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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Praying for Christ in His Priests

Our priests carry not only the full weight of our burdens but their own as well...

... please join us as we pray for them all.



SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES / MISAS

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Saturday Vigil/Vigilia los Sabados: 5:30 p.m. (English)

Sunday/Domingo: 7:30a.m., 11:00a.m. (English)
9:00a.m. (*Español*)

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Mon. to Sat.: 8:15 a.m. (English)

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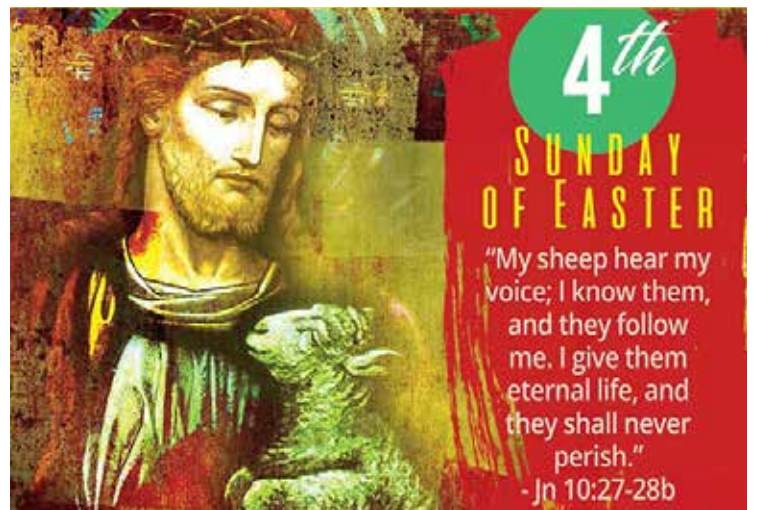
Baptisms: Call office for information

Confessions in Church: Mon., Wed. & Fri.: 7:30am-8am; Sat.: 4pm-5pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00am-8:15am

OR ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS

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Registration: We welcome new parishioners, winter visitors and visiting friends to our parish. New members are encouraged to visit the IHM office to complete a registration form. We encourage you to use your envelope even if your donation is a modest one; this helps us to know that you are an active parishioner.



RECENT EVENTS

- 1. First reconciliation retreat at IHM. Saturday, April 13, 2024.
- 2. Confirmation retreat. Sunday, April 14, 2024.



A CLAVER PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, God of mercy and love, we praise You for Your love and compassion as we place "Our Families" in your hands. You gave us Your Son to be our Shepherd and the Holy Spirit to guide us along the path of life. Open the ears and hearts of those seeking a vowed religious vocation to hear your call to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. Bless all who listen to Your call and dedicate their lives to You.

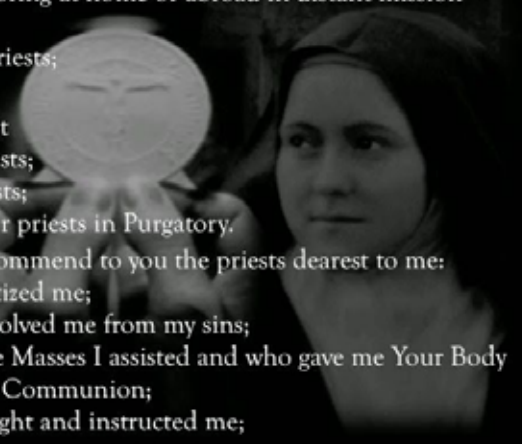
Pour out your Holy Spirit and anoint them with the oil of gladness. Embrace them with love. Give them insight and wisdom. Then strengthen them in their vocational commitment. Let them be bold enough to say, "Yes Lord!" Then walk with them along the way. And may the Church be blessed with an increase of vocations!

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!



DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS BY ST. THÉRÈSE

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
 for your unfaithful and tepid priests;
 for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.
 for your tempted priests;
 for your lonely and desolate priest
 for your young priests;
 for your dying priests;
 for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.
 But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:
 the priest who baptized me;
 the priests who absolved me from my sins;
 the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
 the priests who taught and instructed me;
 all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially ...).
 O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.



