Bishop leads march for life to Planned Parenthood office

By Albert C. Pacciorini  
Staff writer

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, led about 100 people to the Planned Parenthood office, praying the rosary. More photos at facebook.com/TheCatholicVoice.

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we should support them, and alleviate their pain.

Another lie is that two men, or two women, of the same sex can be married.

“It’s not a marriage. It’s legal, but not everything that is legal is right.”

If Congress passed a law that the world was flat, that would not make it true.

In Germany in Adolf Hitler’s time, they were told Jews were not people, so they were rounded up and put in concentration camps.

In the United States 150 years ago, just because you were black, you were not a human being, that’s a lie, Bishop Barber said.

How can we change things? he asked.

“All we have to do is tell the truth.

We can convert people through prayer and love, he said, citing St. Teresa of Calcutta’s prayer and love changed people’s minds.

Last October, the bishop recalled, after he met with a dozen young Jesus, one of them told the bishop his story, that his mother had been on her way to an abortion clinic, but she changed her mind.

“I am so glad she allowed me to live, he told the bishop.

“It’s not a batch of some cells,” said Bishop Barber. “It’s a human baby. It’s a person, not a thing.”

“The Church will help any woman who doesn’t want to have a baby,” said the bishop.

Many attendees believe a life may have been saved as a result of the Mass, walk and prayers.

“We saw something amazing,” reported Father Lawrence D’Anjou to the group gathered in the St. Mary school gymnasium after the rally. “It was right toward the end of the event, Father D’Anjou said, the procession group had broken into groups on either side of Oakland Boulevard and the driveway to Planned Parenthood.

“A young couple went into Planned Parenthood,” he said, “and we saw the (Continued on Page 6.)

High court rules in favor of baker in same-sex wedding cake case

By Carol Zimmermann

Catholic News Service
WASHINGTON — in a 7-2 decision June 4, the Supreme Court sided with a Colorado baker in a case that put anti-discrimination laws up against freedom of speech and freedom of religious expression.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the majority, said the Colorado Civil Rights Commission had violated the Constitution’s protection of religious freedom in its ruling against the baker, who refused to make a wedding cake for the same-sex couple.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented.

Kennedy noted the case had a limited scope, writing that the issue “must await further elaboration.”

Across the country, appeals in similar cases are pending, including another case at the Supreme Court from a florist who didn’t want to provide flowers for a same-sex wedding.

The ruling in Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission stems from the case argued before the court last December from an incident in 2012 when Charlie Craig and David Mullins asked the Colorado baker.

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Catechetical Congress:
Who, what, why, where and when

Patti Collyer, of the Diocese of Oakland’s Department of Faith formation & Evangelization, talked with Michele Jurich of The Catholic Voice about the upcoming Catechetical Congress, which will be Aug. 11 from 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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**THE VATICAN**

14 new cardinals

Pope Francis announced he would make 14 new cardinals June 28, giving the red caps to 11 Italians, including the papal almoner, the Iraq-based patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church and the archbishop of Karachi, Pakistan, among others. Announcing his choices May 20, the pope said that coming from 11 nations, the new cardinals "express the universality of the church, which continues to proclaim the merciful love of God to all people of the earth."

**Offer to resign**

All 34 bishops in Chile offered their resignations to Pope Francis after a three-day meeting May 15-17 at the Vatican to discuss the clerical sexual abuse scandal. "We want to announce that all bishops present in Rome, in writing, have placed our positions in the Holy Father's hands so that he may freely decide regarding each one of us," Bishop Juan Ignacio Gonzalez of San Bernardo said May 18 in a statement on behalf of the country's bishops. The bishops are await- ing the pope's decision. Meanwhile, Pope Francis has been meeting with survivors of sexual abuse and those who have been helping them.

**Summer schedule**

A schedule of Pope Francis' major events through August was issued by the church, which continues to proclaim the church's teaching.

**Intervention in economy**

Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople rallied on Christians to work together to build a culture of solidarity in the face of growing economic inequality and a lack of respect for the human dignity of the poor and of migrants. The two leaders met privately May 26 before addressing an international conference sponsored by the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation, which seeks to promote the teaching of St. John Paul II's 1981 encyclical on social and economic justice.

**More free annulments**

Implementation of Pope Francis' abbre- viated process for declaring the nullity of a marriage got off to a slow start, Vatican statistics showed, but his encouragement for making the annulment process free for petitioners fared better. Many dioceses in the United States and Canada already had been subsidizing all or part of the costs involved in the process when, in 2015, Pope Francis issued documents reforming part of the annulment process.

**Sainthood causes**

Pope Francis issued decrees recog- nizing that 12 candidates for sainthood, including U.S. Sacred Heart Brother Norbert McAuliffe, lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way. The decrees promulgated by the pope May 19 are the first major step in the sainthood process. A miracle attributed to the candidate’s intercession would be needed before beatification and another miracle would be needed for the person’s canonization.

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**Corrections**

A story about the Order of Malta annual worldwide pilgrimage to Lourdes in the May 21 issue incorrectly said a participant was North Korea. It was South Korea.

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**BISHOP BARBER’S SCHEDULE**

**JUNE 11-15:** US bishops’ Spring General Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

**June 16:** 11 a.m., Mass of Confirmation, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fremont

5 p.m., celebration of the 120th anniversary of St. Columba Parish, Oakland

June 19: Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland, including College of Consulsors

June 20: 11 a.m., blessing, Providence House, Oakland

Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland, including Catholic Charities of East Bay quarterly meeting

4:30 p.m., Pope Francis Legal Clinic volunteer appreciation reception

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**June 21:** Office meetings, Chancery, Oakland, including Priest Personnel Board, Presbyteral Council

4 p.m., Misal Romano workshop, Cathedral of Christ the Light Event Center, Oakland

June 22: 2 p.m., Order of Malta investiture, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

6:30 p.m., Order of Malta, dinner in honor of new investees, Oakland

June 23: 10 a.m., Mass, Confirmation, St. Joachim, Hayward

5 p.m., Mass, Confirmation, All Saints, Hayward

June 24: Noon, Mass, Confirmation, St. Callistus, El Sobrante

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**Fake news**

This image post- ed on Instagram purports to be the first papal selfie but is fake news. The image was captured from a video chat Pope Francis did in 2015. The image is included in the book, "Fake Pope: The False News about Pope Francis," by Italian journalist Vullo Scavas. The book compiles and debunks the most popular and debunks the most popular fake news stories about the pope.

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‘Wherever our people are, you need to be there’

By Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ

St Louis Jesuits’ hymn (that was my mother’s favorite):

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you.” Yes, He called you, as we sing in that

Incarnation, because “The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, and He has anointed you.” But it is not YOUR doing.

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Bishop Barber

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Psalm 23: 1-3, 4, 5, 6
2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 (English)
Gospel Acclamation John 15:15b
Gospel John 15:9-17

Photos on Page 10.

Wherever our people are, you need to be there:
To accompany our people, to encourage them, to listen to their problems, to give advice, and above all, to pray for them.

All this takes a lot of time. But this is what we priests have signed up for: To lay down our lives for our people. "No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Father Ed Dura, a priest of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and a former Navy chaplain, had just arrived at a Navy base in Spain. He knew no one there. He was exhausted from the long flights. He was sound asleep. He was awakened on his first night by an emergency phone call. Get to the base hospital. Someone is dying.

He dressed quickly and rushed to the hospital. Wearing his collar and holding his sick call kit, he walked into the hospital room to people he had never seen before. “Thank you.”

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The difference between a vacation and a pilgrimage

By Cheryl Dickow
Catholic News Agency

The difference between a vacation and a pilgrimage is significant and real. When my husband and I first attempted to piece together a trip to Italy in 2013, I can honestly say we considered it a “vacation.” Vacations follow a particular thread: see some sites, relax a bit, and unwind. Vacations, while providing a reprieve from the everyday lives of the vacationer, still require some “work.” The agenda of a vacation is different from a pilgrimage. While each may have sites to see and involve obligations throughout the day, the very core of a pilgrimage is the desire to be with God — to know Him more intimately, to grow in your relationship to Him.

At the heart of a vacation is something like “to unwind” or “to relax and catch up on that took place Feb. 9-13. The group is noble and often necessary remedies for the busy lives we lead, but still, much more different from what is at the heart of a pilgrimage where we are seeking God in a whole new way. Likely, even in our animation that stems from our excitement and experiences, we become more introverted instead of extroverted — we aren’t blogging or tweeting or catching up on the news.

One of my favorite books is Matt Swain’s “Prayer in the Digital Age” where Matt begins his book by telling of a silent retreat he was taking and being dismayed to discover that his iPhone was not working. He shares, with great humility and hilarity, how the irony of wanting his iPhone on a silent retreat really gave him an insight into where he was at — and where he needed to be — in terms of his upcoming retreat. Was Matt going to call God with his iPhone during his retreat? Probably not! What Matt profoundly admits is something we all need to admit: that we need to disconnect from our everyday lives in order to connect with God. That is what a true pilgrimage is all about. Our pilgrimage to Italy was intended for couples and would incorporate all the sites that we would have hoped to see if we walk on a site, it truly makes you see in it. But it was very different from a vacation. There would be daily Mass and daily Scripture verses with accompanying meditations for each couple. We visited vineyards and saw them as the beauty of God’s green earth; we tasted wine and recognized it as given by God. This was about placing ourselves in God’s hands and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and in our marriages and through our experiences.

We have never, ever felt the sense of freedom from my everyday life as I did on this trip. We walked in my footsteps and felt the same feeling. The pilgrimage fed our souls in ways we never would have imagined. And it was fun!

The main guide for the trip was carefully selected, a Catholic man who, at one point, shared his reverence story with us, the pilgrims. And he kept us laughing. This pilgrimage wasn’t about sour faces and forlorn souls — it was about the joy and pleasure of our faith.

