Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States.

**PRAYER**

Almighty Father, we thank You for the vocation of Fr. Joe, Fr. Gregorio and Fr. John whom You have called into the priesthood of Your Son.

Jesus, may they always look to You as an example of humility, service and charity. Holy Spirit, use them as an instrument to challenge many Catholics, especially the young, to love Christ and embrace the heart of the Church. Mary, wrap your mantle around our Priests and intercede for their strength and faithfulness to the Church. Holy Trinity – bless them! Blessed Mother – intercede for them!

St. John Vianney – pray for all priests!

Priesthood Sunday is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International, an organization of lay men and women whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
**Parish Information**

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Ph: 526-1732  Fax: 526-0067  
Email: Parish@StRoseSV.com  
Tony Gammariello, PBM • 526-1732  
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**HOURS**
- **Monday to Friday:** 9:00am—8:00pm  
- **Saturday:** 9:00am—6:00pm  
- **Sunday:** 8:00am—4:00pm  
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**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**
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**24 HR. LIFE CENTER HOTLINE FOR UNPLANNED PREGNANCY**
- Call 1-800-973-7334  
- www.facebook.com/PregnancyCounselingCenter

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- (Interim Chair person)

**Third Ministries**
- The Third team  
- Hanah Lemos 208-2545

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL**
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526-5304 • 526-0939 (fax)

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**PARISH STAFF**
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- Rev. Joseph P. Shea  
  FrShea@strossesv.com
- Fr. Gregorio Hidalgo  
  FrGregorio@strossesv.com

**SACRAMENTS**
**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Administered throughout the year. Please call the Rectory any time in case of serious illness or going into surgery.

**BAPTISMS**
- English: 1st Sunday of the month  
  - Arrangements must be made prior to Baptism.
- Español: 3r Domingo del mes  
  - Es necesario hacer arreglos con anticipacion.

**MARRIAGES**
- Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call or visit the Rectory.

**MINISTRIES**
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- Dot Goerisch • 526-5640

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER MINISTRY**
- Deacon Pete Wilson • 501-4535

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP**
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  584-6160

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- Dot Goerisch • 526-5640

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
- COUNCIL #5803
  - Tony DeMarco, Grand Knight  
  558-4328

**RIDE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**
- If interested in becoming Catholic or if you are a baptized adult in need of Confirmation and First Communion please call: Julia Dobrucki 915-4625

**SHARING IN THE SACRAMENTS**
- ANOINTING OF THE SICK
  - Administered throughout the year.
- BAPTISMS
  - English: 1st Sunday of the month  
  - Español: 3r Domingo del mes
- MARRIAGES
  - Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call or visit the Rectory.

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE**
- **Saturday, November 5**
  - 5:00 PM Fr. John Moloney

- **Sunday, November 6**
  - 6:00 AM Fr. Joseph Shea
  - 7:00 AM Fr. John Moloney
  - 9:00 AM Fr. Gregorio Hidalgo
  - 11:00 AM Fr. Joseph Shea
  - **Sp 1:00 PM Fr. Gregorio Hidalgo**
  - 5:00PM Fr. John Moloney

* Occasionally the Celebrant may change.

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**MOTHER CABRINI CIRCLE GIFT SHOP**
- Located in the vestibule; open before & after morning Sunday Masses; **Thursday 12-3pm**
Novena to the Patroness of the United States—

The Immaculate Conception

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners — on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY THIS NOVENA FOR NINE DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS
(starting October 30, 2016)
All are Welcome!

“A time to be born…” Ecc 3:2

“A time to heal…” Ecc 3:3 ... And pray for another.—James 5:13-18

Names will be deleted after 3 months, unless rectory is notified.

