Peace be with you!

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Office Hours: Weekdays, 8:00 AM-7:00 PM (Closed Noon to 1:00 PM)
Saturday–Sunday, 8:00 AM-noon
I want to thank those parishioners that have submitted their 2015 PSA and stewardship cards. Thank you for being all-in with your time, talent and treasure. Thank you for saying “I Do.”

Now is the time for you to get engaged! You can contribute your TIME & TALENT in one of over 60+ SMDP Ministries, Events, Activities and Organizations. If you are:

- not currently involved with a ministry
- seeking further involvement and engagement in a Ministry, or
- are called to assist other Parishioners through the Ambassador Program

Engage! Say “I Do.”

Contact our Ambassador Program at ambassador@smdpyl.org.
RETURNING CATHOLICS – COMING HOME

Have you, a friend or family member been away from the Catholic Church for awhile? Have you missed being part of a Catholic faith community? We’ve missed you, too.

The “Coming Home” ministry is designed to help you or your friend(s) feel at home in the Catholic Church once again, to answer questions, and to explain changes in the church that may have taken place since participants were last active. The series of six “Coming Home” sessions began on April 13 and is held on Monday evenings over a two month period.

A committee of parishioners, many themselves Catholics who returned after a long absence, is planning a special program to help you regain direction in your faith, help you with sacramental preparation, or just provide support for you on your journey. For further information, contact Kathryn Landry at 714/866-9549 mercy33@me.com or Maureen Williams at 714/693-1931 mwpr@sbcglobal.net.

My Beloved,
I miss you and would like to welcome you home. Whether it is the bad acts of others or whether you feel you’ve done something that I can’t forgive, let’s talk. You know that I am with you always but maybe you’ve forgotten that I left you some gifts in the sacraments to help you in your daily life. Come home and let the grace of the sacraments and the love and fellowship of community close this distance between us. I can’t wait to hear from you!

All My Love,
Jesus

BE A PART OF A SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

St. Martin de Porres “Small Christian Communities” (SCC’s) provide a welcoming small group forum where we reflect on the Word of God, explore and share our Catholic faith, engage in fellowship and pray together, and connect more deeply with the larger parish community.

For more information please contact Mark or Kris Jablonski at (714) 524-9757 or mark.jablonski@stjoe.org

SERVICE

WINE AND CHEESE

Our Auxiliary for Catholic Charities is hosting a fun Wine Tasting on Thursday, April 30, from 7-9 pm at the O.C. Wine Mart, Yorba Linda Blvd, and Yorba Ranch Rd. Tickets are available for $30 per person. Mail check, made out to Catholic Charities Auxiliary #5, to Gerry Stacy, 4475 Avenida de los Arboles, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Please help support the many ministries of Catholic Charities here in Orange County.

Welcome to the Knights Table

Analyzing the nature of marriage, both St. Augustine and St. Thomas [Aquinas] always identify it with an “indivisible union of souls,” a “union of hearts,” with “consent.” These elements are found in an exemplary manner in the marriage of Mary and Joseph. At the culmination of the history of salvation, when God reveals his love for humanity through the gift of the Word, it is precisely the marriage of Mary and Joseph that brings to realization in full “freedom” the “spousal gift of self” in receiving and expressing such a love. “In this great undertaking which is the renewal of all things in Christ, marriage — it too purified and renewed — becomes a new reality, a sacrament of the New Covenant.

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus
 e-mail: koc-8238@smdpyl.org
COMMUNITY LIFE

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!
On February 6th Respect Life & Family hosted an evening of fun and games (literally!) with our Parish families. We want to thank all those who attended, and especially the youth ministry members who hosted many of our games – the table games, corn hole and ping pong were a big hit and fun for all! If you couldn’t make it to this one - please plan to come to our next Family Fun Night we’ll be holding later this year.