Together we were just over a dozen couples — the pilgrims. The personality mix was perfect. Clearly God’s hand was upon us as we began to form friendships that we were convinced were gifts from God. Two pilgrims were cantors and our Masses were blessed by their singing, Coincidence? I think not. Our pilgrimage had two components: Tuscany and Rome. In each, we had a spiritual director: Father Thomas in Tuscany and Father Mark in Rome. These remarkable priests freely gave of their time to minister to us, collectively and individually — if we so requested.

We all renewed our vows during a Mass said by Father Mark. With marriages lasting from two years to over 40, we had a deeper appreciation of the Sacrament and there wasn’t a dry eye in the building.

I thought of God’s command in the Torah that the Jewish people are to pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times a year. It wasn’t easy for them. In fact I’m sure a case could be made that it was difficult or even a downright hardship. What a thing for God to command! However, like so many of God’s instructions, the decree to pilgrimage wasn’t for God’s sake, but was for man’s sake. A pilgrimage is a time where we truly put ourselves at the mercy of God. We hand to Him our body, our mind, our soul and our spirit. We seek Him in ways never imaginable. We are so separated from our secular it seems to stop existing. At the very least, it (our secular reality) is put in such a perspective that what mattered just days before no longer does.

We live, in the days of our pilgrimage, completely for God to know Him, to Love Him, to serve Him. We can’t get close enough to Him.

Here’s where I lose my ability to explain — where I become uncharacteristically speechless… a pilgrimage completely transforms the pilgrimage. It is such an interior experience that no words can describe it. It must be experienced.

And that is why God called His people to pilgrimage. It wasn’t that He was being demanding or difficult or even unreasonable. He wanted His people to be transformed. He wanted to be able to reach deep within them and into the soul of the pilgrim and take hold. These are the reasons that God required that we appear to be a handful of these people — our pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Transformation happens on pilgrimage, so they took me back to where I started and I have to ask you: Can you really afford NOT to take a pilgrimage?

(This article is abridged from a column by Cheryl Dickow, author and EWTN personality. Her website is www.BezalletBooks.com)
**News iN Brief**

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Puerto Rico death tally may be higher

Residents usual clothes in the river in Adjuntas, Puerto Rico, on May 11. The island is still reeling from the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria’s devastation. Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick told

Massgoers May 26 that the result “is deeply regrettable and chilling for those

of us who voted ‘no.’” He said he hopes Pope Francis’ August visit can help

bring healing after the deeply contested homelandlessness as part of a one-man ministry to those living on the streets.

Bishop hopes for healing after abortion vote

Protesters hold up banners on a bridge in Dublin to persuade voters as Ireland held a referendum on its law on abortion on May 25. Voters opted by a margin of 66.4 percent to 33.6 percent to remove the right to life of the unborn from the constitution. Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick told

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**Systemic Racism**

59 arrested during ‘pray-in’

Catholics were among 59 people arrested in the U.S. and Brazil on part of the six-week Poor People’s Campaign. They said they will
gigly give up their freedom for a few hours to objects outside of political repression, overt suppres-
sion, anti-immigrant policies and inaction on poverty across the country. They told Catholic News Service May 21 before their act of civil disobedience as part of the “pray-in” alongside others who were motivated by their faith and the hope of raising attention to

gracing injustices stemming from unceasing public policies. “The Poor People’s Campaign is an effort to express the complexity and the inter-

connectedness of the issues that are extremely harmful to people in the country and around the

world,” said Mario Dennis, co-president of Pax Christi International.

**Embracing Homelessness**

Brother Michael Ignatius reflects on a scriptural passage with Billy, a home-

less friend, at a soup kitchen in downtown San Diego on May 14. Brother Michael Ignatius is part of a newly formed Franciscan network of 1,000 Franciscan brothers and

priests who belong to the existing prov-

inces. A location for its headquarters will be determined later. During the 1960s and 1970s, the number of Friars Minor in the United States peaked at 3,252.

HAITIANAS ASK FOR PRAYERS

HONDURUS — Paul and Rose Ultes, members of Sacred Heart Parish in Pahoa, had to leave their home when lava from the Kilauea eruptions moved into their section of the Leilani Estates subdivision in Puna on the Big Island. At the time they heard the mandatory evacuation order, the couple, who own Black Rock Cafe in Pahoa, were preparing to cater food for Honolulu Bishop Larry Silva’s parish visit that first weekend in May. “If everybody could just keep all the people affected in their prayers,” Paul asked.

Reclaiming Jesus

WASHINGTON — Saying that Jesus

Christ has been “hijacked” in the name of politics, a large crowd of national Christian leaders and members of their congrega-
tions vowed during a prayer service and vigil May 24 to “reclaim Jesus” from those

who not only use his name for their political and personal gain, but reject the gentle-

gens of the poor, the beauty of neighbor, the poor

and the truth that Christ embraced. “We believe two things are at stake: the soul of a nation and the integrity of faith,” said the Rev. Jim Wallis, speaking to a crowd

that overflowed onto the steps and streets outside the National Catholic Church

in Washington. Rev. Wallis was one of the organizers of the “Reclaiming Jesus” event, which gathered Baptist, Catholic, Anglican and other Christian clergy for prayer, song and a quiet vigil outside the White House.

Assisted suicide stalls

RIVERSIDE — A California appeals court has denied Attorney General Xavier Becerra’s request for an immediate stay on a lower court ruling that overturned the state’s assisted suicide law. The deci-
sion was handed down May 23 by the 4th District Court of Appeal in Riverside. The court gave Becerra and other interested parties 25 days to provide more argu-
ments as to why the court should grant the stay and suspend the lower court ruling. The attorney general requested the stay after Judge Daniel A. Otalia of Riverside County Superior Court ruled May 15 that the California Legislature violated existing law when it passed the End of Life Options Act during a special session dedicated to health care. The 2015 law, which went into effect in June 2016, authorized doctors to prescribe lethal prescriptions to any patient determined by two doctors to have six months or less to live.

Catholic disaster aid

WASHINGTON — U.S. Catholics have donated close to $55 million to relief and recovery efforts in response to the destruc-
tion caused by three hurricanes that hit the United States and the Caribbean and two

earthquakes in Mexico last year. The dev-

astation from these “unprecedented disas-
ters continues to impact the lives of our brothers and sisters in the United States, across the Caribbean and in Mexico,” said Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Alabama, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on National Collections.

Heard and Life

LAS VEGAS — Bishop George L.

Thomas told the congregation at his instal-
lation Mass May 15 that as the new bishop of Las Vegas, he will pour “his heart and life among you each and every day.” Pope Francis has strongly admonished the clergy to leave the comfort of the sacristy and the security of the sanctuary in order to bring the Gospel to the peripheries, with special solicitude toward those who

live and labor on the margins of society,” he said.

School celebrates wedding

WASHINGTON — Royal wedding fever caught on in many places, but it had a particular soft spot at Immaculate Heart

Middle School and High School outside

Los Angeles, the school Meghan Markle attended from seventh to 12th grade. The school is located more than 5,000 miles from St. George’s Chapel at Windsor Castle in England, where Markle and Prince Harry’s May 19 wedding took place, but the California school bridged this gap during an outdoor pre-wedding celebra-
tion May 15.

Priest criticized, ridiculed

ROTTENBURG, Germany — A German pastor has ignored controversy by donning a headscarf during his Pentecost Sunday sermon. Father Wolfgang Sedlmeier, pastor of the Parish of St. Maria in Asien, shocked his congregation by wearing a scarf around his head during a Pentecost ser-
mon and wearing it on the altar during the duration of the May 20 service. Father Sedlmeier said he wished to protest dis-
crimination against Muslims and Jews, according to SWR radio.

Veterans’ Lourdes experience

LOURDES, France — Veterans taking part in the 2018 Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage to France said the journey has positively influenced their lives and benefited those around them. Maj. Jeremy Haynes, a first-time spiritual pilgrim and Lourdes visitor, said he is a changed man since visiting the shrine, where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous in a series of visions in 1858.

— Catholic News Service
Keeping that baby."

The couple made the peace sign to the church when two of them came out, and when they left, Bishop leads . . .

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Bishop Barber introduces the newly-ordained

And their youth are thirsty for Christ. On a recent Confirmation retreat: a pastor told their youth to come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament.

Father Marlo, Father Arturo, Father Jimmy, hear Jesus say to you tonight, "I no longer call you slaves, but friends." Receive this love Jesus has shown you tonight, by ordaining you as His priest, return His love by loving His friends. His" parish priest...

We priests say at every Mass, "The Peace of the Lord be with you!" We priests say at every Mass, "The Peace of the Lord be with you!"

The best thing you can do as a priest, just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, His love, His peace.

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary, and I will give you rest."

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Besides Bishop Barber and Father D'Anjou, some of the priests and seminarians participating were Revs. Dante Mostin, John Paul, Mario Rizzo and Arturo Bazan, who were ordained May 25.

that is, in your work and in this, the celebration of the Eucharist, is the No. 1 priority of our diocese.

To our diocese.

To Lay Down My Life.

The Sacrifice of the Mass.

I need you to lead by example. For you to be a good and successful priest, you will need time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every day.

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By Elise Harris

Pope Francis is expected to give a green light tomorrow to long-anticipated proposals to expand the church's Eucharist ministry to those living in situations of same-sex marriage, and to the laity.

The Holy See press office has confirmed the authenticity of the letter, which stressed the narrowness of the church delegation who attended a May 3 meeting between German prelates and Vatican officials on same-sex marriage. It was also sent to members of the German bishops' conference, Cardinal Rainer Maria Woelki, archbishop of Cologne; Bishop Felix Genn of Mönchengladbach; Bishop Karl-Heinz Wiesen of Speyer; Bishop Rudolf Voderholzer of Regensburg and Bishop Berard Feillet of Magdeburg.

