

News from the Diocese of the West with the Southwest, Northwest, Hawaii and American Territories of the Pacific



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### Rice Distribution • Joann Maciejewski • All Saints, Santa Clarita, CA



Bp. Raymundo Abogatal at Cathedral of Christ the Redeemer

In poorer parts of the Philippines, rice is a main diet staple. Unfortunately, in 2008, the price of rice has doubled in Asia. Termed the "Asian rice crisis," a combination of lack of farming, rising global oil prices, and weather issues including a draught in Australia created a shortage and price increase.

The average worker in the southern islands of the Philippines makes less than \$2 a day. An average family will eat 32 to 40 kilos of rice per month; 32 kilos now costs roughly \$26. The government has a program where rice is

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### It Only Takes One Generation • Ashley Anderson • St. Michael's, San

Convocation 2008 gave the youth of the CEC the opportunity to take a stand for life in our protest against abortion in America. The silent Pro-Life rally ignited a flame in many of the hearts of St. Michael's youth. Never in my life have I been so emotionally affected by an issue that our world struggles with everyday.

St. Michael's and the CEC have always taken a stand against abortion, and were in fact both born after a Pro-life rally called Operation Rescue. However, growing up at St. Michael's, I have witnessed the consistent support of the pro-life movement in word and finances, but during my teen years there has not been much activity in our church and diocese. As

inspiration and motivation gripped our youth at the silent siege, which was part of convocation, I knew it was the beginning of a renewed season of activism.

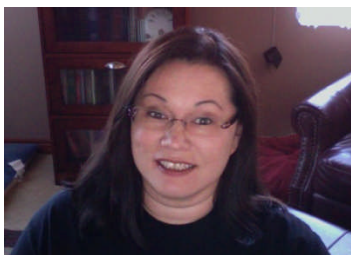
Everyone took duct tape, wrote the word LIFE across it, and covered their mouths. It represented the silence of the unborn babies killed everyday by abortion. The abortion clinic chosen advertised in the yellow pages with an offer of 50% discount for students and the military. You would expect discounts at a department store for material things, but you would never expect a discount to take a human life. This made me realize that abortion not only kills innocent babies for the convenience of selfish mothers,



but also justifies the devaluing of human life and supports the lifestyle of today's society.

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## Letter from the Editor • Joann Maciejewski



Your Editor gets new glasses

Such a month! Youth retreat. School starts. That quick slide into Thanksgiving and Christmas begins.

There is lots happening: elections, financial markets in flux, hurricanes and such. Good thing we pray for our country, and leaders, regularly.

This month's issue contains a great mix of things. Men, please be sure to sign up for the upcoming retreat. You deserve some great time at retreat after last year's session was cancelled due to the fires!

My family has been blessed to get to know Bp. Raymundo "Jun" Abogatal ever since we met him through Mae Immel,

who transferred to our congregation from the Philippines. Bp. Raymundo and Fr. Jerry Padogdog have been feeding the hungry at the Cathedral of Christ the Redeemer, and you'll see an article on what a quick offering by our parish accomplished.

Ashley Anderson wrote about how St. Michael's youth stood up for life locally, and Jessica Kessler wrote about the youth retreat.

Happy, happy birthday to Fr. Jim Younce, who celebrates his 50th birthday. We also have a nice story on the Crowes, who took a multigenerational family

delegation to Orlando. And escaped with no hospital visits this time, unlike their trip to Manila! :-)

Congratulations to Officer Chad Randall of St. Paul's.

A friend of mine in the Midwest, who is a pastor's wife, wrote an article that we have reprinted in this edition. We do appreciate our ministers—Bishops, Rectors, Priests, Deacons, Music Ministers, and others. Bravo to everyone who continues to make the effort to advance the Kingdom of God! Don't forget to give them all a word of thanks and big hug.

Blessings to all,  
Joann ■

## Diocesan Mens' Retreat



Mark your calendars, men! This year's retreat is one important event that you will NOT want to miss!

Our mens' retreat will be at the Alpine Camp & Conference Center, Blue Jay, California (between Lake Arrowhead & Big Bear), October 23, 24, & 25th 2008.

The first meeting starts on

Thursday at 7 pm. The retreat ends Saturday at noon. COST: \$125.00 per man.

The minimum age is 13 and must be accompanied by father.

Must bring: bedding/ sleeping bag, pillow and towels.

Recreation areas are available, so bring your equipment. Volleyball,

basketball, horseshoes, frisbee golf, hiking, and the ball fields are available.

The pool will be open and warm.