“A time of war and a time of peace…” Ecc 3:8 Pray for those serving

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 29
- 8:30am Millennium Club
- 5:00pm Henry Liesbcher D
- 7:00pm Fernando & Augusto Mongalo D

Sunday, October 30
- 6:00am Raymond & Irene Pohl D
- 7:00am Dorothy E. DeMill D
- 9:00am Elder Laija D
- 11:00am Marcela Hansen D
- 1:00pm Gilberto Perez D
- 5:00pm Ellen Watt D

Monday, October 31
- 8:30am Corbett Monica D
- 5:30pm Rose C. Montero D

Tuesday, November 1
- 6:00am Bob Farnsworth D
- 8:30pm Raymond Smith D
- 12:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 5:30pm Maria P. Posadas D
- 7:00pm Vidal Guilen D

Wednesday, November 2
- 8:30am All Souls N
- 5:30pm All Souls N
- 7:00pm All Souls N

Thursday, November 3
- 8:30am All Souls N
- 5:30pm All Souls N

Friday, November 4
- 8:30am All Souls N
- 5:30pm All Souls N

Saturday, November 5
- 8:30am Millennium Club N
- 5:00pm All Souls N
- 7:00pm All Souls N

Sunday, November 6
- 6:00am All Souls N
- 7:00am All Souls N
- 9:00am All Souls N
- 11:00am All Souls N
- 1:00pm All Souls N
- 5:00pm All Souls N

Readings for the Week

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 31:1-10; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6, 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from nos. 668 or 669
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]
St. Rose of Lima Catholic School

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Rigorous, full-spectrum core curriculum includes regular enrichment courses in all grades, including PE, Music, Art, Spanish, Hands-on Science Labs, and more! Our graduates are high achievers in high school and beyond!

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
Technology is fully integrated at all grade levels. All rooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology systems; Grades 4-8 have 1:1 iPads; Kindergarten-3rd Grade have iPad stations in classrooms for student use.

FAITH & CHARACTER BUILDING
We teach Catholic beliefs and strong moral values to help instill faith for a purposeful life; we encourage students to actively and joyfully bring faith to life and life to faith. We emphasize service & becoming valuable citizens.

STRONG COMMUNITY
Our close-knit, faith-based family community allows children to learn and thrive in a safe & loving environment.

Phone: 526-5304 Website: www.srls.org

ST. PETER CLAVER PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN PRESENTS

CASINO NIGHT
ENTRY TICKETS
$35 per person includes dinner one drink & $100 in gaming chips.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016
6:00 pm

Texas Hold’em Tournament BUY-IN $50 (Ticket includes 2 drinks) Tournament begins at 7PM
Top Winners receive a CASH VISA CARD

“Apologetics Group: Theology of the Body
Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm, Room 11
November 2nd – December 7th – January 4th
Meet new people and discuss theology. This group will be discussing God’s purpose for human sexuality within the realm of current issues.

Young Adult Retreat
December 19th-21st, $80 per person
Circle V Ranch Camp, Lake Casitas
Contact Hannah Lemos for more info.

Want More Information: www.thirdministries.org
Facebook: Third Ministries
Twitter: IAMThird_YA
Instagram: iamthird_ya
Flocknote: Third Ministries
Contact: Hannah Lemos (805) 501-1098

Glorify
Join St. Rose Youth Ministry in the hall for adoration, praise & worship, food, and discussion!
December 2nd 7:00-9:00pm (Track I & II Required)

Fall Life Nights:
Sundays 6:30-8:30pm
STRL YM meets Sundays in the hall for dinner, a talk, activities & discussion. Each night is something new!
TODAY: October 30th – Halloween Party & Maze
November 6th – Trust
November 27th – Talent Night

Inspiration L.A. – Six Flags Magic Mountain
Saturday November 5th 8:00 – 11:00 pm $60 per person
Rides, funnel cake and sooo many Catholics. Join us for a full day at the park concluding with Mass, a speaker, and music!

Lazertag Extreme Fundraiser
Sunday November 20th 6:00 – 9:00 pm $25 pre-sale tickets
Unlimited lazer tag for 3 hours! Open to all ages. Come by and help support our youth. Tickets on sale in the rectory, M Office, and from YM leaders.

