Students from St. Elizabeth Elementary School in Oakland greet arrivals to the FACE Gala, at which Family Aid to Catholic Education celebrated its 40th anniversary. Among those at the event was Sister Rose Marie Hennessey, OFS, who served as principal of the school, and as superintendent of the diocese’s Department of Catholic Schools.

FACE at 40: Gratitude, and looking forward

By Michele Jurich

Staff writer

She recalled that, she, too, had come to a FACE event as a student. This year, 29 pupils at St. Elizabeth Elementary are among the 489 students who are receiving FACE grants to help them attend Catholic school in the Oakland diocese. In the high schools, 348 students are receiving grants.

More than 4,000 students who have applied for FACE grants, and have qualified for them, are on the waiting list. The annual spring gala, FACE’s largest fundraising event each year, packed the event center at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland on April 21. The gala honored the founders of Family Aid Catholic Education and those who have nurtured it through the decades.

The evening’s special honoree was the Most Rev. John S. Cummins, emeritus bishop of Oakland, under whose leadership FACE has blossomed. After the gathering sang “Happy Birthday,” in honor of his 90th birthday in March, Bishop Cummins shared his recollections of FACE and his appreciation for the FACE founders, “who represent the best of our diocese in so many ways.”

He recalled Barbara Morrell and Sister Sebastian Astiza, CSC, told him they wanted to help inner-city schools by taking up a second collection in all the parishes. “My immediate reaction was: ‘You won’t get enough money’.” FACE found other ways over the years, including grants from local foundations.

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Two join leadership team for Catholic schools

Two veteran Catholic educators, Joselyn Pierre-Antoine and Ken Willers, will become associate superintendents for the Diocese of Oakland Department of Catholic Schools on July 1.

Joselyn Pierre-Antoine, the principal of St. Bede School in Hayward, is the new associate superintendent: Leadership for Mission and Professional Learning. Ken Willers, principal of the School of the Madeleine in Berkeley, is the new associate superintendent: Leadership for Innovation and Growth.

Both have received awards from the National Catholic Educational Association. Pierre-Antoine helped develop a K-8 Christian Outward Bound Program that received (Continued on Page 10.)

Parish changes

Two religious orders that have provided leadership for parishes in the Oakland diocese will be leaving the parishes.

After 154 years, the Dominican Fathers are withdrawing from Most Holy Rosary Parish, Antioch, effective June 30, and after 39 years, the Precious Blood Fathers are withdrawing from St. Edward’s Parish, Newark, also effective June 30.

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, appointed new clergy to both parishes, and announced other staff changes. See Page 2 for details.
Curiosity dangerous

The Vatican

Pope Francis praised the hopes for peace strengthened by the meeting of the leaders of North and South Korea, but that hope will not be dashed, and he urged Catholics during the month of May to pray the rosary for peace.

Love Jesus, Cuba

Six German bishops will meet with officials from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts to discuss German plans to allow greater access to the Eucharist for Protestants married to Catholics. The meeting was at the Vatican May 3.

Priestly ordinations

At 5 p.m. May 25, in the Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, will ordain the following men to the priesthood, with their first assignment:

Deacon Mr. Jimmy Macalinao will be ordained as parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Brentwood, effective June 1.

Deacon Mr. Jimmy Macalinao will be ordained as parochial vicar at Most Holy Rosary, Pleasant Hill, effective July 1.

Deacon Mr. Rizzo will be ordained as parochial vicar at Christ the King, Pleasant Hill, effective July 1.

Mental health statement

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and the California Catholic Conference of Bishops used the opportunity to release an extended pastoral letter on the culture of mental health and the critical need to attend to those who suffer.

The complete document is available here: www.catholicvoiceoakland.org/missing.html
By Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ

Last week all the bishops of California, Nevada and Hawaii attended the Regional V Encuentro in Visalia, together with 1,200 delegates from all the dioceses. We Oaklanders sent about 100 excited, energized and competent pastoral leaders.

I had never been to Visalia. I had to look it up on the map. It’s about 45 minutes south of Fresno off Highway 99. I confess the only times I have been to Fresno is to drive through it on my way to and from Los Angeles.

But Visalia is different. It is the oldest town in the Central Valley, and for many years was the only town between Los Angeles and the Gold Rush camps near Sacramento. Visalia is the type of classy small American town where everyone you meet — in the stores, cafes, hotels, gas stations, EVEN WALMART — talks to you like an old friend and wants to help you.

The young bartender-dude at the Marriott told me his life story — and that he plays the guitar on Sunday morning at the local Methodist Church. So refreshing.

Getting out of the car and walking around the first thing you notice is that it smells like fertilizer, all the time. That’s because most of our fruit, vegetables, nuts and beef come from the Central Valley.

People who work the land seem to be not only close to the land, but to each other — and to God. More than a few times while driving I passed large orchards where the owners had posted huge signs “PRAy FOR RAIN.” So I turned off the car radio and said a rosary for rain to help the farmers.

Visalia was chosen as the locus for our statewide Encuentro (meeting) because it is almost in the middle of the state between San Francisco and LA. It was held at the local convention center. The Masses were beautiful and the small group discussions energizing.

I joined the Restorative Justice group, out of 40 participants — only about five of us had any experience with prison ministry. What I learned from the group: there are lots of people out there in our parishes who want to join different ministries in the Church — and are asking for formation and then placement in these different ministries.