IT’S SPRING! AND SPRING MEANS IT’S TIME FOR OUR FIRST CORAZON BUILD OF 2015!
The Spring Corazon build for our parish will take place on May 2, 2015. The bus is getting full but we will likely have some late dropouts. (We always do.) If you’re interested in going on the build, please contact Tim Garvey via E-mail. His E-mail address is ttgarv@yahoo.com. He will give you instructions on how to proceed and (minimally) put you on a waiting list for when the inevitable dropouts occur. We are still in need of approximately $2000 to fund this build. If you would like to donate to the cause, please leave a check (made out to Corazon – not St. Martin’s) in an envelope with Corazon written on the outside at the parish office. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

HELP SEND OUR CHOIR TO ROME!
The St. Martin de Porres choir members have been invited to sing at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, in celebration of Vatican II’s 50th Anniversary. This December, our music ministers will join with singers from around the world as voices are raised in praise to God by experiencing a Papal Audience with the Holy Father, Mass at the Basilica di San Pietro and a gala concert in the Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva. We hope our music ministers have helped you joyfully pray and experience the love of God’s Holy Spirit through sacred song, and ask for your prayers and support of upcoming fundraising activities as preparations are made for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Grazie!

Hope Changes Everything
If you are struggling with alcohol dependency and don’t know where to turn, please feel welcome to attend the 6 am Attitude Modification meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Start each day with prayer and a re-dedication to sobriety. Hear how so many others found hope and have had life-changing experiences through the program. The group meets every morning, including Sundays, in the parish hall St. Andre Room at 6 AM.
**LITURGY**

**Passion Play Cast**

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Seniority Club News**
The Seniority Club welcomes YOU to join this Sunday, April 19 meeting from 2-4 PM in the Parish Meeting Rooms. Our guest speaker is Sister Lawrence Marie, OP, who will share her life journey as a Dominican Sister, including her 6-month stay in a cloistered order. Currently, she serves as "dormitory mom" for resident cadets at St. Catherine’s Military Academy in Anaheim. Any questions call Irene Gonzalez at 714/779-1812.

**The Tech Ministry Needs You!**
Do you constantly adjust the sound on your car stereo to get it JUST right. Please contact Robert Heyman for more information. Phone: 714/390-6225 Email: heymanrb@gmail.com

**WINGS (Women in God’s Spirit)**
WINGS- "Women in God's Spirit", meets on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 AM in the parish hall. Women from any parish are invited to join us and bring a friend, as we listen and learn how to put our faith into action. April 22nd Lisa Gorciak will be sharing her passion and experiences with CASA; Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children and how we can learn more about the opportunity to put our faith into action. Light refreshments and free child care are provided. For further information, contact Christie Shyne at wings@smdpyl.org.

**Barbara Baldo Nominated for Catholic Woman of the Year**
WINGS is proud to announce BARBARA BALDO has been nominated for Catholic Woman of the Year to represent WINGS and St. Martin’s. A wonderful luncheon will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, May 28th at the Hilton Orange County in Costa Mesa. Cost of the luncheon is $65. The luncheon is open to everyone so please get a group together and plan on a fun time.

Checks can be turned in at the Parish Office starting now until deadline date of May 6th. Make checks payable to: CATHOLIC CHARITIES AUXILIARY. Contact Loretta Croghan at 714/777-1087 for more info.
Perpetual Adoration

24/7 Adoration Going Strong!! Our Perpetual Adoration has taken off and many people are receiving abundant graces. We are still looking for souls willing to commit an hour to Our Lord as we continue after Lent and into the season of the Risen Lord! Please log in to our website link www.smdpyl.org, and click on “quick access”, email us at adoration@smdpyl.org or call us 657.888.4631 to sign up for your hour. He’s waiting for you!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

- April 17: Confirmation 2, Dress Rehearsal with sponsors
- Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors: Please plan ahead to attend Reconciliation prior to Confirmation Mass. Bishop wants all prepared to receive Communion. SMdP times: Tuesdays 7:15 PM or Saturdays 4-5 PM
- April 21: Confirmation 2, 7:00-9:00 PM, Interviews
- April 25: Confirmation Mass at 10:30 AM
- April 28: Confirmation 1, 7:00-9:00 PM
  “Scripture and Tradition”

Any concerns, contact Cathy Fitzpatrick cathyf@smdpyl.org, or Lan Dinh, land@smdpyl.org 714/970-0514.

SEE THE FOLLOWING ON THE PARISH WEBSITE:
- Contacts for parish organization’s and ministries
- Catholic Woman of the Year Luncheon
- Sacred Heart Women’s Retreat “Remain in My Love”
- Magnificat Prayer Breakfast
- Marian Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Lourdes and Paris—Information Night
- Men Interested in Diocesan Priesthood
- How Does Someone Become Catholic? They Join the RCIA!