Phone: (805) 526-8181 Email: ym@strosesv.com
*Call the YM Office for more information at (805) 526-8181*
**Ministries & devotions**

**Perpetual Adoration at St. Rose of Lima**

Come and enjoy a peaceful hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you are not able to sign up as a permanent Adorer, please consider signing up to be an occasional substitute.

Monday, 9:00am—Saturday, 3:00pm

**Team Leaders**

12am-5am Theresa Wong — 428-0942
6am-11am Cathy Sullivan — 526-7628
12pm-5pm Anita Koller — 526-9910
6pm-11pm Kathy & Frank Cross - 501-8431

**Singing Adoration in the Chapel/Church**

**Every 2nd & 4th Monday**

NEW 7:00-9:00pm St. Rose of Lima Charismatic Prayer Group

**Tuesday**

3:00-3:30pm Divine Mercy
7:00-8:00pm SubRosa
8:00-10:00pm Spanish Rosary

**Wednesday**

6:00pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
7:00pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction with Dcn Ed Posvar

**Saturday after 5pm Mass**

Bilingual Rosary for the healing & unity of families.

**Anger Management Ministry**

Meetings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Room 11

Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

Join us on November 7th “My Anger Patterns, Thoughts, and Triggers, Part II”

No Meeting on Nov. 21st

Anger Management Ministry is a Christ-centered group that provides an Anger Management Program intended to manage and control our anger in a Christ-like manner. The topics are presented in meetings in a 13 week cycle. The meetings are led by Dr. Bennett Annan, a National Anger Management Association Certified Anger Management Specialist. For more information please contact Wally Conway at 915-808 wally.conway@century21.com or Jean Jenners: josephm34@sbcglobal.net

**Divorced Separated Widowed**

We are a Christ-centered, self-help program. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month in Room 11 of the school from 7:00-9:00pm.

Friday, November 4:
"Understanding the Difference In The Way Men And Women Grieve," by Dr. Bennett Annan

Friday, November 18th MEETING CANCELLED: Happy Thanksgiving

Contact: Jean Jennings (JosephM34@sbcglobal.net), or call 526-1732

www.StRoseSV.com

Click on Ministries to Divorced Separated Widowed.

**Freedom in our Lives**

We at your home parish, St. Rose of Lima, offer you... FREEDOM IN OUR LIVES, a Faith-based Beatiitudes program to help you realize how to let God’s healing power into your life. Join us for Part II on Friday, November 11th for a presentation by Dr. Bennett Annan on Western Medicine vs Eastern medicine and Gluttony. "We meet the 2nd & 4th Friday each month, in room 11 of St. Rose School at 7:30pm.

**Legion of Mary**

meets Saturdays from 9:30—10:30am in the flower room. Our Ministry is first and foremost spiritual. The function of the Legion of Mary is to develop the holiness of each individual member & the sense of a lay vocation. Under the guidance of our Spiritual Director and Pastor, we participate in any & every form of social service within the parish community. Interested? For further information please contact Cathy Sullivan 526-7628.

**Landings,** a Paulist Fathers program for the returning Catholic, is offering a shortened, in-home presentation for four weeks in November designed for the individual who is considering a return to the practice of the Faith. Please call Madeleine Sorensen, 522-6107, or email: madeleine.k.sorensen@gmail.com for further information.
Faith Formation

Tuesday, November 1st – All Saints Day – A Holy Day of obligation. Attend Mass as a family.