Thank God we have our diocesan School of Pastoral Ministry. I wish more pastors would help our folks identify the charisms and gifts they have, and then help them use those gifts in service to the Church and the community.

I noticed a good portion of all the Encuentro delegates were young adults. For most of them this was the first church-type major event in which they had participated. We can’t let this talent go to waste. It is my hope and desire that these young people will have a place at the table and a voice at their parish councils. We certainly will be looking for ways to incorporate their energy and enthusiasm at the diocesan level as well.

One last thing. I admit I felt annoyed that I had to drive four hours each way to Visalia for this meeting. I kept thinking, “Why couldn’t we be meeting in Santa Barbara or Carmel or a beach hotel in Coronado?”

To be honest, I confess I looked down on Visalia. But the Lord taught me a lesson. On Saturday afternoon, I walked six blocks to the local Catholic parish, St. Mary’s, to go to Confession. Four priests were on duty in the confessional, all busy.

Even with four priests, I waited in line for 25 minutes. The priest was so kind. I felt so good coming out. Absolved. But what I will take home with me is the impression I had on walking into the church: utter astonishment, awe and wonder.

Here, “in the middle of nowhere” (God forgive me) was one of the most beautiful Catholic Church interiors I had ever seen.

An enterprising pastor, concerned that his church needed some beauty, installed this stained glass window behind the altar. It is not a true window in that it is backlit, hanging on a solid pre-existing wall. But it draws you in to the altar, the crucifix, the tabernacle and the whole liturgy. It makes you so glad you came to that church.

Next time you are driving down to Los Angeles or going to Sequoia National Park, stop off Highway 99 and see this wonder. Thank you St. Mary’s. Thank you Visalia.
Barbara Bush tribute

HOUSTON — Retired Archbishop Joseph F. Loesch of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston joined other religious leaders in paying tribute to Barbara Bush April 19 during a ceremony described as a Celebration of Life in front of Houston City Hall April 19. He described the former first lady as a "faithful citizen besides being an outstanding wife and mother." The archbishop focused on her life of service that continued long after she left the White House when her husband George H.W. Bush served as the 41st President of the United States from 1989 to 1993. Barbara Bush, the wife of the nation’s 41st president and mother of the 43rd president, died at her home in Houston April 17 at the age of 92.

Resettlement affected

WASHINGTON — War, famine and gang violence have created the largest global refugee population since World War II, yet the U.S. has drastically cut the numbers of refugees it will accept, causing the reduction and closure of Catholic resettlement programs nationwide. Nearly 20 U.S. Catholic refugee resettlement programs have closed in the past two years and dozens of others have scaled back their efforts because there are fewer refugees being admitted into the country, said Richard Hogan, director of resettlement services for Migration and Refugee Services, an arm of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Bruno Sammartino dies

PITTSBURGH — Wrestling legend Bruno Sammartino was remembered by a man of honesty and integrity at his funeral Mass April 23. "Not only did it serve him well throughout his personal and professional life, but it is also a wonderful lesson and example that he left for all of us," said the Rev. Jack Dooley, the pastor of St. Sebastian Parish in the Pittsburgh suburb of Ross Township. The congregation of several hundred at the Mass included Vince McMahon, chairman and CEO of WWE; and Dominic DiNucci, who Subaru of America fans! Bruno Sammartino's legendary wrestling career included championships World Wrestling Federation and the AWA. The Vatican-owned Bambino Gesu hospital in Rome offered to care for Alfie, although doctors who examined him said not much could be done but to make him comfortable. On April 29 the Italian government granted citizenship to his father, who could be evacuated by a waiting air ambulance. But that same day, Alfie was taken off his ventilator, and he was expected to die imminently.

Pope, others mourn death of British toddler

LIVERPOOL, England — Pope Francis said he was mourning the death of English toddler Alfie Evans, who died four days after doctors withdrew his life support system. The 23-month-old boy died at about 2:30 a.m. April 28 after his father, Tom Evans, spent 10 minutes trying to revive him by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, according to reports in the British media. Tom Evans, a Catholic, announced the death of his son on Facebook later that day with words: "My gladiator lay down his shield and gained his wings at 02:30... absolutely heartbroken... I LOVE YOU MY GUY!" Alfie’s mother, Kate James, wrote: “Our baby boy grew his wings tonight at 2:30 a.m. We are heartbroken.” The case had drawn criticism of the British courts and health service from all over the world. The Vatican-owned Bambino Gesu hospital in Rome offered to care for Alfie, although doctors who examined him said not much could be done but to make him comfortable. On April 29 the Italian government granted citizenship to his father, who could be evacuated by a waiting air ambulance. But that same day, Alfie was taken off his ventilator, and he was expected to die imminently.

Outrage at dismissal

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Catholics lobby their state legislators

By Michele Jurich

Staff writer

State capital legislative staffs may be more accustomed to professional lobbyists, but the groups of Catholics from around the state found themselves welcome in offices of the state Senators and Assembly members on April 24 for Catholic Advocacy Day.

Aimed with documents prepared by the California Catholic Conference — these are the professionals — the lobbyists for the day had studied in advance. A group of about a dozen people from the Diocese of Oakland met for a conference call the day before, and shared information during car rides or train trips to Sacramento.