Notes to the Flock
**“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep.”**

John 10:11-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Happy Good Shepherd Sunday! The fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday because on this day the Church focuses on a section of the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John, in which Jesus reveals the relationship with his followers. This Sunday is also a great opportunity for the faithful to pray for the shepherds of the Church and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The image offered to us this Sunday is very powerful; it makes me think about my experience of meeting a good shepherd from Veracruz, Mexico. During my priestly formation I was sent out to a couple of missions up in the mountains in a town close to the Pico de Orizaba Volcano. This gave me the opportunity to meet a good shepherd, who was a young man named Jess Rael. I always thought that the shepherd was behind the flock to protect or to guide, but in this case, Jess Rael was at front and the sheep were following him. He really had a powerful relationship with them—to the point that when he was talking to them, they seemed to be paying attention to him.

Animals can surprise us; sometimes they even seem to pay more attention than humans do! But the point here is what the good shepherd will do for the sheep. When you are a good shepherd there is no time for distraction, you are always on guard! It calls to mind a powerful story of a young shepherd whose father entrusted him with a valuable flock. Sadly, when he heard a bird singing, he became enchanted by its song, and he started following it—without realizing that he was going too far away from his flock. When he realized what he had done, he was already in the middle of the forest. Conscience that he had abandoned the flock, he went back and found the flock wounded; and to his surprise, many had already been devoured by wolves.

Dear community, these are difficult times. As shepherds we need to be vigilant, in imitation of Christ, and we should not be afraid to lay down our lives for our sheep. There are too many dangers. Because of our many distractions, we are throwing our young people to the wolves, pretending that everything is okay when it's not.

The meaning of the word ‘shepherd’, in one sense, is the one who leads. It is true that we priests are called the shepherds of souls; but you too are shepherds, and you have a domestic Church at home where you are the leaders and heads of your households. How is your flock? Do they follow you? Where are you going? In which direction are you moving or guiding them? Have you introduced Jesus—the Good Shepherd—to them?

Satan is the murderer, the one who stills, the author of death. What do you do when you see the wolf coming? Are you running away and abandoning the flock, your family? Many of us like to be admired as excellent leaders in other places, but if we are not capable of protecting our own people, our own families, our own children, our elderly, our sick and most vulnerable, then there is something wrong with us; we are not good shepherds.

Tell me: are you wounded or are you lost? Jesus can heal you! Is Jesus really your shepherd, or do you think that you are better than Him? On the other hand, how are you feeding your sheep?

The mission of the shepherd is to guide and to protect, but also to feed. Jesus feeds us in every way. He feeds us materially each day as he “gives us today our daily bread.” (Mt 6:11) He feeds our souls with his word, “for not on bread alone does man live, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Mt 4:4) He feeds us, ultimately, with his own body and blood in the Eucharist, the food of everlasting life.

Praised be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has sent him into our lives. Through Christ we have been abundantly blessed in every way. This is the time to follow his example to shepherd and to search even for the lost sheep. Please pray for us, your servants, that we may be courageous enough to go to the front of the flock to be good leaders, with our eyes fixed only on Jesus—and not on ourselves.

Regina clergy: Queen of priests, pray for us!
Sincerely, Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas

Notas para el rebaño
**“Yo soy el buen pastor. Un buen pastor
da su vida por las ovejas”.**

Juan 10:11-18

Queridos hermanos y hermanas: ¡Feliz Domingo del Buen Pastor! El cuarto domingo de Pascua se llama Domingo del Buen Pastor porque en este día la Iglesia se centra en una sección del décimo capítulo del Evangelio de Juan, en la que Jesús revela la relación con sus seguidores. Este domingo es también una gran oportunidad para que los fieles recen por los pastores de la Iglesia y por un aumento de las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa.