After speaking with Pope Francis about the matter, the letter was published June 4 on the blog of veteran Vatican journalist Sandro Magister.

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Sister Maureen Therese Masuga, OP

Sister Maureen Therese Masuga, formerly known as Sister Helen Ann Masuga, died May 25 at the age of 94 in Oakland, California. She was a Dominican sister with a long career in education.

Sister Masuga was a member of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, a Roman Catholic religious congregation founded in France in 1870. The congregation has a tradition of providing education and other services to those in need, especially in the areas of health care and social services.

Sister Masuga was born on November 22, 1923, in Detroit, Michigan, to John and Mary (née Kozub) Masuga. She graduated from high school in Detroit and then entered the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary at the age of 19. She made her final vows on May 23, 1951, and was subsequently known as Sister Helen Ann Masuga.

Sister Masuga's ministry spanned several decades in the Catholic Church. She taught at several elementary schools and, in 1960, received a master's degree in human development from Loyola University, Chicago. She spent 37 years as an elementary school teacher and principal at schools in Michigan, California, and New Mexico. In the Diocese of Oakland she taught at All Saints School in Hayward from 1968 to 1972.

Sister Masuga was also a member of the activities staff for eight years at Maria Health Care Center in Adrian, Michigan, and a master of arts degree in philosophy degree in English from Siena Heights College (now university) in Adrian, Michigan, and a master of arts degree in English from Loyola University, Chicago. She spent 37 years as an elementary school teacher and principal at schools in Michigan, California, and New Mexico. In the Diocese of Oakland she taught at All Saints School in Hayward from 1968 to 1972.

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Sister Judith Reagan, OP

Sister Judith Reagan, OP, died May 18 at the age of 76. She had been a Dominican sister of Mission San Jose for 56 years.

Born in Pasadena, Sister Reagan, also known as Sister Judith Mary, grew up in Arcadia, California. She attended three Catholic schools in the Los Angeles area and graduated from South Gate Mission High School in 1952.

After joining the Dominican Sisters in 1960, she was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in history from Holy Names College in Oakland, a master's degree in early childhood education from the University of Oregon and a master's degree in human development and psychology from Harvard University.

During her 40 years as an educator she taught at several elementary schools and, for 11 years, served as a resident of Dominican Kindergarten in Fremont. She was also involved with the primary teachers committee for the Diocese of Oakland: CKA — California Kindergarten Association for 25 years; the California Kindergarten Conference as chairperson for five years; and CERT — Community Emergency Response Team in Fremont.

“Sister loved life, her family, her Dominican heritage and young children,” said the obituary issued by her community. “Her primary interest was to be involved in children’s education for safety and survival in the many situations in their lives.”

The funeral was held May 23 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters in Fremont.

Sister Christine Patrinios, SNJM

“Life is changed, not over. Like water into wine...,” Sister Christine, said Rev. Salvatore Ragusa, SDS, chaplain at Oakland’s Holy Names University, during an emotional Mass of Resurrection for Sister Christine Patrinios, who passed on to eternal life on May 14. “Christ formed变化nas at the Oakland university where she spent most of her nearly 30 years as an educator, said Father Ragusa, referring to the Hawaiian word for family.

He asked those who filled St. Felicia Chapel in San Leandro on May 22 for the celebration of life service to look around and see how ohana was present in the many situations in their lives.”

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Dr. Christine Patrinios was 62 years of age and had celebrated 37 years of profession as a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

A native of Oakland, she attended St. Felicita Elementary School and Moreau Catholic High School, and then California State University, East Bay. She joined the Sisters of the Holy Names in 1978.

She began her ministry in education teaching Seventh Graders at St. Gerard Majella School in Los Angeles and the Red School in Hayward. After graduating with her doctoral degree in political science at the University of Hawaii, she turned to teaching adults at Holy Names University.

For 28 years Sister Chris loved, inspired and educated students.” Sister Patrinios said. “Recently she said, ‘I miss my students. I miss my classes. I miss my students. They were her kids.’ Her commitment to her students was known to bound her to them in the most difficult of times. ‘They were all her kids.’“

In a tribute posted on Legacy.com, Sister Chris also left an enduring legacy in the state of Hawaii. Sister Patrinios said, “Her research sought to enrich the understanding of cultural differences and provide key elements of Hawaiian history and language.”

“Chris was an enduring and loving mother figure to her students. She was a teacher and principal at schools in California and New Mexico. In the Diocese of Oakland she taught at All Saints School in Hayward from 1968 to 1972.

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**NEW EVENTS**

**June 14, 28, July 12, 26, Aug. 9, 23**

Promotion workshop for grief Support; 7-30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoney Pointe Drive, Pleasanton. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Go to catholiccounselor.org for more information.

**Saturday, June 16**

St. Leonard's Meritans' 17th Annual Summer Sports Day. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the park at 8800 Danville Blvd., at Rite Aid. In memory of Rina Conroy. Rachel, Conroy's daughter, will host this event with refreshments and food. Contact: 925-368-5985.

**Sunday, June 24**

Annual Multicultural Carnival. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Crow Canyon Country Club, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. Susan Pohrn, speaker and advocate adoption will share her own sister's battle with drug addiction and how the power of the Lord's forgiveness will share her oldest son's battle with drug addiction. Bingo. Info: 925-537-4038 or raffle@lutherancharities.org.

**June 29 to July 2**

Staying Our Right Side ... What an Order! (Recovery Retreat) with Sister Bregnere Moore. At San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Drive, Burlingame. 925-634-9011 for more information. Please sign up by June 17.

**Friday, July 6**


**SECOND WEEKEND EVENTS**

**July 7 to 11**

Shine with Saints with Alice Camillo. At Valhobras Retreat, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Monte Rio. Information: 707-588-1303, alice@valhobras.org. Participants: Alice Camillo and Rev. Paul Boudreau will trace this history. Information: https://valhobras.org or David Leman 925-514-6014 or david.leman@gmail.com.

**Saturday, July 19**

Entering the Care of the Heart – VIII and IX. At St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill. Eucharistic service held every third Sunday at different worship sites.

**Friday, July 26**

8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1109 Chestnut St., Alameda. Every fourth Friday (every third Friday in November and December) information: www.facebook.com/TaiZeOnTheIsland.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Third Wednesdays**

Military Peer Support Group. 7 to 8 p.m. in the rectory of St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 3888 Marina Blvd., Alameda. Please join us for fellowship and support. Please call before attending. Contact: Don Pedro at 925-485-4965 or 4111-Ricomicald.com.

**Thursday, July 5**

Thursdays

Women/widowers grief support group. 5 to 6 p.m. at St. Mary Parish, 505 Fairview Ave., Brentwood. Information: Sandy Heindsch, 925-513-5882, 925-485-4050. sandhindsch@comcast.net.

Parents Who Have Lost a Child Support Group. 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Parish, 505 Fairview Ave., Brentwood. Information: Sandy Heindsch, 925-513-5882, sandhindsch@comcast.net.

Catholic Divorced Widow and Separated of Ourspace room, at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, 2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek. Those who are struggling from a loss due to separation, divorce of a loved one or loneliness and depression are invited to participate in these grief group meetings. Information: contact Joan K, 925-929-1001.

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**EVENTS**

**June 30 and July 1**


**July 14 and 15**


**GRIEF WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, June 14**

Why Does It Hurt So Much? 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday evening at 1109 Chestnut St., Alameda.

**Thursday, June 21**

Why Does It Hurt So Much? 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 2100 pearl St., Pinole.

**Saturday, June 30**

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**EVENTS**

**June 17, 24**

**RETREATS**

**June 29 to July 1**

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The retreat weekend offers a supportive environment for women or men who are grieving the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, and sudden infant death. Contact Kim at 209-465-5433 or Gloria at 916-485-2584.

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**Sunday, July 15**


**Next Vote:** June 21. Submissions by June 13 to Carrie McClish, 2121 Harrison St., Suite 106, Oakland, CA 94612; datelines@oakvoices.org (text/photos): phone 510-419-1074; or by fax at 510-689-4734.
Parishes take a closer look at Formed program

By Michele Jurich

Two representatives of the Augustine Institute came to the Diocese of Oakland last month to assist parishes in learning more about Formed, an online collection of movies, books and articles designed to help people learn more about their Catholic faith. The diocese’s Department of Faith Formation and Evangelization is promoting the adoption of Formed in parishes. A dozen parishes in the Diocese of Oakland already subscribe to Formed. A parish subscription can be accessed by all people already subscribe to Formed. A parish subscription can be accessed by all people living within a parish’s borders. Additionally, a parish may set up information on the website for parishioners, offering suggestions for readings, sacramental preparation or seasonal activities.

In workshops in Oakland and Walnut Creek, in English and in Spanish, parish leaders learned more about Formed and how it can be used to reach the faithful. Luis Soto, director of Hispanic outreach and content for the Augustine Institute, previously served as director of Hispanic ministry for the Archdiocese of Denver. Soto oversees the acquisition of Spanish-language materials for Formed, and ensures the authenticity of the content. “Most people are aware of the amount of content we have in Spanish,” he said. The Spanish content on the website can be accessed by phone, tablet and computer. An app is available for Apple products; an Android app was expected soon.

The Augustine Institute’s high production values are evident in the productions. Soto said they are diligently working on dubbing as well as producing content in Spanish. For example, Tim Gray, Augustine Institute president, made a presentation that Soto translated to Spanish, and made the presentation himself for the Spanish-speaking audience. He said the institute had just acquired rights to books from Peru, which institute employees were reading to verify content. Donaldson, director of sales and strategic partnerships, said the Formed site is valuable for Catholics at all levels. “I deeply love my faith,” he said. “I wish I had these resources at my fingertips when I questioned my faith.” He said they are hoping that parish leaders find the content valuable in sacramental preparation, at times when people who may have been away from the church engage again, particularly at marriage, baptism and a child’s First Communion.