Wednesday, November 2nd – All Soul’s Day – Attend Mass as a family to pray for your departed family and friends. Wear a picture of someone

Track 2 Confirmation Saturday November 19th
— Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

Track 1 Confirmation Sunday October 23rd 5:00 pm Mass – Rite of Promise, followed by Life Night in the Parish Hall.
Sunday November 13th - T1 Retreat – 8:30 am – 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall Saturday November 19th – Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Top 10 Reasons to Become a Catechist

• You will grow in your own faith knowledge and deepen your personal relationship with Jesus.
• Children, teens, & adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
• Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
• You have more to share with those you'll catechize than you could ever imagine.
• Today's catechetical textbooks and resources offer outstanding support, no previous experience required.
• You will be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll build new relationships.
• You will be helping others develop an intimate relationship with Jesus.
• You'll be a missionary, a Disciple in the New Evangelization.
• You will be handing on a 2000-year-old Faith Tradition that transforms lives.
• It’s our call; through Baptism we are sent to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

As our Faith Formation Program continues to grow, so does our need for catechists. Please prayerfully consider joining our Faith Formation Team for the 17/18 catechetical year.

An on-going course in Church History is coming soon! Come and learn about our Church, and her rich history. The course will be taught by Mr. Antonio Badilla. Sessions will be every Monday from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Room 13 of the school, beginning Monday November 7 and continuing through April. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

What was the ceremony celebrated last Sunday at Mass?

Last Sunday we celebrated two Rites of initiation for inquirers in the RCIA process: the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (for those preparing for their Baptism) and the Rite of Welcoming (for those already baptized in another Christian tradition who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church).

The following catechumens celebrated the Rite of Acceptance: Eliana, Ruben, Elizabeth, Cynthia, Ashley, Robert, Lee, Steven

The following candidates celebrated the Rite of Welcoming: Pam, Jasmine, Trisha, John, Colleen

A very special thanks to all who helped in anyway with the celebration. Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

Save the Date

For the
St. Rose of Lima Ladies Tea Sunday
January 15, 2017

To Host a table or reserve tickets, please contact Pam Riss at Pamela.riss@yahoo.com or Sandy Lemos at 915-4621 or sandy@strosesv.com.
**RESPECT LIFE**

**Knights of Columbus**
**Rosary for the Unborn**
**Every First Saturday of the Month**
**Please Join Us Saturday, November 5th at 9:30am**
Assumption Cemetery
on 1380 Fitzgerald Rd. S.V.

**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**

On Friday, November 11th, St Rose of Lima ICF Branch #443 will introduce the new 2017 board members at their meeting. Members and guests are invited to come to meet the new board and enjoy the evening. Meatball sandwiches will be served along with other delicious foods.

The event will be held at the St Rose Parish hall at 7:00PM. There will be a cost of $7.00 per adult; children under 12 are free.

Because this is also Veterans Day, wear red, white and blue to celebrate our wonderful country!

For more information, call Linda @ 578-8989

**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Pat & Cathy Sullivan  
October 4 (47 yrs)

James & Eva Fucich  
October 7 (16 yrs)

Ted & Elaine Seonbuchner  
October 8 (45 yrs)

Paul & Adelina Frieleborn  
October 14 (27 yrs)

Rick & Marybeth Molina  
October 16 (40 yrs)

Rich & Mary O’Donnell  
Oct 23 (45 yrs)

William & Anita Koller  
October 27 (32 yrs)

Terry & Theresa Wong  
October 27 (26 yrs)

To have your wedding anniversary acknowledged in the bulletin please call the rectory at 526-1732.

**Did you Know?**

**Teach your kids not to fear a predator’s manipulation**

Fear is a powerful motivator, and unfortunately, it fuels the secrecy behind many instances of child abuse. A predator will use fear to manipulate his or her victims, making it hard to end the abuse. Often, abuse victims are too scared or embarrassed to speak up, especially if the abuser is someone they know. Abusers can use close relationships to inspire fear of retaliation and may also stress that no one will believe their victim.

For a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Don’t Let a Perpetrator Use Fear to Manipulate Your Child,” email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213-637-7227.

