Changing the world, one sport (and one kid!) at a time

Our teens partner with CCIH’s Lakeside Apartments for a week-long Sports Camp for young residents

“Hey man, you okay?” One of our campers had just taken a mild spill onto the blacktop on Basketball Day, and I was witnessing almost every single one of our young men hustle over to casually give Eric a fist bump, shoulder squeeze, or a pat on the back before moving on with the game.

These teens were living out Matthew 25:40, and I made a mental note to bring that verse up in our Breakfast Session the next morning. (Look it up!)

Twenty of our teens gave their first week of summer vacation to learn about social justice and put it in action in a Sports Camp with Contra Costa Interfaith Housing. We’d meet at 9am for breakfast, team building, and interactive lesson, and at 10:15 drove over to Concord’s Lakeside Apartments to lead camp at the nearby Meadow Homes Park.

We talked about solidarity, advocacy, and our responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters. We learned how to articulate why service is so important as Christians. And then, through sports, lunch, and good old fashioned fun in the water park and pool, we went out and put it into action.

Visit us on Instagram @smyouthmin for more photos!
A huge thank you to our volunteers!

A sincere thank-you goes out to parishioners Bobbie Richards, Bob Semar, Linda Zunino, Jules Campbell, and Lynne Lloyd for helping convert the Parish Hall into such a beautiful worship space for the summer.

Special mention goes to Ursula Gordon for her tireless work leading up to the transition to the Hall, and to Tony Millette for coordinating!

Our Hall looks beautiful, and definitely worthy to be a place of worship!

Young men—where is God calling you?

The seminarians of the Diocese of Oakland invite you to a day with music, play, Mass, prayer, and real talk to help you discern your Christian vocation.

Visit our website for the flyer and more information!

4th of July Mass and Parade

Start 4th of July off right: join us for Mass with patriotic songs as we give thanks to God for our Independence. You’re welcome to leave your cars here at Santa Maria and walk down to enjoy the parade after Mass!

9:00am Mass in the Hall
10:00am Parade Begins

Weekly Food Collection

1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry

Please put all donations in the bins in the Narthex.
We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive regular communication via both email and regular mail. Registration information is essential for responding to request to be sponsors/godparents and other ministries.

Please register at www.santamariaorinda.com/registration