

VI Sunday In Ordinary Time February 14, 2010

DEAR FAITHFUL:

This weekend I write this message to urge your support to the Annual Catholic Appeal. This takes place in the context of one of the most beautiful celebrations of the year: the day of love and friendship. On this weekend we will be wishing all our loved ones and friends the best in life.

This is an excellent opportunity to live the love and charity, finding ourselves in the Church this day. As the popular saying says: "Facts are love, and not good reasons". As every year, the Catholic Church in the voice of the Bishop, asks us again for a little of what God has given us all, to continue to support the deeds of the evangelization in the 76 parishes of the diocese. There are 26 different ministries that depend on the generous support of all. There are 17 seminarians in formation, there are more than one hundred priests sacrificing their lives, more than 150 permanent deacons committed to their parishes. There are thousands of children in our Catholic schools and religious education programs. There are thousands of people who depend on social work of the Catholic Social Service agency. All this is possible, thanks to your generosity each year. If you gave last year I urge you to continue doing so. If you have never done it, I invite you to join in this great spiritual project of the Church.

We know that these are difficult times, and that many may not work, but the work of God and the needs of the Church continue. Even in times of crisis, the generosity of those who know it's worth continue spreading the message of Christ. No amount is very small. Even a promise of 10 dollars minimum a month touches the lives of thousands of people.

Thank you for your generosity.

Father Vili Valderrama

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

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The campaign began in 2008 and is a 5-year commitment. The motto is: "Our Faith, Our Hope, Our Future". The goal was \$ 147,200.00 and the parish promised to give \$610,480.00 in five years. The parishioners give each month. The parish will receive a substantial amount for every dollar that is given in that period. Here the funds will be allocated to embellish the Church interior.

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is performed each year. This year 2010 the goal is to collect 3.7 million dollars. What for? To support the 26 Diocesan ministries. The parish goal is \$27,000.00. The motto is: "To Love and Serve One Another". Support according to your means. The weekend of February 14 will be the day of the official request during the Masses. With only \$ 10.00 per month (for 10 months) you can touch thousands of lives.

LENTEN EXERCISES

Spiritual exercises will take place starting Monday, March 8, until Friday, March 12, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the parish. There will be mass at 7:00 pm followed by a Lenten missions. The preacher of the Lenten exercises this year will be father Alfonso Garcia of the Archdiocese of Guadalajara.



BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be held on Saturday, February 6th at 12:00 noon and Sunday, February 21st at 3:00 p.m. To register stop by the parish office.

COLLECTION



The amount collected last was \$4,138.50 The parish goal is to collect \$5,000.00 a week to subsist, which equates to \$5.00 a week per family. Thank you for your generosity to the Church of Christ.

LENT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Lent starts Wednesday, February 17, 2010 with the imposition of ashes. The 2010 Holy week begins on Sunday, March 28 and Easter Sunday is on April 4th. Be on the lookout for an announcement of the religious practices of this season and traditional Lenten exercises. As tradition goes, the youth group is in charge of the live Way of the Cross on Good Friday.

VOCATIONS RETREAT

The Diocese of Tucson vocations Office announces this year's vocations retreat; it will take place on July 18, 19 and 20, 2010, at *La Purisima Center* at Hereford, AZ, near Sierra Vista. The invitation is for all young people who are in their last year of High School (Seniors), and have some interest in the Catholic Priesthood. For more information call the parish or the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Tucson. Phone (520) 792-3410 or diocesetucson.org.

FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH

Notice to all apostolic groups, there will be Holy Hour every month at 6:00 p.m. followed by mass at 7:00 p.m. for all ministries, followed by a gathering or a study session according to the notice put out. This is being done to promote unity and gathering of all parish groups, through devotion to the Holy Eucharist. As customary, the Holy Eucharist will be exposed all day.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This weekend is the "Commitment Weekend" for the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign. A video with a message from our Bishop will be presented at all masses. Then there will be an explanation of envelopes. Make a donation, or a promise to the diocese, according to your possibilities. No amount is too small. Up to ten dollars per month (\$ 100 in ten months) can touch many lives. But if you can offer more you can help to support spreading the Gospel in the Diocese of Tucson.

THEATRICAL "MY BROKEN CHRIST"

The play returns to the parish "My Broken Christ", which has become a classical theatrical evangelization. The play is performed by the famous Mexican actor Albert Mayagoitia. There will be two presentations in the parish on Wednesday, March 24 at 5.00 pm and 7.00 p.m. Tickets are available at the parish office and after all masses. Ticket donation is \$15.00 dollars. This play, is masterfully interpreted by Mayagoitia, he has been performing in parishes and large scenarios in all Latin-America. The powerful message of the cross continues touching the heart of thousands of Christians. It is Worth seeing and renewing our commitment to Christ.

RULES IN THE CHURCH

San Felipe de Jesus Parish sees the need to implement certain rules regarding the following points:

1. Installation of video and alarm system due to the disappearance of equipment and parish belongings.
2. Doors should be closed at all times. Not closing them raises the cost of cooling and the parish expenses.
3. The rules pertaining to the group meetings during the week will be reviewed. Lights are sometimes left on, which affects the parish.
4. A review of Ministers that serve and have not had their fingerprints taken. Training dates will be set .

JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS

There is a site on the internet: Justice for immigrants, a campaign to fight for an immigration reform that respects the dignity of the human being and reduce violence and deaths at borders, family disintegration and abuse and discrimination of thousands of migrants. American Bishops support a fair and comprehensive immigration reform that will benefit both countries. For more information visit the site justiceformigrants.org. There, you'll also have the option of sending an email to Senators expressing your support for immigration reform.

WEEKEND IN AN AMERICAN SEMINARY

Would you like to spend a weekend at the seminary in Mundelein in Chicago, were future priests of the Church study? Please contact Father Vili. There will be a trip on the weekend of April 16, 17 and 18, 2010. You need to be of legal age, and have some interest in the Catholic Priesthood. There is also a discernment group, which you can attend, without a commitment. We are waiting for you. You have nothing to lose; God could have something special prepared for you.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A flyer will be attached in the bulletin with a list of services on Wednesday February 17, the start of Lent. There will be ash services with celebration of the word services every hour of the day, starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. There will only be three masses during the day: 8.00 a.m. 12.00 noon and 7.00 p.m.

