and was 50 percent above last February's 20 donations. The next drive will be on Sunday, June 22 (7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). Special thanks to Father John for preparing the hall early on Sunday morning and to Ralph Cummings and Erin Perry for their contribution to the success of the blood drive. As always, thanks to Buckthorns for their generous and continuous support of Saint Anthony Parish blood drives.

If you wish to volunteer to help with sign-ups or provide refreshments for future blood drives or have suggestions for conducting future drives, please call **Dave Jones (428-9099)**.

REPORT ON LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH DISCERNMENT MEETING

Included as an insert in today's bulletin is the written report given to the 90 parishioners who attended last Sunday's meeting to hear the results of the 200 + interviews of parishioners that took place during the past two months. The topics raised during those interviews fell into 6 major categories: 1) *Welcoming and Inclusion*; 2) *Family, Couples, Single Adults and Children*; 3) *Leadership Recruitment*; 4) *Liturgy and Music*; 5) *Youth*; 6) *Pocket Community Action*; 7) *Parish Communication*. After Fr. John's presentation on parish vision and Sr. Pearl Ceasar gave a report on the results of the interviews, the group divided into interest groups to discuss how each group should proceed in developing that area. The groups gathered again and a spokesperson from each group reported on the discussion of that group.

These interest groups will continue to meet over the next two months to develop a concrete plan of action for each area. On Sunday, May 18, we will hold a parish-wide gathering of at least 300 parishioners to affirm the proposed parish pastoral plan developed by parishioners through these planning groups.

We invite any interested parishioners who would like to participate in the planning and development of an interest group listed above to call the parish office (428-5678). The leader of that interest group will contact you about the next meeting of the group. Our development process is open to all interested parishioners.

LOAVES & FISHES SERVICE

St. Anthony parishioners come together the second Sunday of every other month to prepare and serve food to homeless individuals at Loaves & Fishes. **Our next service date is March 9** (first shift 7:00-10:00 a.m. prepares food; second shift 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. serves food and helps with clean up – servers for the second shift should be at least 15 years old). This is a parish activity that affords everyone an opportunity to work with other parishioners in a wonderful ministry.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Opportunities to help others...

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR MARYHOUSE

On this second weekend of the month, we collect specific items for the guests of Maryhouse, a daytime shelter for homeless women and children. For the March collection, they are desperately in need of **Depends (pull-ups, medium and large sizes)**. Please leave your donation in the narthex of the church next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

BABY FORMULA FOR MARYHOUSE

A container will be in the narthex each weekend for your donations of **POWDERED baby formula with IRON**. Their current supply is seriously low, so any donation you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous response.

HELP NEEDED AT THE FOOD CLOSET

The South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) is currently in need of the following items: **canned meat, canned tuna, cereal, top ramen noodles, peanut butter, and paper bags**. Additional daily volunteers are needed as soon as possible at the food closet. Are you willing to: 1. take food items to and from the food closet and two storage areas as needed using market-style shopping carts; 2. haul out empty boxes to the dumpster area, milk crates and bread trays to the storage area to keep the hallways clear; 3. empty small and light weight containers; 4. sort through assorted bread products, cracked eggs, sticky pastries, overly ripe produce, and repackage for distribution; 5. unload food donations from volunteers' vehicles into food closet and/or storage areas; 6. re-bag rice, beans, potatoes, onions, and citrus from +/-50-100# bags into smaller vegetable bags for distribution; and/or 7. keep book donations stocked outdoors for distribution from opening to closing? If you are willing to do such "dirty jobs" that are critical to the daily operation, we need you NOW as part of the very dedicated food closet teams. For more information or to volunteer with one of the daily teams, please contact **Maggie Cabutage (428-5290 or 595-9504)**.