They were fueled by a prayer service in the basement of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, two blocks from the Capitol, in which the Most Rev. Jaime Soto, bishop of Sacramento, reminded the participants that they were following in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, ministering with justice, mercy and peace.

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When Rosemarie McKenney of St. Joan of Arc found that her pitch for SB1391, which would repeal district attorney's move to transfer a 14- to 15-year-old defendant from juvenile court to a court of criminal jurisdiction was being met with some resistance, she asked the aide, “How could we help him change his mind?”

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“The safety of the college-age women today’s world, what kids are up against — teen suicide,” she said. “Suicide, bullying,” he said. “If kids don’t have a place to go for services, after traumatic events, such as school shootings, ‘they’re at risk.”

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“Have we a concern for the Salvadorans,” she said. “Employment, she said, “must not happen. It causes great disruption” of families.

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Easter party

About two dozen seniors at St. John the Baptist Parish enjoyed a lunch of 19 cakes on March 27. Many in the group were festive hats for the occasion. The seniors met beginning at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the rectory. The seniors enjoyed a lunch of Easter buns and deserts, “they’re at risk.”

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Pilgrimages

The difference between a Holy Land pilgrim and a tourist

By Rev. Richard Mangini

Yes, we are looking forward to seeing the historical places and shrines that cover the many footsteps of Jesus. We will see buildings and the land where Jesus walked and talked, but a pilgrimage is more than a tour.

Jesuit Father James Martin in his book “Jesus, a Pilgrimage” suggests that “traveling through the Holy Land is like visiting the home of a good friend. No matter how well you know the person, you’ll understand your friend better afterwards.”

You can begin to see that a pilgrimage is more than a tour. We will tour; but we will see the Gospels of Jesus more vividly, deepen our understanding of specific stories and receive an enormous amount of fascinating information about the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth.

“That is why the Holy Land is often called the Fifth Gospel because we are going to meet Jesus, perhaps like the two disciples walking the road to Emmaus. We will discover Him as we walk, as we listen, as we see, as we pray and as we imagine the unimaginable.

I have visited the Holy Land five times, and I have lived and studied in Jerusalem, studying the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and visiting almost all of the sites that are in tight quarters. Just like those few people who went to see an opened and empty tomb on what we call the first Easter Morning, we are not looking for a living One among us, but we are hoping to find Him and to see Him. But perhaps, we will find “a something” of the Jesus who once lived and the memory of Him who once lived and is dead and risen.

People walk inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher last year in Jerusalem after the restoration work on the Edicule, the traditional site of Jesus’ burial and resurrection.

A warning! If we take a pilgrimage seriously, it is going to be a challenge to look, to listen, to admire and to pray in a contemplative way. My past experiences included steady lines of visitors trying to maneuver their way in and around the holy places that are in tight quarters.

I started this article with a title — “The difference between a Holy Land pilgrim and a tourist.” In a pilgrimage, we desire to encounter Jesus who will always remain a mystery to us. Absorbing the Holy Land and the memory of Him who once lived there, along with prayerful and contemplative moments will help. While in Israel, we will have to sip its wines, to eat Middle Eastern foods and to buy many souvenirs. However, we must use our time in the holy places wisely, serenely and prayerfully so as to get the most out of being a pilgrim.

For those coming on our tour-pilgrimage, preparing best would be reading “Jesus, a Pilgrimage” by James Martin, SJ, published by Harper One — a good way to get ready.

While the Holy Land is a divided land and a place with many unresolved political and social issues, it is basically a safe place to travel, especially to the sites that involve Jesus and the Gospels. There is always a heavily Israeli military presence but quite a bit of anti-Semitism too. The Holy Land is like that “traveling through a place to travel, especially to the sites that involve Jesus and the Gospels. There is always a heavily Israeli military presence but quite a bit of anti-Semitism too. The Holy Land is like that.

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SPRED the Word: Fun with friends on June 9

By Michele Jurich  
Staff writer

There’s always much to celebrate when the SPRED community comes together for its annual Mass and dinner-dance. Just being together is cause for a party. SPRED’s mission is to integrate people with developmental disabilities into the faith and life of the Church. The ministry spans the diocese in almost 30 centers serving friends in four age groups: 4 to 10; 11 to 16; 17 to 21; and 22 and older. This year, at SPRED the Word XXVII, they will gather to celebrate the addition of two new SPRED centers. The center at Holy Spirit Parish in Fremont, as well as the center at St. Raymond Parish in Dublin, serve ages 11 to 16. SPRED the Word was the way two men who have become catechists at the new center at St. Raymond were introduced to SPRED. The Knights of Columbus of the parish have cooked for the event four times. Two of the Knights, Terry Lane and Owen Hill, were moved to action. Both trained to become catechists in SPRED. Catechists are crucial to the ministry. There is one catechist for each friend, as the participants are called. SPRED is a small faith community, said Michelle Martinez-Kilty, who has served as coordinator since 2013, and as a catechist well before that. “You learn from your friend as much as they learn from us,” Martinez-Kilty said. “Without a catechist there can be no friend.” Several parishes have hosted SPRED the Word. This year’s event, scheduled for June 9 at Church of the Transfiguration in Castro Valley, begins with Mass at 4 p.m., followed by a social. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. They plan on dancing until 8:30 p.m.