He said there are 600,000 registered users in 3,700 parishes around the world. Formed launched on Sept. 1, 2015. A parish subscription costs less than $2,000 a year. For an example of Formed, visit www.formed.org.

150 years of ministry in California

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaff declared May 10 to be “Sisters of the Holy Names Day” and presented the proclamation that she is reading from in this photo to Sister Maureen Dabney, SNJM, provincial of the congregation’s US-Ontario province, at the St. Theresa Parish Event Center in Oakland. More than 300 people were in attendance for the occasion that marked the opening of a year-long celebration of 150 years of SNJM ministries in California. Several alumna from schools conducted by the SNJM Sisters spoke at the event which included a blessing from Bishop Emeritus John S. Cummins, who himself attended an SNJM school. To see more photos and videos of the celebration, visit the website: www.snjmca150.org.

Honduran human rights activist visits Berkeley religious leaders

By Carrie McClish

In a show of solidarity, religious leaders from various faith groups gathered May 15 at Berkeley’s St. John’s Presbyterian Church to pray with Father Ismael Moreno Coto, known widely as “Padre Melo,” a Jesuit priest and human rights activist from Honduras where defenders of human rights have been under intense scrutiny and threats.

Father Moreno, in the midst of a nine-city tour of the U.S. to raise awareness of human rights abuses in his native country, said that solidarity is especially needed for the people of his native country, many of whom are struggling from the effects of living in a society where the concentration of power is in the hands of a few families. These families see opposition to the power structure as something that needs to be eliminated, he said.

In addition to extreme poverty and joblessness, demonstrations following last year’s elections have led many to flee the country, he said. “Thank you for this event,” Father Moreno told the assembly. “What we want is dignity and human rights for all in the population.”
Three priests ordained

Staff report
Three priests were ordained for the Oakland diocese at the Cathedral of Christ the Light the evening of May 25, drawing applause from a standing-room-only crowd. The three men are Revs. Jimmy Macalinao, José Arturo Bazan and Mario Rizzo.

“Ninety percent of successful ministry in the Catholic Church is just ‘showing up.’ Being there,” advised Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, to the new priests in his homily. “Wherever our people are, you need to be there.”

“You are called, and chosen,” the bishop said.

Coincidentally, the May 25 date also marked the fifth anniversary of the ordination and installation of Bishop Barber, and May 24 was Father Rizzo’s birthday and May 26 is the day Father Bazan was baptized.

The new priests will serve at these parishes: Father Bazan, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brentwood; Father Macalinao, Most Holy Rosary Parish, Antioch; and Father Rizzo, Christ the King, Pleasant Hill.

Related story
Read Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ’s homily from the ordination, Page 3.

The ordination ceremony includes various rituals, one of the more visual is when the ordinand lays prostrate before the altar, a symbol of the ordinand’s unworthiness and his dependence upon God and the prayers of the Christian community.

A standing-room-only crowd applauded as the three new priests were ordained. The cathedral was filled with clergy, family, friends and some of the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, who offer support to the seminarians.
Good letter

Very good letter from Robert Burke (Forum, May 21) reiterating the Church’s longstanding teachings on abortion and her allowing the death penalty in some circumstances. I’ve been a Catholic 6 decades plus and regarding the death penalty as the same moral ground as abortion found support only within the last few decades, surprisingly promulgated by Cardinal Burke in his promotion of the questionable pro-life “seamless garment” idea.

Whimsy

Perhaps it was a moment of editorial whimsy to pair a complaint over 250-word letters (The Voice, Forum, May 21) with a 14-column-inch thesis on Catholic orthodoxy.

But here’s a suggestion: If someone has that much to say and it’s deemed important enough to print, make it an “op-ed” or some other sort of piece, separate from the letters that other writers have diligently trimmed (I think it’s called “editing”) to meet your word requirements. Seriously. Same amount of space would be filled if it’s a disappointing day at the mailbox, and the word limit could even have a mug shot. (102 words in the above, you’re welcome.)

Jackie Peis
Walnut Creek

Faith, beliefs, the state

Now that Pete Lawrence (Forum, May 7) and Robert Burke (Forum, May 21) have written denouncing my assertion (Forum, April 23) that an individual “cannot be both pro-choice and pro-death penalty” (allow me to quote the Old Testament, “Thou shalt not kill.”) This commandment is a salient verse upon which the Catholic Church bases pro-life doctrine of opposition to abortion, murder and the death penalty.

Pope Francis agrees, saying on Oct. 11, 2017, “... however grave the crime that may be committed, the death penalty is inadmissible because it attacks the inviolability and the dignity of the person.”

Burke asserts, “...the Church has acknowledged the legitimate right of ‘public authorities to punish’ by means ‘including the death penalty.’” But, I don’t see how Burke, an “attorney of 30 years” could acknowledge “the legitimate right of public authorities to punish” by means “including the death penalty.” The Church bases this position on the Old Testament, “Thou shalt not kill.”

There are specious examples, like slavery. While the history and issue of slavery is quite complex, a distinction was made a long time ago between just “slavery” and “unjust” slavery. Slavery is not always unjust — consider penal servitude for convicted criminals or servitude freely chosen for personal financial reasons. These are called just-title servitude. The Church has always condemned just-title servitude.

There was no paradigm shift. Augustine, Aquinas, Chrysostom, Gregory of Nyssa and St. Patrick all considered slavery as just-title servitude. The Church teaches that, “the state, when it acts in conformity with its duties toward its neighbor, may, in legitimate cases, partly or totally own him who is its property.”

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LGBTQ Day of Dialog with San Damiano Staff, 7/8

Berkeley

July 8: The San Francisco LGBTQ Day of Dialog is an annual event held by the San Damiano Community to explore how we can be effective advocates for justice, peace and love in our everyday lives. It is a day of gathering and reflection for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, religious backgrounds, human rights activists, community organizers, and allies. It is a day to call on critical issues facing the Church.

Let letters to the editor provide a forum for readers to engage in an open exchange of opinions and concerns in a climate of respect and civil discourse. The opinions expressed are those of the writers, and not necessarily of the Catholic Voice or the Diocese of Oakland. While a full spectrum of opinions will sometimes include those which dissent from Church teaching or contradict the natural moral law, it is hoped that this forum will help our readers to understand better others’ thinking on critical issues facing the Church.

To teach the beauty of the Eucharist is to teach of Divine Love to teach others that Divine Love. We can paraphrase St. Paul in saying — how can we expect them to believe that which they have not taught.

Our Catholicism notes that the Eucharist is the “sum and summary of the Catholic faith.” When we teach that, we will again have greater participation of our younger generations in their Catholic faith.

George E. Platsch

Walnut Creek

‘Revolution of values’

Fifty years ago, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called for a People’s Peace Campaign to begin a “revolution of values” in America, invoking moral values independent of partisan politics.

May 14 was the beginning of Forty Days of action for the People’s Peace Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival which has more than 100 endorsers.

California is one of the states where people of faith and their allies are uniting with thousands of people across the country to challenge systemic racism, poverty, militarism, and ecological desola-
tion. Will The Voice be reporting on this important movement to press for meaningful implementation of Catholic Social Teaching, including Pope Francis’ call to Care for Creation?

Claire Broome

Berkeley

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Congratulation graduates

Weather from elementary, high school or college, this is a time of joyous celebration for families, friends and students, as graduates embark on a new beginning — the next level of education or the workforce. Your Catholic education, with its emphasis on excellence, service and a relationship with Jesus and one another, is part of the foundation that will guide you through life.

Pope Francis has said that as mercy animated the ministry of Jesus, it should animate the ministry of His Church. As you go forward, I urge you build on the service you have learned in school and put your faith in action through your work, your family and I will always be grateful for the experience it has offered me.

My CYO basketball teammates and the league have taught me the importance of patience, teamwork and responsibility as well as "love and passion for the sport." The CYO, in understanding sportsmanship and responsibility, is also significant to him or her.

The CYO Bill Ford Scholarships, named in honor of the longtime CYO director, were awarded for the first time this spring as a continuation of the previous Marty Mart Scholarship, with a grant from a local foundation.

The scholarships are not awarded for skill in playing sports, but are based on an essay in which they are asked to "share their thoughts on their athletic participation in CYO, in understanding sportsmanship and responsibility, and on the part they have played in helping those less fortunate than themselves." The six top candidates were invited to interview with the committee.

The CYO Bill Ford Scholarships, named and funded by a local foundation, will make two awards each spring and are open to eighth-grade participants in all CYO sports in the Oakland diocese. Each January, the CYO Marty Mart Scholarship, named in honor of the late CYO assistant director and volleyball coach, will continue to be awarded to a girl CYO volleyball player, and is privately funded. The scholarships will award $1,000 to each recipient for their continued education. Participants in both Catholic and non-Catholic schools are encouraged to apply.

First-ever CYO Ford scholars receive awards

Special to The Catholic Voice

In their scholarship essays, the two eighth-grade recipients of the 2018 CYO Bill Ford Scholarships emphasized that CYO is about “teamwork, sportsmanship and responsibility” as well as “love and passion for the sport.”

The scholarship awards were presented to Kendal Kibanoff from St. Leander CYO, San Leandro, and to Juan Zabian Elvira from St. Elizabeth CYO, Oakland. The pupils received their awards at their eighth-grade graduation.

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Kendal was a student at St. Leander School and played CYO volleyball for five years and CYO basketball for seven years. Both were active on their schools’ student councils. Both plan to continue their educations at Catholic high schools, St. Leander and played CYO volleyball for five years and CYO basketball for seven years.Both were active on their schools’ student councils. Both plan to continue their educations at Catholic high schools, St. Leander and played CYO volleyball for five years.

