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CHANCERY NEWS

NEW - Fr. Mark Doherty Named New Seminary Rector

On Wednesday, February 24, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone announced the appointment of Fr. Mark Doherty as the new rector of St. Patrick's Seminary & University. Fr. Doherty has been the interim rector since October, 2020.

In making the announcement, Archbishop Cordileone said, "I am very happy to appoint Fr. Doherty as the rector of St. Patrick's Seminary. Fr. Doherty has already shown outstanding leadership in these months as interim rector, and his assuming the position of rector now in a stable manner holds out great promise for the future of the seminary. I appreciate his willing acceptance of this appointment, and the commitment, zeal and expertise he brings to this most important position in the life of the Church."

Fr. Doherty affirmed his welcome of this new role, saying, "Convinced as I am that there is no better time to be a priest of Jesus Christ, I am grateful for this charge, for the privileged opportunity to share in the work of forming priests for the third millennium. I am all the more enthused to assume this mission because it affords me the opportunity to work side-by-side with an outstanding group of colleagues." Read the full announcement [here](#).

NEW - 2021 AAA Kicks Off Today

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sfarch.org/aaa

The 2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, the "AAA," is underway. This year's theme, "*For the needy will never be forgotten; nor will the hope of the afflicted ever perish,*" speaks to the particularly critical needs of so many at this time. The AAA provides the unique opportunity for all parishes and parishioners in our Archdiocese to unite in a common mission and provide this vital assistance.

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The past 11½ months have been unprecedented. We've all been impacted by the shelter-in-place mandate, by the virus itself, and/or by the economic shutdown. At the same time, the past year has also reaffirmed our tremendous sense of family in the Archdiocese. There have been countless examples of love, sacrifice, and outreach - parishioners checking on neighbors, bringing groceries, gathering in virtual communities of support, and in many other ways.

Your support of the Annual Appeal is particularly appreciated and valuable at this exceptionally challenging time. By responding to God's call to stewardship and grace and participating in the AAA, you support parish ministries and schools, clergy, youth and young adults, social ministries, the greater Church, and our pastors and parishes in their financial and human resources efforts, among others. You impact many lives through your gift to the Annual Appeal.

The complete list of all the Appeal's benefits, as well as this year's 6½ minute campaign video, may be found on the Archdiocesan web site (sfarch.org/aaa). In addition, you may link to the video in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

The Archdiocesan Development Department is eager to support and assist in any way, so please contact Rod Linhares, Jennie Dahl, or Rose Marie Wong any time at 415-614-5583.

NEW - Covid-19 Resource Page for Pastors and Location Administrators

Christine Escobar, Human Resources Manager escobarc@sfarch.org 415-614-5540
sfarch.org/covid-19 (password-protected)

As announced in Deanery meetings over the past two weeks, there is now a single page on the Archdiocesan website with information related to Covid-19. This page is password-protected and for use of pastors and location administrators only. It contains reporting information, links to county health information, PPE resources, and much more. If you are a pastor or location administrator who was unable to attend, please contact Christine Escobar, above, for access.

A different page, sfarch.org/health-alerts, is the location that contains information for the faithful and the general public. Both pages are updated regularly.

NEW - Healing After Abortion Women's Retreat

April 17, 2021

Confidential location

projectrachel@sfarch.org 415-614-5567
sfarch.org/rachel

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. You are not alone. The Archdiocese of San Francisco sponsors Project Rachel which helps women and men heal the pain of abortion and to find the path to peace and reconciliation. This retreat will be led by Father Vito Perrone, Contemplative of St. Joseph, in English & Spanish. Counseling, Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered.

To sign up, contact staff at Project Rachel at the email or phone number above, or submit your information on the form found at sfarch.org/rachel. All inquiries are confidential.

Download flyers to share: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)



NEW - Respect Life Resources for Parishes from USCCB

usccb.org/resources/word-life-march-2021

Bilingual resources area available from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to support pro-life teaching, prayers, and activities in parishes. Please visit the website above to access the March resources and to sign up to receive this directly each month.

NEW - Contact Your Representatives re The Equality Act

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votervoices.net/USCCB/Campaigns/80967/Respond

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Equality Act, which is being voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives soon, in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. The Equality Act would: punish faith-based organizations, such as charities and schools who serve everyone in their communities, simply because of their beliefs; force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, and especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a “public” place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) urges Catholic to take action now: Visit the website above to learn more and to contact your U.S. Representative or Senator immediately.

NEW - COVID-19 Vaccination: Find Out if it's Your Turn

Via San Francisco Interfaith Council
myturn.ca.gov

Everyone in California will have an opportunity to get vaccinated against COVID-19 at no cost. But the vaccination supply is limited right now. The state is starting with the groups who are at highest risk, such as people with a high chance of exposure and people 65 and older.

Find out if it's your turn by visiting myturn.ca.gov and answering a few questions. It only takes a few minutes. If you're eligible and vaccine appointments are available through My Turn, you can schedule one. If it's not your turn yet or appointments are not available, you can register to be notified when you're eligible or when appointments open up. Check eligibility [here](#).