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PICO changes name to Faith in Action

As published in the May 7, 2018 issue of The Catholic Voice, the Oakland diocese announced the name change of the social justice organization PICO to Faith in Action. The change is in recognition of the works done by faith leaders from diverse backgrounds and traditions who have contributed to the social justice movement. Faith in Action will unveil a new logo and website, www.FaithinAction.org. It will celebrate this change with a gala on May 7, 2018, to honor the contributions of these faith leaders in the social movements.

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Sacred Heart Church, Oakland

Peggy and Johnny Presley

This couple is very involved with the church. Johnny Presley is head usher and the savior for the Knights of Columbus. He participates on our committee for outreach to the homeless, helps with the planning of the fundraising committee, and helps with all the events planned by that committee especially our pancake breakfasts and facilitates repairs for our buildings and grounds.

Peggy Presley is a member of the parish council and the fundraising committee, organizes the lectors, is on the confirmation team, participates on our committee for outreach to the homeless, initiates activities for our youth and cooks for our pancake breakfasts.

— Nominated by Rev. William Mason, OMV

Sacred Heart Church, Oakland

Thomas Ventresco

Tom is the chairperson of the parish finance council and heads the property and facilities committee. With his background at UC-Berkeley for contracting and operations, he worked with the diocesan finance department in organizing the transition from St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church to the YU Mission charter school. He facilitated our compliance with the fire marshal’s recommendations during this transition. He is presently involved in the planning for the future use of our property.

— Nominated by Rev. William Mason, OMV

St. Vincent de Paul, Contra Costa County

Dr. Tom Long

Tom is the parish health and lives of hundreds of uninsured adults in Contra Costa have been significantly improved because of the volunteer work from retired Alamo physician.

Long volunteers monthly at the RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic located at St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County's Family Resource Center, 2210 Gladstone Drive, Pittsburg. A deeply respected member of the Contra Costa Medical Community, Long practiced medicine as a founding physician of San Ramon Valley Primary Care, San Ramon, for more than 35 years. He is the medical director of the Hill Physicians Group.

Long, a parishioner of St. John Vianney Church, Westminster, saw a recruitment notice in the Sunday bulletin in 2013, seeking volunteer medical professionals for the clinic. Five years and hundreds of volunteer hours later, Long says, “The patients we serve are extremely low-income, and so very grateful for the medical care and health education programs provided, all free-of-charge. ... There’s never a time that I’ve volunteered at clinic that I’m not grateful for the work I’m able to do.”

— Nominated by Barb Hunt

St. Vincent de Paul Contra Costa County

Ed McEdlin

Ed McEdlin, St. Vincent de Paul volunteer, is a man of many talents and is the background that St. Vincent de Paul needed. His illustrious career of over 40 years at Montgomery Ward managing stores, followed by 15 years with East Bay Works, (America’s Job Center of California), provided the extensive expertise to help SVdP modernize and grow the SVdP Store Operations. Not only did he bring his skills and experience SVdP needed, but he also has given generously of his time and talents to spearhead the recent grand opening of the new SVdP Help and Hope Thrift Center in Brentwood and coordinate the reopening of the fire-damaged SVdP Thrift Store in Pleasant Hill.

Ed was recruited as SVdP Stores Committee Chair in November 2014 and quickly saw the need to upgrade the existing manual system of processing merchandise to a more modern point-of-sale system, one that is now used at all three SVdP retail operations.

“I enjoy working with all the wonderful volunteers who are so passionate about helping the less fortunate in our communities. I was drawn in by the Vincentian mission of St. Joan of Arc who will not turn anyone away who is in need. I wanted to find my place to serve in this community,” he said.

In early 2016, Ed began to work closely with fellow volunteers Jim Niee (who had originally recruited Ed to become a Volunteer) and Ron Weston (former SVdP executive director) to plan for the new Help and Hope Thrift Center in Brentwood.

Ed and his wife Patty have been parishioners at St. Joan of Arc Church in San Ramon since 1985. Ed’s volunteerism has not been limited to St. Vincent de Paul, where he has been an active Vincentian since 2015. He is also past president of the St. Joan of Arc Pastoral Council, a past member of the RCGA team and currently a member of St. Joan’s Helping Hands ministry and volunteer at Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa County.

— Nominated by Barb Hunt

St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito

Ancelle Nguyen

We would like to nominate Ancelle Nguyen as Parishioner of the Year from St. John the Baptist Parish in El Cerrito.

Ever since the parish took over operation of the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel next door to the church about five years ago, Nguyen has worked tirelessly as an unpaid volunteer to run it. She maintains the physical structure, buys the supplies, arranges the flowers, helps conduct the adoration hours and leads the special ceremonies (i.e., Our Lady of Fatima procession, Divine Mercy Sunday).

“Without her, I don’t think we could have maintained the chapel,” she says.

She prepares novenas, Mass celebrations for Fatima and processions. She unites Spanish devotions through prayer novenas, recreation of the rosary and the chaplet of the Divine Mercy. She speaks Spanish and French. She prepares retreats at the chapel on particular solemnities/feasts, such as Lent, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Margaret Mary. Her favorite words to me are “Pray, Pray.”

“Nguyen is a regular contributor to our bulletin. She loves the name St. Isidore, for it sounds like the Easy Door.”

— Nominated by Tom Kennedy and Ed Bautista

St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito

Marissa and Bettina Bautista

Marissa Bautista, with her daughter Bettina Bautista, are unpaid choir members who started in 2004 leading the 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Choir; for 14 years every week accompanying the choir with the piano.