She emphasized that her St. Leander team was also her family. “When my dad, who was the assistant coach, was diagnosed with cancer, they prayed over my family. When he began treatments and couldn’t help coach anymore, they continued to pray and made team shirts of periwinkle with “Kibanoff Strong” printed on them to show him support during games. When he passed away, they were still there for my family, praying for strength to get through this difficult time. Because of this support, my CYO team has showed me to continue to have faith.”

In his scholarship essay, Zabian also emphasized family and learning teamwork. “The one interest that I am most PROUD of is CYO basketball. It was not long after I joined the team that my love and passion for the sport began to grow. Over the years, I have developed into a strong team player and an accountable role model for my teammates and my coach. My coach and the league have taught me the importance of patience, teamwork and dedication. My CYO basketball teammates and coach have become an extension of my family and I will always be grateful for the experience it has offered me.”

The scholarships are not awarded for skill in playing sports, but are based on an essay in which they are asked to “share their thoughts on their athletic participation in CYO, in understanding sportsmanship and responsibility, and on the part they have played in helping those less fortunate than themselves.” The six top candidates were invited to interview with the committee.

The CYO Bill Ford Scholarships, named and funded by a local foundation, will make two awards each spring and are open to eighth-grade participants in all CYO sports in the Oakland diocese. Each January, the CYO Marty Mart Scholarship, named in honor of the late CYO assistant director and volleyball coach, will continue to be awarded to a girl CYO volleyball player, and is privately funded. The scholarships will award $1,000 to each recipient for their continued education. Participants in both Catholic and non-Catholic schools are encouraged to apply.
The joy of 41 + 41 years of teaching at St. Peter Martyr

By Michele Jurich

Middle school at St. Peter Martyr School in Pittsburg is going to look quite different when pupils return in the fall.

Two teachers with a combined 82 years in the classroom — John Anello and Rocco Enea — are retiring. Each has taught seventh grade for the past 31 years. "It's different when pupils return in the fall. They always recognize alumni who brought their nieces and nephews. It's a family," said Anello, who taught eighth grade for the past 31 years. "It's a dream come true."

The dream may not have been his first. After graduating from Pittsburg High School, Anello played semi-pro summer baseball for the Pittsburg Phillies farm club in the Bay Area.

Anello, a catcher, was told: "You have a gift to offer. Enea has also served as vice principal of the school, working alongside Principal Joe Siino. Anello had high praise for Siino: "We've got the greatest boss," he said. He also praised his colleagues. "When you get an atmosphere like this, you want to stick around," he said. "One thing I wanted to do was be committed," he said.

Commitment is also part of Enea's legacy. "It's been a pleasure to see all the kids," Enea said. Those kids include three generations of families who have attended the school. At graduation, Enea said, "I would always recognize alumni who brought their children back."

Enea taught two generations of his own nieces and nephews. He has also kept in touch with alumni, with gatherings and reunions a tradition at the Pittsburg school, which opened its doors in January 1950. "There's a really strong bond here," Enea said of the school. "It's family." Enea has 19 grandchildren. "The first classes of the '50s and '60s are here," he said. "They donate time and whatever talents they have, they share." The graduates share a sense of community.

"Catholic schools are so family-oriented," he said. "Graduates leave with more than just what you learned in the books." Some members of that community are also staffing the school. "Presently five staff members are graduates," he said. Of the five, Enea taught three of them.

As for retirement, Enea said, "I'm simply stepping down." His plan involves volunteering at school. He lives just about five minutes away.

Anello will be taking some advice from his predecessor. "For the first two months, sit back and do nothing. That's not likely to last long. He has a group of friends he's had since he was 5. These days, they play bocce. It started with hard ball, fast pitch; softball, bocce," he said. What's next? Binge.
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Grades 7-8...strengthened by faith!
At SJND, a promise to St. Elizabeth transfers kept

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer

Twelve graduates in the 97-member Class of 2018 of St. Joseph Notre Dame High School may not have imagined themselves walking across the stage in Alameda on graduation day.

As these 12 began their junior year at St. Elizabeth High School, across the High Street Bridge from the Island City, they learned that their school would close. That day, principals and presidents from the diocese’s other high schools began meeting with parents and students to help them figure out how to finish their Catholic school journey.

Among those school leaders was Ken Jennings, who was just beginning his first year as principal of St. Joseph Notre Dame High School.

As graduation day 2018 approached, Jennings was preparing to honor the graduating class. “It’s a credit to the entire faculty and staff and team here at SJND,” he said of the upcoming event. “When the bishop asked us to take on this opportunity, we didn’t know at the time how many students it would be.

“We accepted 25 of the St. Elizabeth High School transfers, predominantly rising sophomores and rising seniors. Right away they felt they were part of our school, understood our mission.”

One of the first things they did was have a Mass of welcome last spring. The warm welcome was supported with an academic workshop.

“‘I think those initial steps made a really significant difference,’ he said.

“The warm welcome was supported with an academic program designed to bridge any gaps between their previous schooling and what would be asked of them in the next year.

“Jessica Park, our assistant principal, and I asked Betsy Norris to come back because she had a significant connection with the St. Elizabeth High School community,” Jennings said. “We also knew with her many years of teaching experience, she would be a wonderful person to work with these students, especially in her writing workshop.”

“‘I flunked retirement,’” said Norris, longtime English and Spanish teacher at the Alameda high school.

“She introduced the students to her motto ‘Con ganas se puede!’— with motivation you can do anything. ‘I’m very impressed with the kids,’ she said.

“The first semester was getting acclimated,” she said. “During the second semester, she would hear from her students, ‘Don’t worry Mrs. Norris, I’m doing better.’

“The campus ministry’s Kairos retreats was an important part of that process. ‘We had Kairos at St. Elizabeth as juniors,’ Norris said. They joined their fellow Pilots on Kairos retreats early in the senior year. ‘I think Kairos was the opportunity for them to become part of this community and make friends.’

“Jennings said that when he met with students to assess the year, students told him the Kairos retreat had been a highlight of their year.

“Jennings said the students have been as much of a blessing to the SJND community as the community had been to them. ‘We have been enriched by their presence,’ he said.

“Among the students enriching the campus community was Ruth Abebe.

“For Ruth, the choice was clear: St. Joseph Notre Dame was close to her Oakland home, and she was accustomed to change. When she was 9, her family had emigrated from Ethiopia.

“Her mother suggested she look upon the transition year as preparation for college, as she would be able to leave one community for another.

“Ruth will begin her studies, in pre-med and global health, at the University of California at Davis. She looks forward to bringing medical care to underserved parts of the world.

“At the school’s Senior Recognition Night, Ruth received the Betsy Norris Ganas Award for Perseverance.

“Adrian and Alex Gutierrez, identical twin brothers who had attended St. Elizabeth elementary and high schools, found familiar faces at St. Joseph Notre Dame High School. They recognized several elementary school classmates who had come to the Alameda school.

“In the fall, they played soccer.

“They found the academics challenging, but said they were able to keep up.

“‘I kept pushing,’ Alex said. ‘She’s amazing,’” he said of Norris’ help. “She keeps pushing us, at workshops we have with her.

“‘It’s good to see someone reach out their hands to us when we need help. It’s welcoming to us.’

“The brothers will continue their education together at Merritt College in Oakland, then plan to transfer to a four-year university. Both plan to major in psychology.

“When asked if that might mean a dual practice in the future, they smiled.

Blessings to all graduates – may your futures be bright!

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Learning in a New Light
Congratulations to our honored graduates of the Class of 2018
By Ariana Avalos

I was born to an immigrant father and a local Mexican-American mother. I lived in a neighborhood that was OK until my house got robbed and my parents decided to move. It was OK until my house got robbed and my parents decided to move. My dad knew. At just 17 he’d lost his job after being shot by shooting by some of his friends. Since then, I was raised in a small community of Colusa, Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Sutter and Yuba counties. My parents decided to move. My dad knew. At just 17 he’d lost his job after being shot by shooting by some of his friends. Since then, I was raised in a small community of Colusa, Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Sutter and Yuba counties.

My dad started a foundation to helpachieving kids from low-income families be able to go to University of California universities. Even since I was 11 years old, I would help choose the kids we would give a scholarship to. I would read over their applications and choose 11 of the 30 that apply, and in their applications they would have to write an essay about their life. It’s crazy to see what people have gone through, all of the violence that has affected them. I read one essay where this guy’s best friend was shot and killed right in front of him at the age of 16. There was another essay where this guy’s dad was innocent and was innocently murdered by a police officer who had pulled him over just to “question” him. But out of all of these that I have read, one has stood with me since the day I first read it.

That essay was from someone who was only 13, pregnant. She ran away to live with her mom ran away when she was 13, and first-generation Mexican-American. She was shot and killed right in front of her cousin to a drive by shooting. He’d lose a sister, a brother, a mom, or dad, or best friend to a shooting. It’s more than the scars and scratches. Violence goes on in our lives and it’s more than just a punch thrown at a loved one, or a fired bullet. People are being left fatherless and people are being left heartbroken. But most importantly, people are being turned into violent killers, murder and hurting and abusing others. We need to help stop people from even doing that.

People starting foundations to help low-income kids get a good education. People need to get off the streets and into school. I believe that helping kids stay in school and set goals in life would lower the number of people that die by violence. Every day there is innocent blood being shed. People are being left heartbroken. But most importantly, people are being turned into violent killers, murder and hurting and abusing others.

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When she learned the subject essayists were encouraged to address, Ariana realized she had something to say.