If you're near San Francisco, you may be able to schedule your appointment today. Appointments are being added to My Turn daily, and expanding statewide.

Archbishop Statement on Serra Statue Vandals 'Not Guilty' Pleas

sfarch.org/letters-and-statements

On Friday, February 19, five of the vandals of the St. Junipero Serra statue at Mission San Rafael last October entered pleas of not guilty. The case now proceeds toward trial. Archbishop Cordileone issued a statement which may be read at the link above.



First Saturday Mass and Rosary Walk for Life March

Saturday, March 6, 8:00 am

St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

Valerie Schmalz, Director, Office of Human Life and Dignity 415-614-5572 schmalzv@sfarch.org

sfarch.org/events/monthly-prayer-for-life

The monthly First Saturday Mass and Rosary Walk for Life takes place March 6 beginning with 8:00 am Mass in the Cathedral, followed by a rosary walk to the site of the new Planned Parenthood clinic on Bush Street, just one third of a mile away. All are welcome to join. For more information, please email prolife@sfarch.org.

Restorative Justice School Project

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sfarchdiocese.org/rjministry-schoolproject

The Restorative Justice School Project, formerly named Pen Pal Jr. Project, was launched in 2016, and gets under way this year again and invites all students to participate.

This Project brings messages of hope to prisoners in San Francisco County Jails from public and Catholic schools and faith formation students. It helps young people “reach out to the imprisoned” as a corporal work of mercy, and helps students learn the concept and practice of restorative justice. The prisoners and students remain anonymous to one another; this connection is made possible through the Archdiocesan Restorative Justice Ministry, which collects and delivers the messages. Hundreds of locally incarcerated men and women have received handmade cards and messages of hope in the past five years.

The planned 2021 opportunities are available now for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Visit the web page above to see information, photos, videos and how you may be able to support this effort.

Lenten Resources from EWTN

ewtn.com/lent

The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) is making available several resources for Catholics this Lent. Visit their website above to find a variety of items including a comprehensive look at the Church's teaching about Lent, daily readings and reflections, special Lenten programming, popular devotions, video-on-demand and much more.

EVENTS

NEW - Morning of Reflection with Saint Joseph: Praying with the Guardian of the Redeemer

Saturday, March 20, 10:00 – 11:00 am online

Mary Molly Mullaney FaithFormation@SaintStephenSF.org 415-681-2444 ext. 4

<http://bit.ly/3qUYtN1>

All are welcome for a short morning reflection on St. Joseph, the savior of our Savior, guardian of the Redeemer. The morning will include time to learn a little about St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary and earthly father of Jesus, followed by a short example of Lectio Divina, reading a scripture verse, and then praying with



it. Leader will be Katie Bogner, author, artist, and teacher. Feel free to have a journal or pen and paper ready for your own reflections. This is a FREE virtual event; register online: <http://bit.ly/3qUYtN1>. Sponsored by St. Stephen Parish. Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

CONCERTS

St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday "Musical Meditations" Livestream

[St. Mary's Cathedral YouTube](#)

Enjoy the longest continuously running organ concert series in San Francisco, and other instrumental and vocal recitals as well, Sundays at 4:00 pm. For the time being, these Sunday Musical Meditations are not open to the public but are being livestreamed on the St. Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel, above.

March 7: Federico Andreoni (Italy), Organ

March 14: David Hatt, Organ. Celebrating 50th Anniversary of the artist's first recital

March 21: Hans Uwe Hielscher (Germany), organ

March 28: Diana Stork and Cheryl Fulton, harps

Livestream Concerts at Mission Dolores Basilica

Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16th St., San Francisco

Jerome Lenk 415-621-8203 music@missiondolores.org

missiondolores.org [facebook.com/missiondoloresf](https://www.facebook.com/missiondoloresf)

Mission Dolores Basilica presents the Second Sunday Concert Series via Livestream on Facebook. All concerts are at 4:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. More information, and links to the livestream, are available at the website and Facebook page above. The next concert is **March 14 – Allison Lovejoy, piano.**

RETREAT HOUSES

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park

David Leech 650-325-5614 davidl@vallombrosa.org

vallombrosa.org

All public retreats are now online.

Private Retreats: Vallombrosa Center currently offers Private Retreats for those who want private rooms for alone time, with Spiritual Direction available. Guests can enjoy the walking trails, shrines and gardens. There are both Day retreats and Overnight (no food or coffee service available in either case) – please visit <https://conta.cc/3gldQtl> to learn more.

El Retiro, the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos

300 Manresa Way, Los Altos

jrclosaltos.org



The Jesuit Retreat Center, El Retiro, has developed an array of spiritual resources that are available online during this time of social distancing requirements, including virtual retreats. You can look at upcoming retreats by clicking [here](#). The Center is also offering virtual Individually Directed Retreats now. If interested in an individual retreat, please email retreat@jrclosaltos.org.