The choir provides different musical selections for every liturgical season and invites anyone who delights in music to visit St. John the Baptist Church.

— Nominated by Ed Bautista

The School of Applied Theology, Oakland

Marilyn Coffy

Marilyn Coffy is a dedicated volunteer. Marilyn Coffy has been a watching presence to the SAT students who come to the program for spiritual growth and around the world.

With each new group she may be the first SAT contact they meet when they arrive at the airport, or she may be the one to greet local participants at the door with her generous hospitality during the weekly courses. The continuity of Coffy’s attentive presence interweaves into the participants daily experiences as it does in the SAT program’s ongoing needs for her support with essential administrative tasks.

Through her service, the mission of the SAT program to provide a holistic Sabbath experience of attentive rest, theological renewal and spiritual formation, is fulfilled.

— Nominated by Karen Sjoholm

The School of Applied Theology, Oakland

Katie Hayes

The thoughtful presence, words and actions of Katie Hayes is a reminder that the volunteer Katie Hayes create a supportive space that attends to the diverse expected needs of all involved in the program. Whether picking up SAT participants at airports, embracing necessary organizational tasks or attending to the emotional well-being of all who serve and lively energy ensures that the goals of SAT to offer programs that support the renewal of the hearts of all involved in the program.

— Nominated by Karen Sjoholm

St. John the Baptist, San Lorenzo

Louie Barranco

It is extremely important that Louie Barranco of St. John the Baptist, San Lorenzo be recognized as one of the diocese’s hard-working, men and women volunteers. His dedication to God allows him to be a giving, unselfish, kind and gentle man. His life is dedicated to serving the people of others. At St. John Church, Barranco makes everyone feel at ease and always of good cheer and a happy bright person — an inspiration all who want to be servants of Christ. He

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Honoring . . .

(Continued from Page 6) — Evelyn Bonito has been a parishioner for many years and serves quietly in the capacity of St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus, daily Mass and lector, Cursillo organizer for the parish as well as Hospitality Sunday; he has played music for years for the SPRED dances as well as hosting the parish Christmas Golden Age Dinners and recently was a facilitator for our Bible Study.

He quietly seeks out those who are homeless and helps get them food and shelter as well as praying with them; he has been known to help a homeless veteran acquire paperwork to enable a better life and recently he engaged communication with a man in church suffering withterminal cancer whose one wish was to be confirmed and through Barranco’s efforts with the pastor, this man has realized his one wish and has been confirmed. Louise Barranco has been long overdue for recognition at St. John Church and he is too humble to want the attention but recognizes the efforts of others.

— Nominated by Ernestine Mio

Evelyn Bonito

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Hayward

Michael J. Carroll

Michael J. Carroll is the chief of police for the city of Newark and has been a volunteer and donor to Moreau Catholic High School for many years. As an active member of the Moreau Catholic community, he has attended many school functions, homecoming events, crab feeds, has coached soccer for seven years and assists with our Mock Trial team. Carroll has also supported our Funding Hopes and Dreams Tuition Assistance Program. This school year, he was presented with Moreau’s prestigious John A. Raimondi Volunteer Award for his decades of volunteer service to the school and surrounding communities.

— Nominated by Donna Cumming

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Concord

Bill Drury

Bill Drury has been a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (and formerly St. Joseph of Newark Parish) for 42 years, and has helped out in countless ministry along the way. Drury has been and still is actively involved in the church as a volunteer for 32 years with our Youth Ministry program, and for 18 years with our Teen Confirmation program.

His wisdom gives great benefit to all of us, and his dedication is second to none. Our parish is truly blessed to have such a wonderful role model for our youth and adults alike. We all hold Bill Drury in highest regard, and are thankful for his tireless dedication.

— Nominated by Kathy De Lemos

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Castro Valley

Roger Lowe

Roger Lowe and his wife, Liz, sent their three children to Our Lady of Grace Catholic School in Castro Valley, and now Lowe is watching over his grandchildren earn their way to high school as they work through the school and now are in their third and sixth grades. He is on our campus helping in more ways than one can count — a true “jack of all trades.”

Thanks to the occasions where Lowe has come to repair, replace or redo something at our school, we have saved thousands of dollars in costs. He is also on our school board and was a member of the very first school board formed many years ago. We are blessed to have this dear man in our community.

— Nominated by Susan R. Anderson

Moreau Catholic High School, Hayward

St. Mary Magdalen, Berkeley

Cat Nielsen

Some years ago, when our parish business manager and secretary quit on the same day, Nielsen started volunteering in the church office.

At first she was the church bookkeeper and did work for Father Carl Schlichte, OP. Now she volunteers full time. Her title is parish technical specialist, and she handles all the “techy” side of the parish.

She has become an important assistant to our new pastor, Father Nick Glisson, and works with him doing spreadsheets for meetings (like at our Parish Leadership Conference) and many other things I don’t know about.

In addition to her work in the church office, Nielsen is also a leader of the Faith Studies group, and is a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass. Father Nick honored her at his installation in October.

Without Nielsen as an extraordinary volunteer, our church could not have had her transition to a new pastor as smoothly as it did.