La imagen que se nos ofrece este domingo es muy poderosa; me hace pensar en mi experiencia de conocer a un buen pastor de Veracruz, México. Durante mi formación sacerdotal fui enviado a un par de misiones en las montañas, en un pueblo cercano al Volcán Pico de Orizaba. Esto me dio la oportunidad de conocer a un buen pastor, que era un joven llamado Jess Rael. Siempre pensé que el pastor estaba detrás del rebaño para proteger o guiar, pero en este caso, Jess Rael estaba al frente y las ovejas lo seguían. Realmente tenía una relación poderosa con ellos, hasta el punto de que cuando hablaba con ellos, parecían prestarle atención.

Los animales pueden sorprendernos; ¡A veces incluso parecen prestar más atención que los humanos! Pero el punto aquí es lo que el buen pastor hará por las ovejas. Cuando eres un buen pastor no hay tiempo para distracciones, ¡siempre estás en guardia! Trae a la mente la poderosa historia de un joven pastor cuyo padre le confió un valioso rebaño. Tristemente, cuando escuchó el canto de un pájaro, quedó encantado con su canto y comenzó a seguirlo, sin darse cuenta de que se estaba alejando demasiado de su rebaño. Cuando se dio cuenta de lo que había hecho, ya estaba en medio del bosque. Consciente de que había abandonado el rebaño, regresó y encontró al rebaño herido; Y para su sorpresa, muchos ya habían sido devorados por los lobos.

Querida comunidad, estos son tiempos difíciles. Como pastores debemos estar vigilantes, a imitación de Cristo, y no debemos tener miedo de dar la vida por nuestras ovejas. Hay demasiados peligros. Debido a nuestras muchas distracciones, estamos arrojando a nuestros jóvenes a los lobos, fingiendo que todo está bien cuando no lo está.

El significado de la palabra ‘pastor’, en cierto sentido, es el que dirige. Es verdad que a los sacerdotes se nos llama pastores de almas; pero vosotros también sois pastores, y tenéis una Iglesia doméstica en casa, donde sois los jefes y cabezas de familia. ¿Cómo está tu rebaño? ¿Te siguen? ¿A dónde vas? ¿En qué dirección los estás moviendo o guiando? ¿Les has presentado a Jesús, el Buen Pastor?

Satanás es el asesino, el que aquietta, el autor de la muerte. ¿Qué haces cuando ves venir al lobo? ¿Estás huyendo y abandonando al rebaño, a tu familia? A muchos de nosotros nos gusta ser admirados como excelentes líderes en otros lugares, pero si no somos capaces de proteger a nuestra propia gente, a nuestras propias familias, a nuestros propios hijos, a nuestros ancianos, a nuestros enfermos y a los más vulnerables, entonces algo anda mal con nosotros; No somos buenos pastores.

Dime: ¿estás herido o estás perdido? ¡Jesús puede curarte! ¿Es Jesús realmente tu pastor, o crees que eres mejor que Él? Por otro lado, ¿cómo estás alimentando a tus ovejas?

La misión del pastor es guiar y proteger, pero también alimentar. Jesús nos alimenta en todos los sentidos. Él nos alimenta materialmente cada día, ya que “hoy nos da el pan nuestro de cada día”. (Mateo 6:11) Él alimenta nuestras almas con su palabra, “porque no solo de pan vive el hombre, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios”. (Mateo 4:4) Él nos alimenta, en última instancia, con su propio cuerpo y sangre en la Eucaristía, el alimento de la vida eterna.

Alabado sea el Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que lo ha enviado a nuestras vidas. A través de Cristo hemos sido abundantemente bendecidos en todos los sentidos. Este es el momento de seguir su ejemplo, de pastorear y de buscar incluso a las ovejas perdidas. Por favor, ora por nosotros, tus siervos, para que seamos lo suficientemente valientes como para ir al frente del rebaño para ser buenos líderes, con nuestros ojos fijados solo en Jesús, y no en nosotros mismos.