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

St. Martin de Porres Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry:
7:00-8:30 PM, April 19 and April 26
SMYL Meeting:
3:00-5:00 PM, June 14
Jr High Youth Ministry:
7:00-8:30 PM, April 20 and May 4
Jr High 1st Eucharist:
4:00-5:15 PM, April 19 and April 26

FOCUS (THE FELLOWSHIP OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS)

Focus is serving here in Orange County at Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine. If you are a student interested in bible study and other events, or if you are not a student but are interested in learning about the work FOCUS is doing on campus, please see them at their table outside after Mass! Stop by and you could win one of two cash prizes of $500! For more information, contact Lesley at lesley.wharton@focus.org or call 970-260-9607.
2015 GALA DINNER DANCE
“AN EVENING UNDER THE STARS”

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015
6 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Previous attendees were sent an invitation and response cards must be turned in asap.
We will be outside the church after all the masses this weekend April 18th and 19th selling tickets to everyone.
Last year sold out!! So don’t miss out on this wonderful event.

THE GALA COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF HIGH QUALITY WINE

. . . for our wine grab fundraiser portion of the evening. The wine needs to be worth at least $15 and can be worth $100 or more. A lucky gala attendee will blindly pick a wrapped bottle of wine for a donation and they could end up with a real winner! Please leave your bottle of wine marked “Gala” in the parish office by May 1st.

Thank you!

WANT TO BE A SPONSOR IN THE PROGRAM?

Advertise your business or do a personal ad. Now’s your chance to get exposure in this year’s Gala Souvenir Program.

Don’t delay!!! Get your orders in now. Send your camera ready/digital artwork to our Gala email address, gala@smdpyl.org. If you have any questions, please contact the 2015 Sponsorship chair, Debbi Purpura at 714/292-1574.

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OUTSIDE THE PARISH

THE MINISTRY FOR THE DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

St. Norbert’s Catholic Church in Orange will be hosting a 13-week program to support our brothers and sisters through the emotional pain of divorce and separation. Key challenges and unique family dynamics as a result of this unexpected journey will be addressed as well as a safe environment to share concerns and reconnect with understanding and a new hope. Open yourself up to experience healing and allow Jesus to restore your faith and renew your journey. Every Friday night beginning April 10, from 7:00-8:30pm. 300 E. Taft Ave, Orange. Donation is $35 to register at any time which includes book, journal and drop-in format for all groups. Call Kelly Klaus for additional information or registration - 949-292-7281. Registration also on first day of group! Join us Week 3: April 24

Topic: Praying in Times of Distress

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO AM 930

Immaculate Heart Radio is a non-profit lay apostolate that operates a growing network of Catholic radio stations in the West. We are dedicated to sharing the heart of the Christian faith and changing lives through radio airwaves.

www.optionline.org
800.712.HELP(4357)

OptionLine is a 24/7 call connecting women and men to pro-life medical clinics and pregnancy help centers across the United States and Canada. Option Line provides live, immediate consultations in English and Spanish. Contacts are received by phone, email, chat and text.
**WORSHIP**

**MASS SCHEDULES**

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For CHILDREN During 8:45 & 10:30 AM Sunday Masses:
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Gr 1-5) in Parish Center’s Saint Paul Room

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

8:00 AM & 6:30 PM (Saturdays, 8:00 AM)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer at 6:00 PM then Mass 1st Wednesday/month

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every day, 24 Hours each day

**SACRAMENTS/RITEs**

- **Anointing of the Sick**
  Call the Parish Office with your request.
- **Baptism for Infants**
  Come to the Parish Office to pick up an information packet (3 months ahead pls).
- **Funeral Rite**
  Call the Parish Office at your earliest convenience after the death of a loved one for our Bereavement services.
- **Marriage**
  Call the Parish office for an appointment with a priest/deacon at least six months prior to the planned date of marriage.
- **Reconciliation**
  Tuesdays 7:15 PM, Saturdays 4-5 PM