— Nominated by Barbara Heinz

St. Joan of Arc, San Ramon

Karen Rivera

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Often times in a parish there are people who do things that no one is ever aware of. They work behind the scenes and it isn’t until they are unavailable, do you realize all they do? At St. Joan of Arc, one of those many people is Karen Rivera. She leads our Liturgical Environment ministry and manages the care of our Liturgical Linens and supervises our sacristans.

Rivera volunteers to create new environments and floral displays for our worship spaces. Coordinating with the Liturgy and designing and implementing plans for each of the major liturgical seasons. When first asked to help with this ministry, she had no experience with liturgical environment. Karen spent time on Vatican websi- tes, diocesan websites and researched every aspect to provide our parish the most beautiful and spiritual experience she possibly could. She spends endless hours a week and many late evenings creating her vision and coordinates the liturgical environment ministry that comes and helps with our major events.

Along with her work with environment, she has taken on the training and care of our sacristans, our young people whom she is known for her spiritual direction for each week. She is often found in the sacristy, preparing our liturgical items or serving in a liturgical minister role, doing whatever is needed. Her love for her church and the people of St. Joan of Arc is nothing less than a blessing for all of us.

Karen Rivera is a tireless and generous volunteer at St. Joan of Arc. Her dedication and conscientious service provides an invaluable contribution to the beauty of our liturgical environment and the prayerfulness of our parish worship,” said Rev. Ray Sacca, pastor.

— Nominated by Ray Sacca, Robert Cummings and the entire St. Joan of Arc staff

Our Lady of Good Counsel, San Leandro

Evelyn Bonito

Evelyn Bonito has been a parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, San Leandro, since her responsibility in 2006. In 2014 she became a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Since then she has been involved in most ministries, such as being a member of the Liturgy and Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council. She oversees the Building and Ground maintenance, visits the sick and acts as backup for the parish secretary and has helped update the parishioners’ database. The most admirable job of the super volunteer undertaken is coordinating the church choir, taking back from 1966-2016 and assisting on all Jubilee events.

— Nominated by Rev. Jan Rudawicz

SAN DAMIANO RETREAT

Spirituality & Conscious Aging: Finding Meaning and Purpose in Retirement — with Jim Briggs, 5/11-12

Embodyed Prayer with Steve Harris • Kaleo & Elise Ching, 5/12

Adult Children of Alcoholics with Staff of Options Recovery Services, 5/25-27

The Gift of a Moment (Silent Contemplative Retreat) with Sr. Ishpriya, 6/7-8
President C. Barber, SJ, who said Childs’ “backbone,” he said. “Pierre-Antoine brings more than 20 years of leadership and presentational expertise both here in California and diocesan liaison for Lumen Christi Academies, the new Catholic schools network in the Diocese of Oakland.”

Two join . . .

Academies, the new Catholic schools network in the Diocese of Oakland, the Catholic Identity of the community and each member of our family. 

• Provide early literacy and rich language development for all students.

• Support the dedicated teachers who serve in our schools.

• Promote the improved facilities, classroom technology and teaching resources to support the academic excellence.

Michael Dreyfus-Pai, director of Educational Technology, is enthusiastic about the work of implementing these goals: “We’re examining what it means to support the whole child, through programs, curriculum, resources, and teacher training, all supported by this unique structure.

The Lumen Christi Academies are going to take the best ideas from across our diocese and implement them in a way no school could.”

Several teams have worked hard to support the schools during this planning and design phase for the successful launch of the academies network this fall. The Academic Excellence and Professional Development Team is made up of educators from the academies, other diocesan elementary schools, Catholic high schools and Catholic schools of the Diocese of Oakland.

The model has three key academic principles:

• Preserve, strengthen and celebrate the work of the board of Regents we are excited by J.D.’s appointment as superintendent.

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Latino Catholics meet to strengthen Church connection

Staff report
Almost 1,280 Hispanic Ministry leaders from California, Nevada and Hawaii — including 103 from the Diocese of Oakland — gathered at the Pacific Regional meeting of V Encuentro in Visalia, near Fresno, the weekend of April 27-29.

The V Encuentro (fifth meeting) effort will discern ways in which the Church in the United States can better respond to the needs of the Hispanic members of our Church," said Rev. Alexander Castillo, director of Faith Formation and Evangelization.

Throughout 2017, local chapters of V Encuentro developed consultation and evangelization workshops with parish leaders in advance of the regional meetings. A national V Encuentro developed consultation and evangelization workshops with parish leaders in advance of the regional meetings.

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More on V Encuentro
Bishop’s column on Page 3.
More photos at:
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and focusing on an annual social event.

“Financing Catholic education is an enormous challenge for every generation,” he said.

FACE student speakers were Ethan Flores, a fifth-grader at Queen of All Saints School in Concord, and Noemi Ruvalcaba, a senior at St. Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda.

Ethan regaled the audience with stories of faith formation and STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — projects — at his school, which is one of the six Lumen Christi Academies of the Diocese of Oakland.

Those core values, he said, “will carry into my future,” which he hopes will include De La Salle High School.

He said he was very grateful for assistance from FACE. His parents, he said, “chose the very best education they can.”

Noemi, a self-described athlete since second grade, said she made the transition to St. Joseph Notre Dame High School after St. Elizabeth High School in Oakland closed at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

She singled out the Kairos retreat — one she attended, and one in which she was a member of the leadership team — as “one of the most awesome experiences for me.”

She praised, too, her days at St. Elizabeth Elementary School, which her whole family attended.