Clero de Regina: ¡Reina de los sacerdotes, ruega por nosotros!
Atentamente, Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISAS

~ Readings of the Week ~

VIGIL MASS/VIGILIA: Saturday/Sábado, April 20

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 89, 21-23, 28-29/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

- 5:30 PM †Luis Garcia (by Family)
†In Memory of Gilbert & †Martha Mier
(by Audrey Meir Family)
Family Unity & World Peace (by Les Flores)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, April 21

- 7:30 AM Repose of †Eloy Flores, †Jesus Rivera,
& †Steven Ramirez (by Les Flores)
9:00 AM †Esperanza Barron (por Ascuzena Gonzalez)
†Elizabeth Rodriguez (por Familia Rodriguez)
Por Las Almas del Purgatorio
11:00 AM †Manuel A. Morales, Jr. &
†Josephine E. Morales (Elodia Alvarez Zuk)
†Gabrielle Martinez (by Linda Martinez)

Monday/Lunes, April 22

Acts 1:1-18/Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:1-10

- 8:15 AM Souls of Purgatory (by Elodia Alvarez Zuk)

Tuesday/Martes, April 23

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30

- 8:15 AM Souls in Purgatory (by Gloria Lithgow)
6:00 pm Feligreses de IHM

Wednesday/Miércoles, April 24

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50

- 8:15 AM †Letha Trujillo (by Gloria Lithgow)

Thursday/Jueves, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

- 8:15 AM †Pete Connelly (by Minnette Connelly)
Alex Velazco Health & Healing
(by Steve & Lisa Archuleta)

Friday/Viernes April 26

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

- 8:15 AM †Carlos Gallegos (by Family)
†Anthonette M Alejandres (by Joann Marquez)

Saturday/Sabado, April 27

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

- 8:15 AM IHM Youth

WHAT IS HAPPENING

Magnificat

A ministry to Catholic Women

Join us for breakfast, praise and worship and speaker.

Speaker:

Sister Mavis Champagne

Saturday April 27, 2024

9-11:30 am

Farm and Ranch Museum

Cost: \$24.00

Tickets at IHM, Holy Cross, St. Genevieve's

St. Albert, San Albino

Available only Mar 28-Apr 18, 2024

Tickets must be pre purchased.

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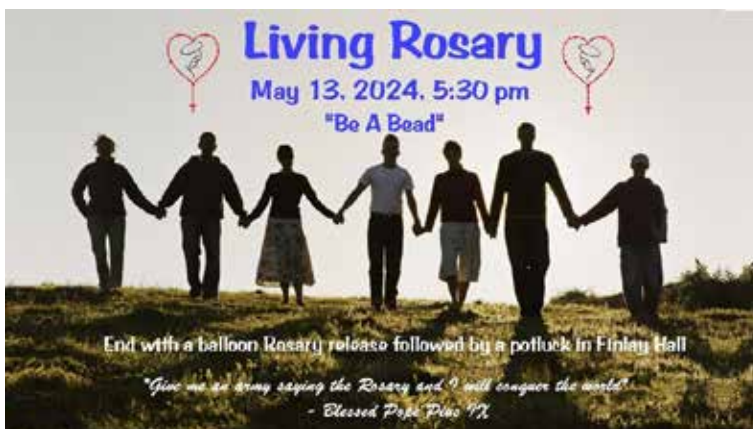
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Niños de 2-11 \$5
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Living Rosary
May 13, 2024. 5:30 pm
"Be A Bead"

End with a balloon Rosary release followed by a potluck in Fintan Hall

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world!"
- Blessed Pope Pius IX



IHM Front Office Receptionist Needed:

25 Hours a Week

Must be Bilingual
Prior Church Experience Preferred
Must possess the skills of:

- Attention to detail
- Dependability
- Organization
- Multitasking
- Problem Solving/Adaptability
- Communication/ Professional phone etiquette
- Must be proficient with Microsoft Office
- Must be able to learn to use photocopier and phone system

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with questions or to apply
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SAINT OF THE WEEK



SAN JORGE

Domingo 23 de abril, se celebra a San Jorge, un soldado romano que vivió en el siglo III d.C. Según la leyenda, San Jorge salvó a una princesa de un dragón que atormentaba a su pueblo y, a raíz de este acto heroico, se convirtió en un símbolo de la victoria del bien sobre el mal.