Live Stations of the Cross (virtual)

Fridays of Lent, 3:00-4:00 pm, Free
Pastoral Staff

Conversion Journey through Lent (Session 3)

Thursday, March 4, 7:00 – 8:15 pm
Pastoral Staff

Coffee with St. Joseph (Retreat for Men)

Friday March 5, 7:00 – 7:30 am
Fr. John Auther, S.J.

38th Annual Retreat for Members of the Legal Profession

Saturday, March 6, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Fr. Felix Just, S.J.

Rostros de Cristo: Abriendo Nuestros Corazones a Todos los Hijos de Dios

Saturday, March 6, 12:30 – 3:00 pm
Fr. John Auther, S.J.

Conversion Journey through Lent (Session 4)

Thursday, March 11, 7:00-8:15 pm
Pastoral Staff

Coffee with St. Joseph (Retreat for Women)

Friday March 12
Fr. John Auther, S.J.

Faces of Christ: Opening our Hearts to All God's Children

Saturday, March 13, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Fr. John Auther, S.J.

Rowing Into the Deep when You're Afraid

Saturday, March 13, 10:00 am – Noon
Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, S.J.



5-day Guided Retreat

Wednesday March 17, 4:00 pm - Sunday, March 21, 2:00 pm
Pastoral Staff

Mercy Center Retreats and Events, Burlingame

Mercy Center, 2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame
650-340-7474 mc@mercywmw.org
mercy-center.org

Mercy Center's campus remains temporarily closed until further notice due to the pandemic, and looks prayerfully forward to the day when the doors can be opened once again. There is now a variety of offerings for online and at-home use. Please visit the website and sign up for the e-mail list to be informed of all upcoming programs and updates. Current offerings include:

Recurring Free Events:

East-West Meditation
Centering Prayer
Prayer in the Style of Taizé
Cancer Prayer Group

JOBS

All employees of the Archdiocese of San Francisco shall be employed without regard to race, color, sex, ethnic or national origin and pursuant to the San Francisco Fair Chance Ordinance, we will consider for employment, qualified applicants with criminal histories.

Controller, Chancery

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has an opening for a Controller. The Controller reports to the Chief Financial Officer. Primary objective of this position: Manage the financial activities of the Central Administrative Finance Office with respect to: the accounting and reporting functions and services provided to the four Archdiocesan high schools and seminary. Primary attributes of the successful candidate: Strong mentor and manager who is detail-oriented. Must be comfortable with all types of systems; Excel, PowerPoint and GL packages. Strong understanding of Non-Profit, Fund Accounting and GAAP. Effective presenter and communicator. For a complete job description and instructions for applying, [click here](#).

Religious Studies Teacher, San Francisco

Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory is a Lasallian Vincentian Catholic, co-educational college preparatory secondary school located in the heart of San Francisco. They are seeking a dynamic religious studies teacher with a strong theological background to teach in a variety of Religious Studies courses. The Religious Studies curriculum integrates the U.S. Bishops Framework in developmentally appropriate ways, reflecting the Lasallian pedagogy of serving as older sisters and brothers in faith. The Religious Studies faculty engage the diverse



student body through active learning, critical thinking, spiritual self-reflection, and vibrant co-curricular and service programs. To view full job description and necessary qualifications please click [here](#). To apply, please click [here](#).

Elementary Teachers, San Francisco

Stella Maris Academy is seeking to recruit passionate and engaging teachers who share our vision of forming young minds and hearts through a classical liberal arts curriculum for the journey of life. We are committed to providing students with a rigorous, integrated, and authentic Catholic education. Theology integrates and the active life of faith animates our parish and school community. We seek teachers who have a strong background in the liberal arts, a passion for sharing their faith with young people, and a talent for engaging and helping students to grow in the classroom.

Candidates must have at least a Bachelor's degree in a related subject. Advanced degrees and an appropriate California teaching certification are preferred. A full job description and application instructions can be found [here](#).

Various Teaching Positions for 21-22 school year, Marin Catholic

Marin Catholic, Kentfield is taking resumes for teachers to be hired in English, Math, Theology, Science, History and Spanish. For complete job descriptions and instructions for applying, please [click here](#) to visit the school Employment Page.

TICKLER FILE

Series on Human Trafficking Continues

March 9, 6:30 pm via Zoom

Maria Martinez-Mont, Respect Life Coordinator 415-988-5708 martinezmontm@sfarch.org
sfarch.org/seminars

"Become a Shepherd in your Parish"

March 9

This workshop will offer pragmatic, fresh, and creative responses to operationalize a growing Catholic hunger to effectively fight human trafficking. Diocesan and parish leaders will be equipped with an engaging three-pronged approach to transform empathy for victims into action that is effective and long-lasting. Register at sfarch.org/seminars.

Respect Life Essay Contest Mass & Awards

Sunday, March 14, 11:00 am

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

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sfarch.org/essay-contest

Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate a special Mass honoring the winners of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Essay Contest on Sunday March 14. An Awards Ceremony will follow, in accordance with COVID-19 safety protocols in place on that date. This year there can be no reception following Mass (due to COVID-19) but it is



hoped that contest winners and their families will attend the Mass and receive their awards. The Mass will also be livestreamed.

More information about participating in future contests can be found at the link above.