**KNIGHT’S OF COLUMBUS**

**Knight’s Of Columbus Fish Fry**

Delicious grilled or fried fish with cole slaw, fried clams, French fries, mac & cheese, bread roll, coffee, punch and dessert, all for only $8 for adults and $4 for children 12 years or younger. Join us every First Friday of the month from 5:30pm—7:00pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1255 Patricia Ave. S.V. 93065

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

2016-2017 Knights of Columbus Council 5803 Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Council 5803, are pleased to offer five $500.00 scholarships. One scholarship will be placed at Alemany H.S., La Reina H.S. and three at St. Rose Youth Ministry office. These scholarships are available to high school graduating seniors who are members of St. Rose of Lima Parish for at least the last year & are planning on furthering their formal education. The scholarship recipient will be selected, in part, by the following criteria: academics, involvement in community services, school activities and parish activities. Applications are available at St. Rose of Lima Rectory, Youth Ministry Office or from your respective high school College Counselor. If you are a member of St. Rose of Lima and enrolled at another local Catholic High School please contact PGK Herman Conant (805) 581-2332. Completed applications are due back no later than FEB 11, 2017. For more information please call PGK Herman Conant at (805) 581-2332 or GK Anthony DeMarco at (805) 558-4328.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

The Sisters of Notre Dame have an immediate opening for a Communications Manager who will support the activities of the Mission Advancement Department through communications and public relations activities. For complete information, visit www.sndca.org, then click on Ways to Join Us, Employment Opportunities. Information for submitting an application for this position is included on the webpage cited.

¿Sabia Usted?

Enseñe a sus hijos a no temer la manipulación de depredadores. El miedo es un motivador poderoso, y desafortunadamente, aviva el secreto detrás de muchas instancias de abuso infantil. Un depredador usará el temor para manipular a sus víctimas, haciendo difícil terminar el abuso. Muchas veces, las víctimas de abuso están tan asustados o avergonzados como para hablar, especialmente si el abusador es alguien que ellos conocen. Los abusadores pueden usar una relación cercana para inspirar temor a la venganza y pueden también recalcular que nadie les creerá a sus víctimas. Para una copia del artículo VIRTUS® “Don’t Let a Perpetrator Use Fear to Manipulate Your Child” (No deje que un depredador use el miedo para manipular a su hijo) envíe un correo electrónico ajvienna@la-archdiocese.org o llame al 213-637-7227.
DIOS ESTÁ CON NOSOTROS

El libro de la Sabiduría nos dice que el Espíritu de Dios está en todas las cosas. ¡Qué maravilloso pensamiento! ¡Qué maravillosa imagen para tenerla frente a nosotros mientras vamos por el camino de la vida! Si el camino se revela al andar, es bueno saber que Dios está con nosotros –y alrededor de nosotros– a cada paso.

Pero Pablo sabe que esta divina presencia no es tímida. En vez de eso, Dios nos llama, y Pablo ruega que nosotros, junto con los tesalonicenses, nos hagamos dignos de ese llamado. ¿Y quién sabe más acerca del llamado de Dios que Zaqueo, el recaudador de impuestos? Todos sabemos que Jesús lo llamó que bajara nada menos que de un árbol, por su bien. Tal vez más correctamente, al reflexionar en el final de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, podríamos decir que para bien del cielo.

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“HAPPY HALLOWEEN” —TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 31 de octubre muchos se visten de monstruos y al día siguiente, los cristianos celebramos a todos los santos. Es interesante el contraste entre los dos días. Un día recordamos brujas y zombis y al siguiente conmemoramos vírgenes y mártires, religiosos y laicos comprometidos todos con una cosa en común: su amor a Dios, un amor que se hace carne en obras de caridad y justicia.

La mayoría de los santos se hicieron santos gracias a los monstruos que los rodeaban. Los primeros mártires cristianos murieron a mano de los monstruos romanos, muchos religiosos medievales se refugiaban en Dios para protegerse de los monstruos internos que los tentaban con sexo, dinero y poder. Y en América muchos como Manuel Chin Sooj se hicieron testigos de la justicia en manos de los monstruos de gobiernos injustos.

Los monstruos, en fin no pueden vencer a los santos por eso en Guatemala el martirio de Manuel Chin Sooj, animó a los obispos guatemaltecos a unirse con la carta “El clamor de la tierra” a los esfuerzos de pobres en búsqueda de tierra y dignidad humana.