San Jorge es uno de los catorce santos auxiliares y se le considera patrón de varios países y ciudades, entre ellos Inglaterra, Georgia, Portugal, Etiopía y las ciudades de Estambul y Moscú. También es el patrón de los soldados, los boy scouts, los agricultores y los jinete



Sobre la figura de san Jorge, hay un sin fin de cuentos, narraciones fantásticas como la del episodio cuando salvó a la princesa de las garras del dragón, ocurrido en el periodo de las cruzadas. Se cuenta que en la ciudad de Selem en Libia, había un gran estanque donde vivía un terrible dragón, para calmarlo los habitantes de la ciudad, le ofrecían dos ovejas al día y luego una oveja y un joven escogido al azar. Un día le tocó la suerte a la hija del rey, y mientras la joven se dirigía hacia el estanque, pasó por allí don Jorge, y mató al dragón clavándole su lanza. Este gesto se convirtió en el símbolo de la fe que triunfa sobre el mal.

¿Quién era san Jorge?

Jorge, cuyo nombre tiene un origen griego que significa "agricultor", nació en el seno de una familia cristiana en la Capadocia cerca del 280. Se trasladó a Palestina y entró a formar parte del ejército de Diocleciano. En el 303, cuando el emperador emana el edicto de persecución contra los cristianos, Jorge dona todos sus bienes a los pobres y, ante el mismo Diocleciano, rompe el documento y profesa su fe en Cristo. Por esta acción sufre terribles torturas y al final fue decapitado. Sobre el lugar donde fue sepultado en Lidia, que era antes la capital de Palestina y hoy es una ciudad israelí cerca de Tel Aviv, se erigió poco después de su muerte una basílica donde aún hoy día se pueden ver sus restos mortales. Esta es la Passio Georgii, considerada como una de las obras hagiográficas del Decreto Gelasianum del 496 y definida por tanto una passio legendaria. Entre los documentos más antiguos que verifican la existencia de san Jorge, está un epígrafe griego del 368 encontrada en Eraclia de Betania donde se habla de la "casa o iglesia de Jorge y sus compañeros, santos y mártires triunfadores".

Desde mártir a un santo guerrero

Los guerreros influyeron mucho en transformar la figura de san Jorge mártir en un santo guerrero, simbolizando la escena del dragón como la derrota del Islam; Ricardo corazón de León lo invocó como protector de todos los combatientes. Con los Normandos su culto se radicó fuertemente en Inglaterra donde en 1348, el rey Eduardo III instituyó la Orden de los Caballeros de san Jorge. En todo el periodo medieval su figura fue objeto de literatura épica.

Devoción a san Jorge

A San Jorge se le considera el patrono de los caballeros, los soldados, los scouts, los esgrimadores, y los arqueros; además se le invoca contra la peste y la lepra y contra las serpientes venenosas. San Jorge es honrado también por los musulmanes que le dieron el apelativo de "profeta". Por falta de noticias ciertas sobre su vida, en 1969, la Iglesia degradó la fiesta litúrgica de san Jorge a memoria facultativa sin tocar el culto que se le dedica. Las reliquias del santo se encuentran en diversos lugares del mundo: en Roma en la iglesia de San Jorge en el Velabro, por voluntad del Papa Zacarías, custodia el cráneo.

También san Jorge es un santo que le acompaña la leyenda, se podría concluir que su función histórica es la de recordar al mundo la idea fundamental, que el bien siempre vence al mal. La lucha contra el mal es una dimensión siempre presente en la historia humana, pero esta batalla no se gana solos; san Jorge mata al dragón porque es Dios que actúa en él. Con Cristo el mal no tendrá jamás la última palabra.

Fellowship Gathering
Outdoor Potluck Dinner
In Honor of Our Patronus,

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, June 8
Following the 5:30 Mass

Email AGriffith@IHMcathedral.org To help or for more information

"From Mourning To Joy"

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Whether it happened suddenly or over a lengthy period, whether it happened recently, or years ago, the holidays can be one of the most difficult times for people in grief. This special program, "From Mourning To Joy," offers strategies and perspectives to help the bereaved manage their emotions.



We are offering Thirteen sessions of the program:

- We will meet every Saturday, April 6th to June 29th at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart Classroom #10. Please call Lisa Maldonado at (575) 430-6786 for more information.