**SCRIPTURE**

**Sunday (Apr 19):** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

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

**Sunday (Apr 26):** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29, 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 18:**
- 8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Irene Irvanejo, Denis and Peggy Zaun, Ralph Berry
- 5:30AM (Fr Sy) Cecilia (liv) & William Luehrs

**Sunday, April 19:**
- 7:15AM (Fr Sy) For the People
- 8:45AM (Fr Sy) Willie Evans +
- 10:30AM (Fr Jeff) Paquito Azuelo +
- 12:15PM (Fr Jeff) Charles Ezakovich +
- 5:30PM (Fr Jeff) Jennifer Shanahan

**Monday, April 20:**
- 8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Raul Tallabas +
- 6:30PM (Fr Sy) David Arritt +

**Tuesday, April 21:**
- 8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Priest’s Intention
- 6:30PM (Fr Sy) Priest’s Intention

**Wednesday, April 22:**
- 8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Hugh McDevitt
- 6:30PM (Fr Sy) Benjamin Norby +

**Thursday, April 23:**
- 8:00AM (Fr Sy) Johnny Babel +
- 6:30PM (Fr Sy) Diane Stonebrooke +

**Friday, April 24:**
- 8:00AM (Fr Jeff) Ken Clark
- 6:30PM (Fr Jeff) Josie Murphy, Danie J. John +, Robert Eischen

**Saturday, April 25:**
- 8:00AM (Fr Sy) David Arritt +, Rodolfo Valonzo +, Julia McCann
- 5:30PM (Fr Sy) Rosita Braoss

**Sunday, April 26:**
- 7:15AM (Fr Jeff) Felipe Gomez +
- 8:45AM (Fr Jeff)
- 10:30AM (Fr Sy) Ponciano Deang +
- 12:15PM (Fr Sy) Frank Sanches +
- 5:30PM (Fr Sy) Margaret Dillon +

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Eamon Condron
Richard DeBruijn
William Gillette
Susanna Pak
Mary Alice Milward
Josette Mahn
Alejandra Ramirez
Diane Steinmann

Additional names are in the Book of Remembrance/Petitions along the back wall of the church.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Bob Bryd
Ken Harre
Rosemary Ballas Jambois

**FAITH QUESTIONS**

How do you experience God’s care and protection?

What flocks depend on your protection?

Are you more like a good shepherd or a hireling?

What is most challenging for you as a modern day shepherd?


**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Send to pulpitann@smdpyl.org plus a copy to FrontOffice@smdpyl.org by the Tuesday prior to the weekend. Elements are to be only 1-2 sentences.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Submit articles 10 days before the weekend. (Holiday submissions vary.) Send to Becky Fauth at: bulletineditor@smdpyl.org or leave a printed copy at the parish office.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE**

St. Martin de Porres offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smartphone. It’s a fast and easy way to donate to St. Martin’s!

**PARISH WEEKLY TITHE REPORT**

Thank you for your contribution!

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MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL GAMES

Mater Dei’s 2015 Special Games marks the 30th Anniversary of the school's annual outreach program. The event will take place in Mater Dei’s Outdoor Athletics Complex, on Saturday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m. Mater Dei High School is committed to the community and to continuing to develop exemplary citizens - educated, responsible and caring individuals. In keeping with that commitment, Mater Dei has developed programs that serve the community and enrich the lives of its students. Special Games Outreach is perhaps the most shining example of this commitment. Sensitive to the athletic, educational and social needs of the developmentally disabled, the event provides a non-competitive atmosphere that promotes moral, social and community responsibility in assisting the physically and mentally challenged. The event will provide all who participate with a touching experience not soon forgotten. For more information please contact Campus Ministry at (714)850-9558.