“I’ve been reading scholarship applications for awhile now,” she said. “The Avalos Foundation, founded in 2012 by her father, is one of the many organizations that provide scholarships to low income high school students from the Upper Sacramento Valley who are attending a University of California or an Ivy League college. The majority of scholarship recipients have a family income less than $60,000 and are of a variety of ethnic backgrounds and small communities of Colusa, Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Sutter and Yuba counties. The students are much like Arnoldo Avalos, Ariana’s father, the youngest of seven children. Arnoldo Avalos emigrated from Jalisco, Mexico, to California at the age of 17 and eventually became a lawyer. After graduating from Gridley High School, he went to the University of California at Berkeley, where he graduated summa cum laude in history. After graduating with a master’s degree in government, he became the Avalos Foundation’s first president. In helping others earn their university degrees, she said, "It’s different than just calling someone and asking them to pay for your tuition. It’s a whole different level. It’s a whole different level that comes with having a different perspective on the world, and on life. I also see violence differently. It not only affects one person. It affects everyone around them, everyone in their community. Everyone that this person has cared for with every essay, my mind grows stronger, my thoughts grow more diverse. I think more about the people affected by violence. These essays show me that violence is not just a fire bullet. It’s more than just a punch thrown at a loved one, or the scars and scratches. Violence impacts our community, our families, our lives, our future. Violence is destroying us. Violence goes on in our lives and it is more than just a punch thrown at a loved one, or the scars and scratches. Violence impacts our community, our families, our lives, our future. Violence is destroying us. Violence goes on in our lives and it is more than just a punch thrown at a loved one, or the scars and scratches.

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Catholic teaching, service learning focus for pupils at St. Philip Neri

By Antonia Hernandez
Special to The Catholic Voice

How do culture, time, and place influence our responsibility in helping others? This essential question was the focus for the fifth-eighth graders as they read and analyzed “A Long Walk to Water,” by Linda Sue Park.

Instead of ending with a typical book report, St. Philip Neri pupils prepared for their yearly social literacy symposium. Using Catholic social teachings as their guide, four important topics from the book were highlighted: water and climate change, access to education, refugees and displaced people, and economic disparity.

“I want them to be in charge of their own research,” explained Erin Lunde, project leader and fifth grade teacher. So, each student chose what interested him or her the most and then joined a group of like-minds to delve in. Pupils also decided the output by which to portray their learning: spoken word and performance art, visual art, video, or informational posters.

Most importantly, Lunde emphasized the focus on Catholic social teaching. “We wanted our students to see outside themselves, understand the experiences of others, and ask ‘how can I help?’”

After the school bell rang on May 2, St. Philip Neri’s classrooms filled with families and friends, eager to see this year’s presentations.

In one room, there was a colorful economics poster awash with staggering statistics. The presenters responded when asked what struck them the most. “It’s shocking to me that U.S. income and inequality is the highest it’s been since 1928,” Owen Sacco quickly responded. When asked what he thought he could do to help, it was clear that he’d already considered: “I’m planning to help out at a homeless shelter.”

Across the hall, speaking from her heart, Samantha Wheeler told the room: “My mom came from Cambodia. The message I’m trying to present is that being a refugee is not a choice or anything you can control. We have so much that we can’t take for granted. We need to be aware of the smaller things in life and appreciate everything we have.”

Although their presentations are over, these pupils know there is still work to do. St. Philip Neri’s seventh grade has already raised more than $1,500 to purchase a water well in South Sudan.

“We must move forward together, as one, in a renewed spirit of fraternity and solidarity, cooperating generously for the common good.” — Pope Francis
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What was the most rewarding experience you discovered from your service learning participation? Ultimately, service learning has allowed me to step out of my comfort zone, understand injustice and become an ally. It has brought a new awareness into my life, providing skills to face the real world and instilling a hunger for justice in me.

What can the Catholic Church do to keep you and other young adults engaged in the life of the Church? The Catholic Church can continue to challenge and push our generation by creating programs and opportunities with Catholic Charities that fit our world’s needs. A cultivation of warmth within the Church challenges us to think deeper about our responsibilities as young and able people of faith.

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Sofía Ortega-Guerrero
College attending: Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
To study: Art History/Economics

What words of advice or encouragement would you like to pass along to the classes that will follow you? When applying to colleges, be confident in all you’ve accomplished and avoid comparing yourself to other applicants. Frankly, someone will always look better than you on paper. But everyone has their strengths, so remain focused on your own, unique college process. Doing that will make the process exponentially easier.

What was the most rewarding experience you discovered from your service learning participation? While at Carondelet, I participated in discussion all about my understanding of anti-racist justice can have on underprivileged communities. That service experience has Chiefly thought the way that all various issues in my community and society as a whole.

What can the Catholic Church do to keep you and other young adults engaged in the life of the Church? The Church helped me find God in everything, even when His presence felt faint. For young adults who struggle with this often, that can be a very valuable resource. The Church should emphasize that it is there to help us connect with God in times when we cannot.
Sravya Balasa  
College attending: University of California, San Diego  
To study: Computer Science  
What words of advice or encouragement would you like to pass along to the classes that will follow you? Be patient. Don’t be afraid to make mistakes. If you fail, move on. Failure is not bad; it is a part of life. Failure is an opportunity for growth.

Nyah Rae Scott  
College attending: University of California, Santa Barbara  
To study: PreCommunications  
What words of advice or encouragement would you like to pass along to the classes that will follow you? As you move through college, look for opportunities to help others, even if it is just signing up for a volunteer opportunity in the community. You never know when you might be able to impact someone else's life. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try new things. The more you try, the more you will learn about yourself and the world around you.

Ozi Amuzie  
College attending: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
To study: Health and Societies (PreMed)  
What words of advice or encouragement would you like to pass along to the classes that will follow you? Be open to new experiences and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Life is a journey and every experience, good or bad, can help you grow and learn. Also, remember to take care of yourself and seek help when you need it. Taking care of your mental and physical health is important.

Joseph Picchi  
College attending: University of California, Los Angeles  
To study: Bioengineering  
What words of advice or encouragement would you like to pass along to the classes that will follow you? Don't be afraid to ask questions and seek help when you need it. It's okay to make mistakes and learn from them. Also, don't be afraid to try new things and take risks. Life is an adventure, and you never know what you might discover.

Ricardo Gonzalez  
College attending: University of California, Santa Cruz  
To study: Computer Science  
What words of advice or encouragement would you like to pass along to the classes that will follow you? Work hard, stay curious, and always seek opportunities to learn and grow. Also, remember to take care of yourself and maintain a positive attitude. The world can be a challenging place, but with perseverance and determination, you can achieve your goals.

Nathan Mariano  
College attending: University of California, Los Angeles  
To study: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology  
What words of advice or encouragement would you like to pass along to the classes that will follow you? When you feel afraid or uncertain, ask for help. College can be overwhelming, but there are resources available to support you. Also, don't be afraid to take breaks and prioritize self-care. It's important to manage stress and maintain a healthy work-life balance.

Katherine Woelffer  
College attending: Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington  
To study: Special Education  
What words of advice or encouragement would you like to pass along to the classes that will follow you? Remember that you are capable and valuable. Seek out opportunities to learn and grow, and don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. Also, remember to take care of yourself and maintain a positive attitude. Life can be challenging, but with perseverance and determination, you can achieve your goals.

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May God bless you and guide you throughout your academic journey.

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Malachi Viera
Andrew Fontillas
Gabriel Watson

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer

Bill Walton graduated from St. John the Baptist School in El Cerrito in 1969.
He went on to Salesian High School in Richmond, and the University of California at Berkeley. He earned college money as a lifeguard at the swimming pool that used to be on the parish grounds. A community center now stands in its place.

After college, Walton went to work for St. Agnes Parish in Concord, where he served in youth ministry for four years, followed by another four years as youth ministry coordinator for the Diocese of Oakland.

In 1986, he returned to his last classroom at St. John the Baptist School, and put the teaching credential he had earned right after college to work.

He gave himself three years. The first year, he recalled, was hard. The second was better. After the third, the years just kept on coming.

Bill Walton’s years in eighth grade at the El Cerrito School total 33: one as an eighth-grader, and the remaining 32 as teacher.

Along the way, he graduated with a master’s degree in theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

He returned each school day to a building in which the library bears the name of his mother, a 50-year volunteer, and a statue in memory of his sister, who died when she was in seventh grade. He particularly likes teaching middle school. “Even the most hardened middle-school student has not given up,” he said. “I feel I can still get through in certain ways.”

“One thing I love about teaching,” he said, “every day is a little bit different. You think you’ve seen everything, and then students surprise you.”

The 32nd has had some challenges.

The class grew by about one-third this year, as nearby St. Jerome School was closed and its students were welcomed to St. John. The class went to Caritas Center in Occidental run by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. A week of living in cabins and sharing outdoor experiences — punctuated by heavy rain, the students recalled — helped bring them together as a class. Just as Walton thought it would.

The class project was to mount a production of “A Christmas Carol!” with two directors, two casts and a teacher who empowered them — then took a seat in the audience to watch the show. By all accounts, they had wonderful performances.

In preparation, the class went to ACT to see “A Christmas Carol.” Walton served as interim principal of the school in 2010, after the death of Principal Terry Barber.

“We very much gelled in terms of our philosophy, leadership, our vision for the school, and what we wanted to provide for these kids every day,” said Dina Trombetta, who is in her eighth year as principal of St. John School, after 16 years at Salesian. “A lot of reason, religion and loving kindness, mixed in with everything we do.”

As the Class of 2018 prepared for graduation, Walton, the keeper of traditions, was working with them to perfect the waltz, which they would dance at the traditional dinner-dance. There were speeches to practice, and liturgical dance to rehearse.

Graduation robes, green and white, hung from hooks in the classroom’s open closets.

He appreciates the closure the graduation festivities bring. “There’s a mixture in them of being really happy, having graduated, but there’s also that nervousness going to high school!” he said. “Especially for those who have been together for nine years, that’s never going to happen again in their life.”

One of Walton’s last duties would be to read graduates’ names as they received their diplomas.

As he transitions into retirement — during which he hopes to travel, garden and continue volunteering in his parish, Holy Family, in American Canyon — he may also learn Spanish and “fiddle with the guitar.”

He leaves eighth-grade in the capable hands of one of his former eighth-graders, Andy Gutierrez, who has been teaching music.