There is no cost for this 1½ hour program, but you must register to attend.

Chocolate Covered Apples for Sale!

\$5.00 per apple

With your purchase you help support the needs of our Confirmation students!

These will be sold by Confirmation students after the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am Sunday masses. Starting April 21 - May 12, 2024

The Feast of the Ascension of Lord

Holy Day of Obligation will be observed

Sunday, May 12, 2024

At the Regularly Scheduled Sunday Masses

Catholics Participating in National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and the National Eucharistic Congress Have Opportunities to Receive Plenary Indulgences

A priest holding up a monstrance.



"It is with gratitude to the Holy Father that we receive his Apostolic Blessing upon the participants in the National Eucharistic Congress, and for the opportunity for Catholics in our country to obtain a plenary indulgence by participating in the events of the Eucharistic Revival," said Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Fostering encounter, sparking personal conversion, and forming disciples will be opportunities for a personal revival in the faith and the fruits of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and National Eucharistic Congress to be held this summer.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and National Eucharistic Congress are milestone moments in the U.S. bishops' three-year Eucharistic Revival initiative. Archbishop Broglio requested the Apostolic Penitentiary (the office within the Roman Curia that is charged with the granting and use of indulgences as expressions of divine mercy) that a plenary indulgence be granted to Catholics who participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. It was also requested that he or another prelate be designated to impart the Apostolic Blessing with a Plenary Indulgence to the Christian faithful present at the National Eucharistic Congress.

"Through the efforts of the revival over the last two years, we have been building up to the pilgrimage and congress that will offer Catholics a chance to experience a profound, personal revival of faith in the Eucharist. Pope Francis continues to encourage and support us as we seek to share Christ's love with a world that is desperately in need of Him," said Archbishop Broglio, upon receiving the news that Pope Francis had recently granted the requests.

Plenary Indulgence for National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

A decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary and approved by Pope Francis indicates that the plenary indulgence will be granted to the Christian faithful who participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at any point between May 17 and July 16, 2024. It will also

be granted to the elderly, infirm, and all those who cannot leave their homes for a serious reason and who participate in spirit with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, uniting their prayers, pains, or inconveniences with Christ and the pilgrimage. This indulgence is granted under the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. The faithful may also apply this indulgence through suffrage for the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. In recognition of this extraordinary event, the Apostolic Penitentiary also requests that all priests who have been endowed with the appropriate faculties for hearing Confessions present themselves willingly and generously in administering the Sacrament of Penance to all who participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Papal Blessing with Plenary Indulgence for National Eucharistic Congress

The second decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary and approved by Pope Francis, says that Archbishop Broglio or another prelate of episcopal rank assigned by him, following the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, may impart the Papal Blessing with a Plenary Indulgence to the Christian Faithful who participate in the National Eucharistic Congress, who are truly repentant, and who are motivated by charity, if the usual conditions for indulgences—sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father—have been met. Faithful individuals who, due to reasonable circumstances and with pious intention, have participated in the sacred rites and received the Papal Blessing through media communications, may also obtain a Plenary Indulgence.

The National Eucharistic Revival began on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) in 2022 and continues through 2025. Following the congress will be a "Year of Missionary Sending," in which Catholics from all stages and walks of life will be sent out to share Christ's love that they have received in encounter with him through the Eucharist.

Consejo Mundial de Iglesias: "Ninguna guerra es santa"

En una nota, el Consejo Mundial de Iglesias critica el decreto aprobado el 27 de marzo por el Consejo Mundial de los Pueblos Rusos, presidido por el Patriarca Cirilo, en el que se define la agresión a Ucrania como algo sobrenatural: "Guerra incompatible con la naturaleza misma de Dios y contraria a los fundamentales principios cristianos y ecuménicos", afirman los miembros del Consejo, que denuncian la invasión de Ucrania como "ilegal e injustificable".