Please bring extra cash if you wish to enjoy the paintball course and ropes course.

Sign up through your local church! ■

## Ministries from the West, Southwest, Northwest, Hawaii, and American Pacific

Church/Ministry	Location	Rector	Telephone / Website
Cathedral Church of Saint Michael	San Clemente, CA	Bp. Douglas Kessler	949/366-9480 / saintmichaelsanclemente.wordpress.com
All Saints	Santa Clarita, CA	Fr. Rich Maciejewski	661/916-1991 / allsaints-cec.org
Christ Church	Palm Springs, CA	Fr. Vincent McMorrow-Purcell	760/318-9631
Christ the Victor	Puyallup, WA		ctvcec.org
Church of the Advent	Oceanside, CA	Canon Gary Heniser	760/431-8485 / adventcec.com
Church of the Resurrection	Hemet, CA	Fr. Mark Miller	951/487-2992 / http://mysite.verizon.net/res7fgz9/resurrectioncec/808/671-5222 / cechawaii.org
Church of the Risen Lord	Honolulu, HI	Fr. Bill Xenos	
Fr. David Conroy	Madras, OR	Fr. David Conroy	
Holy Cross Community Church	Cornelius, OR	Fr. Jim Wright	503/336-1804 / holycrosscommunitychurch.com
Holy Trinity Church	Meridian, ID	Canon Mark Finley	208/288-2146 / holytrinitycec.com
St. Francis	Victorville, CA	Fr. Robert Reed	415/457-6556 / Stfrancis-cec.org
St. James	Williams, AZ	Fr. Bruce LaPier	928/635-6754
St. John's	Yucca Valley, CA	Fr. Aaron Appleby	760/369-0074
St. Paul's	Henderson, NV	Fr. David Hoff	702/260-0126 / stpaulcec.org
St. Peter's	Palos Verdes, CA	Fr. Wayne Coombs	310/833-8899

## One Generation • continued



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The Brazilian group called Benei Aor, or the Children of Light, did a performance in front of the abortion clinic to a song called, Father of Life. The song had a powerful line, “and the peace of God, let it reign,” and when it was sung, it actually began to rain. I could just feel the presence of God strongly raining down, and for the first time I felt His pain for the unborn dying that day and everyday. Everyone was touched emotionally and lit with the desire to change this injustice to humanity.

The night before at the youth rally, Fr. Terry said that abortion, sex and drugs, all

became acceptable in society during one generation. It takes one generation to change the world, and we are the generation to stop abortion; not just in America, but throughout the whole world. It is God’s will for us to stand up for life and against abortion, and with God on our side anything is possible. We have been called to fight the darkness of the culture of death because we are the children of Light. This is a calling that has always been inside of our youth. We will end abortion in America. It is time for the youth of the Diocese of the West to stand up with CEC for Life.

On Saturday, August 30th, the youth of St. Michael’s held a

silent protest in front of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic near San Clemente. A group of 20+ stood outside holding signs as the busy traffic drove past. With the help of Fr. Terry, we started with a few worship songs, silence, and eventually we took part in the liturgy for the pre-born. It was a very powerful experience with a great response from the public with numerous honks and thumbs ups. Things got really exciting when a nurse stopped to talk to us as she was leaving the abortion clinic. We could not help but praise God as she informed us of her resignation that day. “I just can’t do it anymore,” she said.

Everyone present at the protest was emotionally

charged and fired up with a passion to fight against abortion and for life. Although the numbers were small, it was this generation of the Diocese of the West’s first step toward fully embracing the Pro-Life movement that has taken the CEC youth by storm all over America. ■



## Rice Distribution • continued



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available for half the price, but only 5 kilos of discounted rice are available per family each week.

To help alleviate this need, All Saints Church in Newhall has

made donations to sponsor a rice distribution at their sister congregation at the Cathedral of Christ the Redeemer in Gingoog City, Northern Mindanao, Philippines. Fr. Rich Maciejewski states that he and the congregation are very happy that

monies sent are being quickly and effectively used to feed the hungry. Each Sunday during the month of September, Bp. Raymundo Abogatal and his church have given away 3 kilo bags of rice to an average of 46 families.

Jesus clearly tells us to care for the poor and feed the hungry. The congregation plans to take up additional donations throughout the year to continue the effort. ■



## What Better Place to Meet God Than the Desert? • Jessica Kessler • St. Michael's, San Clemente, CA



Being kids from Orange County, we experience life in the fast lane - surrounded by hoards of materialism. Both are things which produce a society who thinks they have no time or need for God. When the occasion for a youth retreat came about, our leaders heard God and decided to take us camping at Lake Perris. The Bible offers testimony after

testimony of God meeting His people in the desert and speaking into their lives. It happened then, and it has happened again with about sixty of us in many ages, shapes, and sizes.