Catholic school, she said, “opened doors” for her and her family. She said she plans to continue her education at Diab Li Valley College and transfer to UCLA for her undergraduate degree.

The Office of Mission Advancement estimated the net profit for the gala at $300,000, with $123,800 raised by “tuition pops,” raise-your paddle auction-style gifts that ranged from $1,000 to $30,000.

Friends and family surround Dick Steineke as he receives a Top Hat Award from Claudia Ramírez, executive director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Contra Costa County.

Fatima conference on May 11-14

Staff report

A Fatima conference in three Oakland diocese parishes is planned May 11-14 on the 101st anniversary of our lady’s message to the world. The national pilgrim virgin statue will be present.

Guest speakers include Bill Stokley, a custodian of the statue, and former vice president of Catholics United for the Faith and the Workforce Development of Fatima; Mary Rotella, singer/songwriter and producer; Tom Greeny, an attorney, graduate of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley and board member of the Order of Malta Clinic; Rev. James Moore, OP, vicar provincial for Advancement, Western Dominican Province; and Cora and Michael Wade, who can discuss a Fatima miracle.

The conference will be at the Church of St. Elizabeth, Shepherd, 3000 Harbor St., Pittsburg, May 11 and 12; Most Holy Rosary, 1313 A St., Antioch, May 12; and Our Lady Queen of the World, 3155 Winterbrook Drive, Bay Point, May 14.

The conference will include talks, multi-lingual Masses, Divine Mercy chaplet, prayer and a candlelight procession. There is a small donation for each day.

For more information or to register, contact Andrea Vitalie at 925-778-7575.

St. Catherine pupils see the future

Pupils from St. Catherine School in Martinez were selected by Shell to represent Contra Costa County at Make the Future California, and Shell Eco-marathon Americas, sponsored by the Shell Oil Co. at the Sonoma Raceway.

Catholic High School provided the bus to transport the fourth- through eighth-grade students for the STEM demonstrations and activities that took place throughout the day. Moreau Catholic High School was one of the first mentors in the Workforce Development Program. Steineke has also volunteered at the SVdP-Leaves & Fishes Free Dining Room, for many years.

His expertise was instrumental to the development and growth of St. Vincent de Paul’s thrift stores. His knowledge of the retail sales and commercial property environments led to his identification of the site for the new SVdP Brentwood Help and Hope Thrift Store, which opened in February.

He has served on the SVdP board as secretary, and served in a leadership role on the SVdP Thrift Stores committee for many years.

Steineke was recognized for his work on behalf of the St. Joan of Arc-San Ramon conference, the District Council and St. Vincent de Paul’s Workforce Development and Thrift Store programs. Friends and family gathered to celebrate his accomplishments on April 5 at St. Joan of Arc and share stories of how he transformed lives with his service and dedication.

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His expertise was instrumental to the development and growth of St. Vincent de Paul’s thrift stores. His knowledge of the retail sales and commercial property environments led to his identification of the site for the new SVdP Brentwood Help and Hope Thrift Store, which opened in February.

He has served on the SVdP board as secretary, and served in a leadership role on the SVdP Thrift Stores committee for many years.

Steineke was recognized for his work on behalf of the St. Joan of Arc-San Ramon conference, the District Council and St. Vincent de Paul’s Workforce Development and Thrift Store programs. Friends and family gathered to celebrate his accomplishments on April 5 at St. Joan of Arc and share stories of how he transformed lives with his service and dedication.

Fatima conference on May 11-14

Staff report

A Fatima conference in three Oakland diocese parishes is planned May 11-14 on the 101st anniversary of our lady’s message to the world. The national pilgrim virgin statue will be present.

Guest speakers include Bill Stokley, a custodian of the statue, and former vice president of Catholics United for the Faith and the Workforce Development of Fatima; Mary Rotella, singer/songwriter and producer; Tom Greeny, an attorney, graduate of the Dominican School of
### EVENTS

#### Friday, May 11

At St. Monica Parish, 1020 First St., Pittsburg, 925-439-4044.

At St. Philip Neri Church, 3100 Van Buren St., Alameda, 510-573-5200.

#### Saturday, May 12

At St. Nicholas Church, 1155 Shaver Ave., Dublin, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at St. Felichius Church, 1662 First St., San Leandro, 510-242-1424.

#### Sunday, May 13

At Sacred Heart Parish, 710 Highland Drive, Danville, 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 7 to 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Basilica, 1109 Chestnut St., Alameda, 510-522-0817.

#### First Saturdays

Immediately following 8:30 a.m. mass until 11:30 a.m. at St. John Vianney Church, Mullin Commons Library, Walnut Creek, 925-939-7911.

#### Saturday, June 16

At St. Philip Neri Church, 3100 Van Buren St., Alameda, 1109 Chestnut St., Alameda, 510-522-0817.

### Support Groups

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OBITUARIES

Sister Marie Amada Garcia, OP
Sister Marie Amada Garcia, formerly known as Concepcion Apodaca Garcia, died April 10 at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Michigan. She was 98 years of age and in the 78th year of her religious profession in the Adrian Dominican Congregation. Sister Garcia, a native of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was graduated from St. Vincent Academy in Albuquerque and received a bachelor of arts degree in Latin from Siena Heights College (University) in Adrian, Michigan, and a master of arts degree in English from the University of Detroit.