Seria preocupación ha suscitado entre los miembros del Consejo Mundial de Iglesias el decreto aprobado el 27 de marzo por el XXV Consejo Mundial de los Pueblos Rusos, que califica el conflicto de Ucrania como una "guerra santa". En una nota firmada por el secretario general del CMI, reverendo Jerry Pillay, difundida el 12 de abril, se afirma que el CMI no puede "conciliar" con el decreto "El presente y el futuro del mundo ruso", dirigido a las autoridades legislativas y ejecutivas de Rusia por el mayor foro público de Rusia. Según sus estatutos, el jefe del organismo es el Patriarca de Moscú y de Todas las Rusias Cirilo, bajo cuya presidencia se celebran las reuniones anuales del Consejo.

Declaraciones inconciliables

"La CMI no puede entender cómo se puede conciliar la afirmación de que 'la operación militar especial en Ucrania es una guerra santa' con lo que ha declarado el mismo Patriarca Cirilo, ni con las declaraciones del órgano directivo del CMI, que ha hecho un llamamiento a los cristianos 'para que sean pacificadores en medio del conflicto'", se lee en el documento. Recuerda que, en mayo de 2023, al reunirse con el Secretario General de la CMI, Cirilo declaró que cualquier referencia a la "guerra santa" en el contexto actual estaba relacionada con el ámbito metafísico, no con el conflicto armado físico en Ucrania, de acuerdo con el Secretario General de la CMI, ya que ninguna guerra de violencia armada puede ser "santa".

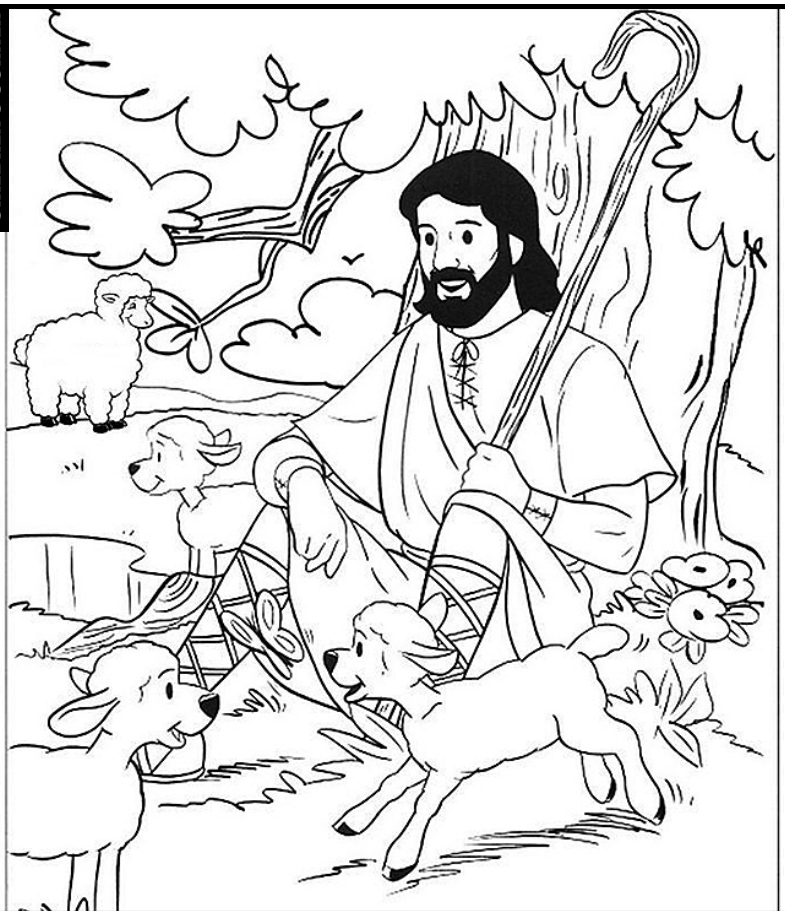
La guerra es incompatible con Dios

Según Pillay, el decreto "contradice esta posición": "Desde el comienzo de la invasión rusa de Ucrania en febrero de 2022, los más altos órganos de gobierno de la CMI - recuerda el secretario general - han afirmado enérgicamente que 'la guerra es incompatible con la naturaleza misma de Dios' y es contraria a nuestros principios cristianos y ecuménicos fundamentales. También calificaron inequívocamente de "ilegal e injustificable" la invasión de Ucrania. Además, rechazaron "cualquier abuso del lenguaje y de la autoridad religiosa para justificar la agresión armada y el odio".