One way God exhibits his love is through beauty. The desert night sky blesses our soul with vibrant stars, and the rising sun exuberates light to the entire world. However, one's first impression of a desert would not be beauty or blessing but barren land. It requires someone to stop, look, and examine the entire atmosphere of the desert before you can see the redeeming qualities. It is something to be experienced, not understood. Once you find the beauty God painted into nature you learn to tap into the calm, peaceful state of life. A life of spirituality intended to nurture our souls.

At first all we experienced included heat, ants, and hard

ground that we had to drive the tent stakes into. In spite of these disadvantages, by the end of the retreat we enjoyed the silent nights, explored the hills, and cooled off in the lake. For one thing, we learned to embrace where we were and find the redeemable qualities God has put into creation. We can apply this principle to all creation, including each other. Not to mention that ten person tents helps exhibit this "beauty in diversity" idea or "everybody's redeemable qualities" in an accelerated manner.

Going into the wilderness separates us from our typical surroundings and drives away the distractions of life. This forced the youth to slow down and become more familiar with each other. When there's no entertainment, you must create it. We played games like charades, capture the flag, and bocce ball; we had

conversations with people typically outside our circles; and we broke bread together. To say the least, we experienced unity. We began to lose sight of time, focus on each other, and seek the purposes God has in our lives.

Just because numbers have decreased over the past year, the strength and passion of God still perseveres in all the youth. It is a blessing to be surrounded by such amazing young warriors of God, and this retreat was a reminder of just that. The time together revived spirits. It made us want to fight the big fight together, not singly, as we have been doing for so many months. If that's not unity, then tell me what is. He provided supplies to stand up as youth and fight for truth in a culture lacking all moral ideals. God sent us into the wilderness to unite us, and to spiritually equip us against all the evil spirits who seek the ruin of our generation. ■



## Fathers Blessing Their Grown Children • Fr. Tony Isola • Advent, Oceanside, CA

### I. CURSES

I attended a Russian Orthodox funeral. The celebrant stood near and quoted: "Whosoever sins you remit, they are remitted." (Jn 20:23).

Then he prayed a most unusual prayer. "Whatever curses have come down from this man's father, I remit. Whatever curses this man has incurred himself, I remit."

Then I thought of my grown children and the generational

curses they may have been born with: diabetes, cancer, alcoholism, drug addiction. Must we wait until they die to see them freed of curses inherited from their ancestors or as the results of their own sins?

### II. THE EXAMPLE OF JOB

Listen to how Job dealt with these curses.

"And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. And

it was so, when days of their feasting were gone that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts. This did Job continually." (Jb 1:4-6)

What does it mean that Job "sent and sanctified them". He had a grasp on reality. He knew his children were not perfect and often yielded to their sin nature. Consequently,

he "sent and sanctified them" by calling them to repentance.

Matthew Henry comments on the above verse: "He sent for them to prepare for solemn ordinances, sent and sanctified them, ordered them to examine their own consciences and repent of what they had done amiss in their feasting, to lay aside their vanity and compose themselves for religious exercises...Job required his children to attend the sacrifice that the sight of the killing of

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### Chad Randall Graduation • Fr. David Hoff • St. Paul's, Henderson, NV

Congratulations to Chad Randall, a 20 year old parishioner, who has just

completed his cadet training with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department! ■



### Fr. Younce Turns Fifty • Carrie Younce • Advent, Oceanside, CA



September 12th, 1958... a day that will live in (near) infamy! Why, you ask?

Well, that's the day that Fr. James Allan Younce broke out into the world. Born in Redford, Michigan - a suburb of Detroit - he is the third son of five.

The momentous occasion of his fiftieth birthday this year was marked by a quiet dinner of "surprise" lobster tails, steamed asparagus, and fettucini

alfredo, lovingly prepared by yours truly. (The rest of us just ate the alfredo with shrimp scampi.)

Men seem to have issues with two birthdays: Their twenty-fifth, because they see that they are a quarter of a century old, and their fiftieth, because that's when they get their AARP card in the mail. Jim is no exception. I tell him he's not getting old, just older. He's lucky - I have a

"thing" for older men.

I give thanks to God every day that He brought Jim into my life. He is a wonderful father, a great priest, and my very best friend.

Happy Birthday, Jim. You are much loved!