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The faculty and staff of Queen of All Saints School congratulate the Class of 2018!
A day in the life of the fourth-grade class at St. Joseph Elementary School in Alameda includes teacher Kathryn Culp engaging her students in reading aloud, left, and working the room to assist students as they do their assignments. Culp, honored for 50 years of teaching in the Diocese of Oakland, is a graduate of St. Elizabeth elementary and high schools.

A morning in the 51st year of teaching in the diocese

By Michele Jurich
Staff writer

Some days you get roses; some days you get rain.

Just before the 2017-18 school year began, Kathryn Culp was handed a bouquet of roses to honor her 50 years of service as a teacher in the Diocese of Oakland. As her fellow educators applauded her in the Cathedral of Christ the Light, first-year teachers gathered around her for a photo. “How will I ever …” was a comment heard from the newbies.

But on a March morning, a warm rain fell — hard — on St. Joseph Elementary School in Alameda. The morning assembly moved indoors. Heartfelt and earnest, yes; wet and a tad uncomfortable, that too. “Let the wild rumpus start!” Culp stage-whispers to the visiting reporter as she moves toward the door to welcome the students to the path to figuring it out themselves. “The oh-oh” moments showed on their faces. There were no wrong answers in class discussions. There were answers that weren’t right yet, perhaps, but were on their way to being right. Dull moments in the school day? Not a one.

The fourth-graders had sung for Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, the Sunday before, when he celebrated Mass at St. Joseph Basilica. They sang “One Candle,” as they had at the Mass, in voices sweet and earnest.

On this rainy morning, they were preparing for their participation in the Stations of the Cross for the student body in two days. Each of the 30 students had a role as narrator.

Some took two parts, filling in for absent classmates. They spoke with clarity, authority and faith. Some were on their way to being right. Dull moments in the school day? Not a one.

Culp worked in groups, moving about the room to establish the new groups to make up for their absent classmates. Culp moved among them, offering assistance when needed.

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But did any of it get to Kathryn Culp?

“Not a bit.”

Social media, she said, was the biggest change in 50 years of teaching. It’s a question she has been asked before.

A graduate of St. Elizabeth Elementary School and St. Elizabeth High School in Oakland, Culp was about to graduate from (then) Holy Names College when she saw a poster about teaching in New Mexico, as a Franciscan lay volunteer.

She went for two years. When she returned home, she began teaching at St. Bernard School in Oakland. She served at St. Benedict, St. Elizabeth and St. Jarlath in Oakland before coming to St. Joseph Elementary.

“As I begin my 13th year here at St. Joseph, I am constantly reminded of the great gifts of Catholic education: faith, values, knowledge, children and community,” she writes on the school’s website. “I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else!”

When people asked when she was going to retire, she said when it was no longer fun. It’s still fun, she said. But she needs a knee replacement, which doesn’t sound like fun.

So now Culp is retiring. Her retirement might include a second career as a journalist. And definitely more Bruce Springsteen concerts.

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So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us.” — Ephesians 5:1-2

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“Learning and Living the Gift of Self”
A garden grows at Our Lady of Guadalupe School

The Garden Club at Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Fremont, founded at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, has been a very productive venture. Forty-three students, kindergartners to eighth-graders, participated in the Garden Club, guided by AnnMarie Silveira, one of the school parents. Garden Club members have been tending to the garden beds that were built by Subal Pant for his Eagle Scout project. Subal constructed several raised garden beds that were built by Subal Pant for his Eagle Scout project. Subal constructed several raised garden beds that were built by Subal Pant for his Eagle Scout project. Subal constructed several raised garden beds that were built by Subal Pant for his Eagle Scout project.

The club’s work began when the garden beds needed to be prepared for planting. Pupils planted seeds for artichokes, squash, potatoes, kale, lettuce, green beans, garlic and herbs. Many of the crops have already been produced, and some have been sampled and enjoyed by the school’s families and staff. Garden Club members have learned what it takes to start a garden and keep it healthy, how to create valuable compost for conditioning the soil, and what it means to rely on renewable resources. Pupils have also had some fun with creating garden art by recycling old kitchen utensils and other discarded pieces to enhance the outdoor space.

Earlier in the school year, Orchard Supply Hardware in Fremont conducted a fundraising weekend at its store to benefit the OLG School garden. The students are very grateful to OSH for their contribution and ongoing partnership. The long-term goals of the Garden Club include plans to improve the outdoor classroom by adding seating and shade. There are also plans to share the harvested produce with an organization in the local community.
Graduation Awards

Bishop O’Dowd High School
Bishop O’Dowd High School bestowed the following honors at the Oakland school’s June 4 graduation at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland:

General Activity Awards: Ruby Perez and Connor Tamor

Loyalty Awards: Teixeira Cooper and Samuel Showalter

Scholar-Athlete Awards: Christina Pirrotta and Ryan Allen

The Regents’ Award: Sabine Schroepfer and Chris Lucas

Carondelet High School
Carondelet High School bestowed the following honors at the May 27 graduation on its Concord campus:

Carondelet Award: Kelsey Dempsey
Fontbonne Award: Grace Carlson
Medallie Award: Claire Farias
Principal’s Award: Sarah Shaughnessy
Senior Athlete Award: Angela Maya Baggasbas
Salutatorian: Catherine Quillin
Valedictorian: Anna Raines
President’s Lifetime Volunteer Service Award: Destiny Bermejo, Alyssa Javier, Cassidy Tshimbahanga

Salutatorian Finalists: Kelsey Dempsey, Sydney King, Kaitlyn Tilloty
Valedictorian Finalists: Kelsey Dempsey, Samantha Maguire, Ava Minoldi, Claire Schumann

Valedictorian Candidates: Sophie Canepa, Adriana Conte, Julia Ledbetter, Kaitlyn Tilloty, Brianna Wolfe

Holy Names High School
Holy Names High School in Oakland bestowed the following honors at the May 31 graduation:

Mother Marie Rose Durocher Legacy Award: Allison Wedman and Jocelyn Pham

Graduation with Honors: Kaleschi Agwumrzeie, Breanna Alamillo, Jasmine Devlin, Jocelyn Diaz, Sofia Ortega-Guzmenero, Jocelyn Phan, Cynthia Savage, Adelle Velastegui, Allison Wedman

Silver A Certificate: Jasmine Devlin, Jocelyn Diaz, Ashanti Ferris, Caitlyn Freeman, Diana Gonzalez, Vanessa Jimenez Sandovai, Alice McAdams, Kayla Plummer, Cynthia Santana-Rosas, Cara Steamont Aaron, Nahimim Tassu, Naomi Torres-Solorio, Allison Wedman


California Scholarship Federation Life Member — Highest Honor: Kaleshi Agwumrzeie, Breanna Alamillo, Jocelyn Diaz, Sofia Ortega-Guzmenero, Jocelyn Phan, Nahimim Tassu, Adelle Velastegui

Saint Mary’s College High School
The Berkeley school bestowed these honors at the June 3 graduation ceremony at Zellerbach Hall on the University of California at Berkeley campus:

Lumen Gentium Award for Community: Lelia Maharjan Singh
Del Verbum Award for Faith: Ricardo Albert Gonzalez
Gaudium et Spes Award for Service: Ohyia Alysse Conner

General Academic Excellence Award (based on GPA): Julia Elizabeth Martin, Jo Lauren Tanczynski
De La Salle Award for Religious Studies: Ohyia Alysse Conner

John Henry Cardinal Newman Award for English: Alexander D. Polesato
Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Social Studies: Daniel Colwell

Galleo Gallei Award for Laboratory Science: Alexander D. Polesato
Brother Alfred Brousseau, FSC, Award for Mathematics: Diego Alfonso Rincón

Dante Alighieri Awards for World Languages: Aubrey Michelle Sahurina (French), Maxwell Friedman Polak (Spanish)

Pablo Picasso Award for Visual Arts: Matthew Simon Cohen
Paul Robeson Award for Performing Arts: Julia Elizabeth Martin

Athletes of the Year: Kali Isabel Gant Hatcher, Dylan Wyatt

Principals’ Award: Grace Ann Arevalo, Genevieve Sharidt Wiley

Salutatorian Award: Grace Jean LemMom

Valedictorian Award: Olivia Alysse Conner

Moreau Catholic High School
Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward bestowed the following honors at the May 27 graduation at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland:

Valedictorian: Sreya Balasa
Salutatorian: Nyah Scott
Moreau Catholic Theology Award: Maristela Sanding
Principal’s Award: Teresa Megan Kane
Cross and Anchors Award: Ryan Lin
Brother Gary Stone Memorial Scholarship & Award: Tommy Slakey

Blessed Basil Moreau Award: Melissa Baruelos
Mariner Leadership Scholarship & Award: Nyah Scott

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Salesian College Preparatory
Salesian College Preparatory in Richmond bestowed the following honors at its June 2 graduation at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland:

Plaque in Fine Arts: Jordan McGowan
Plaque in Liberal Arts: Nathan Mariano
Plaque in Mathematics and Science: Christopher Feiring
Plaque in Stan Peters Scholar Athlete: Dhruv Seth
Plaque in Stan Peters Scholar Athlete: Sydney Gierke
Salesian Award: Julian Angat

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Amir Gabriel Ablang
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Matthew Josh Erestain Catapang
Jose Cipres
Timothy Joseph Corpuz
Valentino Joncarlo Eugenio
Jacob Galanida
Heriberto Garcia
Julianne Marie Gatcallahan
Jeremy Joseph Guerrero
Sharlene Anjelique Halog
Clark Paulines Meregillano
Lauren Dianne Mowry
Daniel Feliciano Moya
Amir Gabriel Aslanbaigi
Chelsea Nii Hoang
Anela Esperanza Hopkins
Oscar Giovanni Lopez
Clark Paulines Meregillano