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The Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on Tuesday, 25/10/16, published a new instruction on the burial of the dead & on the conservation of the ashes in cases of cremation. The instruction reiterates the long held view that the Church is not opposed to the practice of cremation, though it continues to recommend that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. However the new document insists that ashes should not be kept in private houses and that the scattering of ashes on land or at sea is not permitted. 1. To rise with Christ, we must die with Christ: we must “be away from the body and at home with the Lord” (2 Cor 5:8). With the Instruction Piam et Constantem of 5 July 1963, the then Holy Office established that “all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burying the faithful departed”, adding however that cremation is not “opposed per se to the Christian religion” and that no longer should the sacraments and funeral rites be denied to those who have asked that they be cremated, under the condition that this choice has not been made through “a denial of Christian dogmas, the animosity of a secret society, or hatred of the Catholic religion and the Church”. Later this change in ecclesiastical discipline was incorporated into the Code of Canon Law (1983) and the Code of Canons of Oriental Churches (1990). During the intervening years, the practice of cremation has notably increased in many countries, but simultaneously new ideas contrary to the Church’s faith have also become widespread. Having consulted the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts and numerous Episcopal Conferences and Synods of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has deemed opportune the publication of a new Instruction, with the intention of underlining the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation. 2. The resurrection of Jesus is the culminating truth of the Christian faith, preached as an essential part of the Paschal Mystery from the very beginnings of Christianity: “For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve” (1 Cor 15:3–5). Through his death and resurrection, Christ freed us from sin and gave us access to a new life, “so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Rm 6:4). Furthermore, the risen Christ is the principle and source of our future resurrection: “Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep […] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Cor 15:20–22). It is true that Christ will raise us up on the last day; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. In Baptism, actually, we are immersed in the death and resurrection of Christ and sacramentally assimilated to him: “You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead” (Col 2:12). United with Christ by Baptism, we already truly participate in the life of the risen Christ (cf. Eph 2:6): Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning. The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: “Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven”. By death the soul is separated from the body, but in the resurrection God will give incorruptible life to our body, transformed by reunion with our soul. In our own day also, the Church is called to proclaim her faith in the resurrection: “The confidence of Christians is the resurrection of the dead; believing this we live”. 3. Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. In memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death, burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body. The Church who, as Mother, has accompanied the Christian during his earthly pilgrimage, offers to the Father, in Christ, the child of her grace, and she commits to the earth, in that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places. However the new document insists that ashes should not be kept in private houses and that the scattering of ashes on land or at sea is not permitted. 4. In circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly-stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful. The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of the deceased’s body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul’s immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body. The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, “unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine”. In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church, after the celebration of the funeral rite, accompanies the choice of cremation, providing the relevant liturgical and pastoral directives, and taking particular care to avoid every form of scandal or the appearance of religious indifferentism. 5. When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesiastical authority. From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community’s prayers and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church who believes “in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church”. The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect, which eventually is possible, most especially once the immediately subsequent generation has too passed away. Also it prevents any unlifting or superstitious practices. 6. For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. Only in grave and exceptional cases dependent on cultural conditions of a localized nature, may the Ordinary, in agreement with the Episcopal Conference or the Synod of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, concede permission for the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence. Nonetheless, the ashes may not be divided among various family members and due respect must be maintained regarding the circumstances of such a conservation. 7. In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects. These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation. 8. When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law. The Sovereign Pontiff Francis, in the Audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect on 18 March 2016, approved the present Instruction, adopted in the Ordinary Session of this Congregation on 2 March 2016, and ordered its publication. Rome, from the Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 15 August 2016, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Gerhard Card. Müller, Prefect Luis F. Ladaria, S.I., Titular Archbishop of Thibica, Secretary. http://www.news.va/en/news/vatican-issues-new-document-on-christian-burial-an