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Saint Anthony Parish Offertory

July 2007 Weekly Average	\$10,720
August 2007 Weekly Average	\$11,819
September 2007 Weekly Average	\$11,224
October 2007 Weekly Average	\$12,577
November 2007 Weekly Average	\$13,797
December 2007 Weekly Average	\$14,693
Christmas 2007	\$31,025
January 2008 Weekly Average	\$13,978
February 2/3	\$18,368
February 9/10	\$12,083
February 16/17	\$9,405
February 23/24	\$10,527
(loose cash = \$547 / identifiable contributions = \$9,980)	

Diocesan Capital Campaign "Our Faith, Our Future"

Total Pledged	\$2,520,397
Paid to date	\$2,357,245
February Payments	\$2,488

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Today's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. Nearly half the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. For Catholics, these are not just statistics, but brothers and sisters who need our help. The Catholic Relief Services collection supports Church agencies that provide emergency relief in times of crisis; support long-term development programs; offer assistance to immigrants and refugees; and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. In addition, a portion of this collection will be allocated for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your generous response will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes will be available in the pews.

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass, when the bishop blesses the three oils used in the Church's liturgical life, will be celebrated on Thursday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Monsignor James Murphy will be the homilist at this Mass. All Catholics of the diocese are invited to participate in this liturgy, especially those who will receive the Easter sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Chrism Mass on March 13.

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

Applications are still being accepted for the Kindergarten class of 2008-2009 at Holy Spirit Parish School. Applications are available in the school office or you can download one from the website www.hs-ps.com. For more information, please call **Holy Spirit School (448-5663)**.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

New members of the parish are invited to use this form to register, and established members may use it to advise us of a new address or phone number. Either drop the form below in the collection basket, or mail to the parish office.

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Catholic? _____ Work phone _____

Spouse's First Name _____

Catholic? _____ Work phone _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Home phone _____ Date _____

New to Parish? Yes _____ No _____

Former Parish: _____

CAMP PENDOLA

Camp Pendola, the official summer camp of the Diocese of Sacramento, is now accepting registrations for the 2008 summer season. This year, the traditional summer program will be taking place at Camp Ross Relles, for children and youth ages six to seventeen. Campers are encouraged to live in, understand, and respect the wonders and beauty of the world around them. For further information and registration materials, visit www.pendola.org or call **916-PEN-DOLA (736-3652)**.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Department of Evangelization and Catechesis at the Diocesan Pastoral Center has an immediate opening for a full-time (35 hours) clerical support person. Applicants must possess excellent phone and computer skills. For further information or if you are interested in applying, please call **733-0123**.

RETREAT - Healing of Grief & Loss

Mercy Center Auburn will offer *Healing of Grief & Loss* on Saturday, March 8 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This day is devoted to people dealing with grief and loss. It will address how grief affects us physically, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. There will be time for prayer, guided meditation, ritual and sharing. The facilitators are Sr. Margaret Ann Walsh, RSM, and Barbara Freuler. The cost is \$35 (includes lunch). To register or for further information, please call **Mercy Center Auburn (530-887-2019)**.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS ESSAY CONTEST

The Sacramento Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility announces a scholarship essay contest open to high school seniors in Sacramento and surrounding counties. Students may enter by submitting an original essay of 500 words or less describing their thoughts on the question raised by Marine Corps Medal of Honor winner, Major General Smedley Butler: *"War is a racket...in which profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives."* The deadline for essay submission is March 5. For contest details, go to www.sacpsr.org, email: info@sacpsr.org, or call **916-955-6333**.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS, RELIGIOUS, DEACONS AND PRIESTS

Please remember in prayer the following seminarians, religious sisters and brothers, deacons and priests who serve the People of God in the Diocese of Sacramento:

Seminarian Antonio Racela was born in Candon City, Ilocos Sur, Philippines and is a third year college student at Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Oregon. **Seminarian Richard Sia** was born in Santa Cruz, Manila, Philippines. He, too, is a third year college student at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon.

Sister Mercedes Braga, SHF is a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family. Sr. Mercedes worked for years in the field of religious education and is now retired in Sacramento. **Sister Mary Eileen Brannigan, RSM** is a member of the Sisters of Mercy and lives at the Motherhouse in Auburn.

Deacon Tou Moua is a permanent deacon who serves the community of St. Peter Parish in Sacramento. **Deacon Jesus Munoz** is a permanent deacon who serves the parish community of St. Joseph Parish in Marysville.

Father Gerald Robinson, SJ is a member of the Jesuit Fathers and is pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Sacramento. **Father Guillermo Rodriguez** is a native of Mexico and has served in many parishes of the diocese. He recently retired as Parochial Administrator of Holy Cross Parish in Tulelake and has returned to his home diocese in Mexico.