De La Salle High School
De La Salle High School bestowed the following honors at the May 27 graduation on its Concord campus:

Brother Jerome Gallegos, FSC, Parents’ Association Award: Dawson Andrew Diaz
Brother Norman Cook, FSC, First Principal’s Award: Justin Cole Pratt
David Samson Special Achievement Award: Ellis George Mimmis

Rudy Schulte Leadership Award: Harley Jamerson Blakney

Loyalty and Service Award: Dirk Antony Tolson III
Signum Fidei Award: Nicholas Mio Brdar

St. John Baptist de la Salle General Excellence: An John Eokhaus

Saint Mary’s College High School
The Berkeley school bestowed these honors at the June 3 graduation ceremony at Zellerbach Hall on the University of California at Berkeley campus:

Lumen Gentium Award for Community: Lelia Maharjan Singh
Del Verbum Award for Faith: Ricardo Albert Gonzalez
Gaudium et Spes Award for Service: Ohyia Alysse Conner

General Academic Excellence Award (based on GPA): Julia Elizabeth Martin, Jo Lauren Tanczynski
De La Salle Award for Religious Studies: Ohyia Alysse Conner

John Henry Cardinal Newman Award for English: Alexander D. Polesato
Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Social Studies: Daniel Colwell

Galleo Gallei Award for Laboratory Science: Alexander D. Polesato
Brother Alfred Brousseau, FSC, Award for Mathematics: Diego Alfonso Rincón

Dante Alighieri Awards for World Languages: Aubrey Michelle Sahurina (French), Maxwell Friedman Polak (Spanish)

Pablo Picasso Award for Visual Arts: Matthew Simon Cohen
Paul Robeson Award for Performing Arts: Julia Elizabeth Martin

Athletes of the Year: Kali Isabel Gant Hatcher, Dylan Wyatt

Principals’ Award: Grace Ann Arevalo, Genevieve Sharidt Wiley

Salutatorian Award: Grace Jean LemMom

Valedictorian Award: Olivia Alysse Conner

Carondelet High School
Carondelet High School bestowed the following honors on its Concord campus:

Carondelet Award: Kelsey Dempsey
Fontbonne Award: Grace Carlson
Medallie Award: Claire Farias
Principal’s Award: Sarah Shaughnessy
Senior Athlete Award: Angela Maya Baggasbas
Salutatorian: Catherine Quillin
Valedictorian: Anna Raines
President’s Lifetime Volunteer Service Award: Destiny Bermejo, Alyssa Javier, Cassidy Tshimbahanga

Salutatorian Finalists: Kelsey Dempsey, Sydney King, Kaitlyn Tilloty
Valedictorian Finalists: Kelsey Dempsey, Samantha Maguire, Ava Minoldi, Claire Schumann

Valedictorian Candidates: Sophie Canepa, Adriana Conte, Julia Ledbetter, Kaitlyn Tilloty, Brianna Wolfe

Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School
Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School bestowed the following honors at the June 2 graduation on its Alameda campus:

Principal’s Leadership Award: Jordan Fernandez
Spirit of the Pilot Award: Kayla Nunz
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Julia Basch
Mollie King
Luke Blatney
Sophia Lew
Connor Bunn
Hannes Rodríguez
Xavier Chaumette-Brown
Bridgegate McElvee
Chris Costagliola
Nina Suarez
Ian Moloney
David Samson
Eoin Sullivan
Michael Dixon
Vidal Pena
Madeleine Porras
Paige Fairbairn
Alexandra Wayland
Julia Dempsey
Samantha Savin
Charllete Gilbert
Jonah Premo
Katelyn Octavia Silva
Katherine Quillin
Ryan Long Truong
Andrei Josh Sarmiento Viray
Samantha Lily Vo

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Moreau Catholic High School
Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward bestowed the following honors at the May 27 graduation at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland:

Valedictorian: Sreya Balasa
Salutatorian: Nyah Scott
Moreau Catholic Theology Award: Maristela Sanding
Principal’s Award: Teresa Megan Kane
Cross and Anchors Award: Ryan Lin
Brother Gary Stone Memorial Scholarship & Award: Tommy Slakey

Blessed Basil Moreau Award: Melissa Baruelos
Mariner Leadership Scholarship & Award: Nyah Scott

Highest GPA: Isabelle Osorio
Second Highest GPA: Noah Jacala

St. Theresa School
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Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 2018

Antonio Pasquale Accardo III
Logan Reynaldo Argueza
Mason Bamberger
Cate Elizabeth Bangalan
Princessa Banigan
Ethan Michael Bello
Dominic Mario Colvis
Patric Panganiban Bello
Isabella Marie Brandt
Jason Chittum
Isaiah Alexander Villamor Sana
Dominic Mario Colvis
Melissa Camille Coronel Lafrades
Joseph DeMaria
Megan Elizabeth Dinkert
Amaria Jule Espinal
Jackson William Estes
Stephen Patrick Guyette
Allison Patricia Johnson
Anthony Edward Karmann
Jasmine Marie Kohlmeyer
Quentin Christopher Kelley
Jakob Thomas Lai
Analisa Eva Maria Pauline
Daniel McCormick
Ashley Sky Newton
Jacob Vincent Oledged
Isaiah Alexander Villamor Sana
Olivia Marie Schultz
Isabella E. Veran Sanchez

Bishop O’Dowd High School

Left photo, Michael Thaete, left, Keepon Branscomb, salutatorian Ruby Perez and Sophia Rodrigues celebrate their graduation from Bishop O’Dowd High School in Oakland. The ceremony was held June 3 at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland. Right photo, Pablo Samoilys, Regents Award winner Subhita Schroepfer and Kameela Hall celebrate their graduation from Bishop O’Dowd High School in Oakland.

Moreau Catholic High School

Members of the Class of 2018 of Moreau Catholic School in Hayward are all smiles as they line up outside the Paramount Theatre in Oakland on their graduation day, May 27.
Congratulations to my beloved granddaughter, Gianna Ariente
On your graduation from Carondelet High School!
God’s blessings to you at Sonoma State University!
Love you always, Nani Fran

Congratulations! Aidan Noland
On your graduation from Christ The King School.
Best of luck at De La Salle High School.
Love, Mom, Dad, Colleen and Grandma

Congratulations! Hooray for Samuel Pickett!
Congratulations on your graduation from Christ the King Catholic School.
Your Mom and Dad are very proud of you!

Congratulations! Carina Romano
On graduating Summa Cum Laude from Dominican University of California.
We love you and are so proud of you!
May God bless you always.
Love, Nonni and Nonna and family

Congratulations! Dylan Stewart
On your graduation from St. Joseph Elementary School.
Have fun on your next four years at St. Joseph Notre Dame High School.
Love, Papa & Grandma Rabbach

Congratulations! Andrew Justin Tammen
On your graduation from De La Salle High School.
We are so proud of you and amazed at how well you have handled your challenges. God has great plans for you and we are excited to see what the future holds. May He bless you through your college years and always!
We love you, Mom, Dad, Allie & Grammie

Congratulations! Tristan Wiley
On your graduation from Alameda High School!
All the best to you as you head off to college this fall.
Love, Papa & Grandma Rabbach

CONGRATULATIONS!
Briona Nicole Lee Bazile
On your graduation from John Swett High School, Crockett CA.
Good luck in your Global Liberal Studies at NYU.
With love, Your Parents, Ron and Lucinda and your little brother, Brandon.

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On your graduation from Christ the King School.
We are so proud of the person you have become.
Always follow your dreams.
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Graduation Tribute

Congratulations!
Maya Perez
On your graduation from All Saints School!
You are going to do amazing at Bishop O’Dowd!
Love, Dad, Mom, Seli & Ruby

Daniela Mendiola
Dublin High School
You have accomplished so much and you have grown beautiful inside out, God bless you and guide you to accomplish your dreams through the coming years.
Love, Dad, Mom, Julie and Mau

Felicidades!
Cynthia Santana-Rosas
On your graduation from Holy Names High School!
We are extremely proud of you!
We are proud of you and your accomplishments.
Love and Blessings,
Mom, Dad, & Charley

Congratulations!
Brandon Austin-Mata
On your graduation from College of Mount Saint Vincent!
Love Dad, Mom, Kaitlin, Mama & Papa Honey

Congratulations!
Dakota Joseph Marr-Clark
On your graduation from Livermore High School!
Best of luck in College.
Love Alazaya, Mom & Dad

Congratulations!
Dominic Marinai
On your graduation from All Saints Catholic School!
We are so proud of you! Good Luck at Moreau!
Love, Mom, Dad and Family

Congratulations!
Francesca Giuntoli
On your graduation from Gonzaga University
We couldn’t be more proud of you.
May God bless you always!
Love, Dad, Mom and Luke

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Juliana Therese Hermogeno
On your graduation from Holy Rosary School – Antioch
May God continue to shower you with abundant blessings!
Love, G’pa Willie and G’ma Linda

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Samantha J. Williams
On your graduation from Saint Mary’s College!
We are very proud of you!
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Congratulations!
Breana Townsend
On your graduation from Envision High School.
All the best to you at UC Stanislaus this Fall.
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Holy Names High School
Holy Names High School in Oakland presents the Class of 2018, which graduated May 31. The all-girls school was founded in 1868.

St. Joseph Notre Dame High School
The Class of 2018 at St. Joseph Notre Dame High School stands in front of St. Joseph Basilica in Alameda. The class graduated June 2, right across the street in the school gym.

Saint Mary's College High School
Saint Mary's College High School's Class of 2018 strikes an informal pose after the Senior Presentation, which took place on campus on June 1. The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on campus June 2, and graduation followed on June 3 at Zellerbach Hall on the University of California at Berkeley campus.

Salesian College Preparatory
Members of Salesian College Preparatory's Class of 2018 enjoy their last day as seniors on the Richmond campus. Their graduation ceremony took place June 2 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland.
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