(A little known fact: Bp. Adler was Fr. Jim's paternal grandmother's paperboy in Michigan. Small world ain't it?) ■

### Crowes at Convocation • Fr. Clifford Crowe • Advent, Oceanside, CA

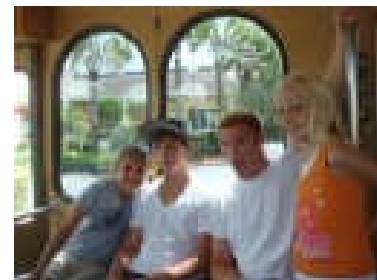
Sarah & I, along with 4 of our 10 grandkids (6 of a 22 contingency from "Church of the Advent") attended the Convocation in Orlando. Of our contingency, we were represented in the music, readings, dancing, deaconate, presiding over morning prayer, praying at the abortion clinic, overall attendance, participation in the workshops

& mucho fellowship. A great time was had by all!!!

Personally, I am so thankful for the foundation the Lord established in the CEC through the anointed leadership of Bishop Adler and am excited about embracing what the Lord has for us under the anointed new leadership of Bishop Bates. As Bishop Bates noted: "It is not new beginnings! We will

continue moving forward, by the grace of God, at his direction" (paraphrased). The presentations by Simon Chan were great as well as the various workshops.

My crew extended our time by 4 days to spend time at Universal Studios & Disney World. I truly "Had all that fun I could stand!" ■



### Fathers Blessing Their Grown Children • continued

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the sacrifice might humble them much for their sins." (Matthew Henry's Commentary, Vol 3, p. 5) III. SPEAKING THE RELEASE

How does Job's "offering burnt sacrifices" relate to fathers of grown children

today? We need not make a blood sacrifice for our children for the Blood of Jesus has done it for all time. But we do need as Job did to "sanctify them". This involves breaking the curses on them and speaking the release of the Holy Spirit into their lives and bringing about a restoration. Fathers

need to do this regularly following Job's example: "Thus did Job continually." (Jb. 1:5)

For example:

"I cut my child free from all curses generational and self-inflicted by the power of the Holy Spirit. I take the sword of the Spirit and free my children from these curses. May the

Lord rebuke you, Satan, and all your forces. You no longer have power over my children. Heavenly Father, turn these curses into blessings. Release my children into the call of the Holy Spirit on their lives, into Abraham's blessings." ■



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## Pastoral Appreciation

Dear Body of Christ in the Diocese of the West (and friends):

My name is Vicki. You don't know me, nor do I know you. I have never visited your church and I have never met your pastor or his family. I know absolutely nothing about you but something I do know, however, is a little bit about your pastor's heart. I have been married to a pastor for 14 years. You should know:

- Your pastor is tired and weary. Who else do you know is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year? He needs rest.
- Your pastor is confused. Not because he doesn't have the skills or knowledge of what to do, but because he is torn between the cries of the lost and the demands of the saved. He only has two hands, two feet, but he has a very big heart...please be patient.
- Your pastor is NOT perfect. Believe it or not, he, too, is a sinner saved by grace. He can not "fix" everything or everyone and, quite frankly, shouldn't be expected to.
- Your pastor is lonely. He'd give anything to be treated like

"one of the guys".

Your pastor just wants to know that what he is doing is making a difference. Showing love and appreciation to him would be a great place to start. After all, you expect love and appreciation from him. Is he not deserving of the same? "There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread."—Mother Teresa

Expressing gratitude and appreciation is an amazing witness to your community of God's grace and mercy. Demonstrating genuine appreciation is a wonderful testimony that God is a God of love. Acknowledging your pastor shows your community....that what is happening in your church matters and is of worth. Honoring your pastor reveals more about a congregation than it does about the pastor.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 calls upon us to give back to our pastors because of all they have given and done for us. "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their

work. Live in peace with each other."

1 Timothy 5:17 commands us to doubly honor those who minister to us. "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."

Colossians 2:1-5 shows the heart of a pastor...what he thinks about us, what he wants for us, and what he works for on our behalf. "I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is." (NIV)

James 3:1, our pastors willingly put themselves under a

higher standard for our benefit. "Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly."

Hebrews 13:17 tells us to show our pastor appreciation by submitting to his direction.

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Your pastor has answered a call. He has been anointed by God to bring life to a dying world. It's very easy to lose sight of showing appreciation all year round. Here is your chance to show him your appreciation in loving ways. God promises that...

"He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."—  
Proverbs 11:25

God bless you richly for being obedient to His word.

Vicki H. ■