She spent 45 years ministering in education in Illinois, Arizona, New Mexico, California, and Nevada, and in the Diocese of Oakland, she taught at St. Louis Bertrand School in Oakland from 1960 to 1966 and at Bishop O’Dowd High School, also in Oakland, from 1966 to 1968.

Sister Garcia also served as an immigration counselor, from 1985 to 2001 in Catholic Community Services of Nevada in Las Vegas.

In 2009 she moved to the Dominic Life Center in Adrian, Michigan.

She is survived by a sister, Rita Lawrence of Carthage, Texas, nephews and a niece.

The funeral Mass was held April 13 in St. Catherine Chapel. The Rite of Committal took place in the Congregation cemetery.

Sister Kay McMullen, SNDdeN
Sister Kay McMullen, also known as Ann Catherine Marie, who taught in Catholic schools in California, died March 12. She was 78.

In Oakland, Sister McMullen was graduated from Notre Dame High School in Alameda. After joining the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1959 she taught in Salinas, Chico, Carmel, Yuba City, Belmont, San Francisco and in Washington state. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in music from the College of Notre Dame, Belmont, and a Montessori diploma and master’s degree in early childhood education.

In 1979, her work shifted from teaching to advocacy on social justice and women’s issues in both Washington and San Francisco, including working for the Commission on Social Justice for the San Francisco Archdiocese.

While serving on the staff at the Notre Dame School of Music in the 1980s, Sister McMullen volunteered with the Monterey County AIDS Project and John XXIII HIV/AIDS Services, helping with AIDS education and peer counseling, and frequently accompanying those who were dying.

As mission appeals coordinator for the Sisters for 20 years, she spoke in distant dioceses and parishes and encouraged other Sisters to speak about the Notre Dame Sisters’ work in Africa and Latin America.

In 2009, she celebrated her 50th year as a Sister by serving for three months in South Africa and Zimbabwe, where she assisted the Notre Dame Sisters there, and grew new awareness and appreciation of the people, the struggles, the beauty of that “unknown country.”

In the past four months, the courage and grace Sister McMullen showed in dealing with glioblastoma, an especially aggressive form of cancer, was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She, who was so gifted with words, became unable to speak or communicate in any written form. She still found ways to express her care and appreciation for others while she was at the Province Center, then Mercy Retirement and Care Center in Oakland.

Sister McMullen is survived by her cousins, Patricia Burke, Susan Chaconas, Cynthia Giannini, Ann Vance and Amy and Deon Chaconas, her other family members and many friends. Special thanks to Ann Comer, health care coordinator for the Sisters, and to Sister Virginia Unger, a longtime friend who accompanied Kay through days of unexpected silence, to her family and friends at Angela House, to all who were called to be present with Kay in her last days.

A celebration of her life was held at 11 a.m. April 13 at the Province Center in Belmont.

Sister Patrice Ellers, OP
Sister Patrice Ellers, an educator who also served several positions in her congregation, died March 22 in Seattle. She was 89 years of age and in the 70th year of her religious profession; 55 years in the Dominicans of Edmonds, Washington; and in her 15th year in the Adrian Dominican Congregation.

Born in Seattle and baptized Patricia Mary Ellers, she was graduated from Holy Angels Academy in Seattle and received both a bachelor of arts and a master’s degree in education from Seattle University. She graduated with a master of arts degree in theology from St. Xavier College in Chicago.

Sister Ellers spent a total of 18 years ministering in Catholic elementary and high schools in Washington and California. For two of those years she was principal at an elementary school in Chehalis, Washington. In the Diocese of Oakland she served as a teacher in music at Assumption School in San Leandro from 1960 to 1964.

Sister Ellers served as postulant mistress at the Motherhouse in Edmonds for three years and as director of Vocations/Associates at Rosary Heights, Edmonds, for three years. She also ministered as co-director at St.iena Center for Women, Seattle, for seven years and at the Dominican Reflection Center, Edmonds for three years. She was coordinator of religious activities for one year and apartment moderator for one year at Marymount College, Los Angeles. She was in prison chaplaincy ministry at the King County Jail in Seattle when she returned to Seattle in November 2017.

Sister Ellers is survived by loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass was held March 28 at St. Joseph Residence Chapel in Seattle. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery, also in Seattle.

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A world awash in moral outrage is the opposite of morality

By Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Moral outrage is the antithesis of moral- ity. Yet it’s everywhere present in our world today, at least in America, and rationalized on the basis of God and truth.

We live in a world awash in moral outrage. Everywhere, individuals, networks of individuals, sectors of society and whole nations are outraged, sometimes violently so, by opposing others, groups, ideas, positions, economies, ecclesiologies, interpretations of religion, interpretations of scripture, and the like.

We see this everywhere: television network outrage at the news coverage of other networks, church groups bitterly denouncing one another, whole religious choice groups angrily shouting at each other and politicians at their political rivals, paralyzed as different sides feel so morally indignant that they are unwilling to contem- plate any accommodation whatever with those opposed to them. And always, on both sides, there’s the righteous appeal to morality and divine authority (however explicit or implicit) in a way that, in essence, says: I have a right to you and to shut your ears to any- thing you say or do that is wrong and immoral and I, in the name of God and truth, am standing up to you. Moreover, your immoral words and actions legitimize the right to braded the essential human respect and immorality gives me the legitimate right to keep the essentials of human respect and immorality.

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