El Consejo Ecuménico de las Iglesias, por tanto", prosigue la nota, "no puede aceptar que el decreto presente la ilegal invasión rusa de su vecina soberana Ucrania como una nueva fase de la lucha de liberación nacional de Rusia", así como la idea de que "todo el territorio de la Ucrania moderna deba entrar en una zona de influencia exclusiva de Rusia".

Pedidas aclaraciones

El documento informa que Pillay ha escrito al Patriarca Cirilo para pedirle aclaraciones: "Se ha solicitado una reunión urgente para debatir el asunto y encontrar formas de abordar las preocupaciones planteadas en el seno de la comunidad".



New Survey of Men Being Ordained to the Priesthood Underscores the Significant Influence of Parents on Children's Vocational Discernment

A newly-released study from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University, surveyed men who will be ordained to the priesthood in 2024. The data shows that families continue to be the seedbed of religious vocations: of the 392 respondents, 95% were raised by their biological parents, and 88% were raised by a married couple who lived together.



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (CCLV) released The Class of 2024: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood in anticipation of the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 21. This annual commemoration occurs on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Pope Francis has expressed his gratitude for "mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity."

Bishop Earl Boyea of Lansing, chairman of the CCLV committee, echoed Pope Francis stating, "Mothers and fathers, united in marriage, are the first witnesses to love for their children. It is within the family that children are taught the faith, learn the meaning of love, and grow in virtue. This year's study of ordinands underscores the fundamental role that families, in particular, parents, play in building up the kingdom of God. It is through the love and support of the family that children develop into the men and women God calls them to be."

Of the 475 men scheduled to be ordained this year, 392 completed the survey for an overall response rate of 83%. These ordinands represent 128 dioceses and eparchies and 29 distinct religious institutes in the United States. Some of the major findings of the report are:

- On average, respondents first considered a priestly vocation when they were 16 years old. The youngest age reported was three years old and the oldest was 53 years old.
- The average age at ordination was 34 years old. Since 1999, the average age was 35 and ranged between 33 and 37.
- Most respondents are White/Caucasian (67%), followed by Hispanic/Latino (18%), Asian/Pacific Islander (11%) and Black/African American (2%).

Of those who are foreign-born (23%), the most common countries of origin are Mexico (5%), Vietnam (4%), Colombia (3%), and the Philippines (2%).

Of those who worked full-time before entering seminary (70%), the most common fields of employment were education (21%), business (16%), and Church ministry (13%).

"We priests come from families like yours not from another planet"

- Father Alejandro Reyes

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Important Dates at

IHM

Shop and Dine

Rummage Sale and Menudo Dinner
 In Finley Hall

Continues: Sunday, April 21
 7:00am until We sell out!

Ascension of Jesus

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Holy Day of Obligation
 will be observed on

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Confirmations

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Bilingual Mass: 10:00AM

The 8:15am Mass will not take place

Living Rosary

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Monday, May 13, 2024

5:30pm in grass by church

Potluck to follow in Finley Hall

Sponsored by: the IHM Rosary Makers

IHM First Communions

Saturday, May 18, 2024

5:30pm Mass And

Sunday, May 19, 2024

9:00am and 11:00am Masses

Pentecost

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Feast of the Immaculate

Heart of Mary

Saturday, June 8, 2024

English: 8:15AM

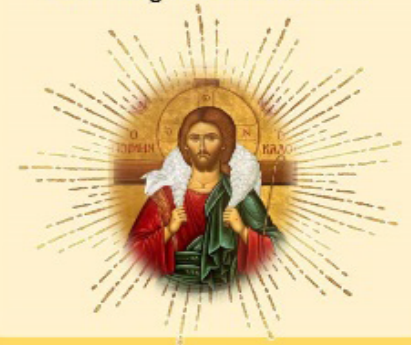
Spanish: 10:00AM

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Potluck

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Following the 5:30PM Mass



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