FIESTA FUNDRAISING DINNER

St Francis Assisted Living Home for elderly women run by Franciscan Sister is holding a Fiesta Fundraising Dinner on Sunday, April 19 from 12:30—4:00 pm. This event is catered by La Casa Garcia Restaurant with great food, Entertainment, Opportunity Drawings and Car Club. Proceeds will go toward making repairs to the convent as well as the Home. The event will be held at St. Francis Home—1718 W. 6th St. near Raitt, Santa Ana. Tickets are $15 per Adult, $5 per child under 10 yrs. old. For information please call: 714-542-0381
CATHOLIC CHARITIES AUXILIARY
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

CATHOLIC
WOMEN-OF-THE-YEAR
BENEFIT LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015
Silent Auction & Social: 10:00 a.m. Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.
Cost: $65.00

HILTON ORANGE COUNTY COSTA MESA
3050 Bristol Street
Costa Mesa, California

THE LUNCHEON WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ORANGE COUNTY

Questions please contact:

Laurie Bois - 714-600-0191
or
Carol Dolan -714-269-6339
COMMUNITY LIFE

CONTACTS FOR PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS:

(ALL PHONE NUMBERS ARE AREA CODE 714 EXCEPT AS NOTED)

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Maintenance: Jeff Cassidy Ext. 121
Faith Formation: Curtis Keddy Ext. 133
Youth Ministry: Direct 970-0514
Main Office Line: 970-2771
Resources: Mary McDevitt Ext. 131
Confirmation: Cathy Fitzpatrick Ext. 131
Liturgy Coordinator: Roz Odion Ext. 116
Music Director: Mark Haas Ext. 114
St Martin Outreach 970-0147
Hours: M/W/T 1:30-4:00 PM, Tu 4:00-6:30PM
St. Francis of Assisi School (Tri-Parish) Tom Waszak, Principal 695-3700

ADMINISTRATION
Advancement Committee: Deacon Denis Zaud 970-2771x130
Finance Committee: Don Leslies 970-2771x140
Parish Pastoral Council: Ruben Barron 970-0076
Stewardship: 970-2771
PSA Tom Arendt 281-3980

FAITH FORMATION
Adults
Adult Confirmation:
John Avery 686-2168
Adult Education:
Curtis Keddy 970-2771x133
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Mark Proctor 213-840-9039
Bible Studies:
Curtis Keddy 970-2771x133
Returning Catholics:
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Young Adults/Emmaus:
Lan Dinh 970-0514
Youth
Becoming Catholic:
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Confirmation:
Cathy Fitzpatrick 970-2771x134
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Mary McDevitt 970-2771x131
High School Youth Ministry:
Mary McDevitt 970-2771x131
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Becoming Catholic R.C.I.A.:
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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Curtis Keddy 970-2771x133
First Eucharist Preparation:
Nicole Castillo 970-2771x136
Kids of the Kingdom (grades 3-5):
Curtis Keddy 970-2771x133
Sunday Pre-School (ages 3-5):
Colleen Picou 909-239-3525
Us in the Son Day Camp & Family Camp:
Michael Fitzpatrick
Ashley Purpura 970-2771

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Music Ministry:
Mark Haas 970-2771x114
Wedding Preparation:
Shannon Danenberg 970-2771
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Exposition/Blessed Sacrament:
Pat Tormey 777-4344
Filipino Federation Rosary Group:
Efrin/Celia Terrible 779-7374
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
November Group:
Vi Austria 267-5292
St. Martin’s Rosary Group:
Audrey Vargas 577-5356
St. Philomena November Group:
Pat/Carolyn Tormey 777-4344

COMMUNITY LIFE
Alcoholics Anonymous
Parish Office 970-2771
Band of Brothers Men’s Group:
Tim Garvey 651-8550
Chuck Cyprien 983-7233
Beginning Again:
Emma Jean Jorgensen 970-8376
Child Care (0-3yrs):
Colleen Picou 909-239-3525
Coffee and Donuts:
Keith Campitelli 693-4730
Couples for Christ:
Jessie Sison 865-1193
Cursillo:
Brad & Pam Judd 692-2371
Filipino Community of SMDP
Jessie Sison
Guadalupanas:
Rose Marie Murrietta 746-8004
Legion of Mary:
Tom Copenhaver 225-7736
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Colleen Picou 970-2771
Natural Family Planning:
Pack 851:
Brett Ninomiya 312-0407
Troop 778:
Tim Lloyd 562-221-0871
Small Christian Communities:
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Women’s Group - GRACE:
Elizabeth Brush 693-9245
Women’s Group - WINGS:
Christie Shyne 280-9422

SERVICE
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David LaPone 996-3415
Peggy Squires 777-2312
Knights of Columbus:
Scott Mosher 396-1527
Respect Life Ministry:
Jackie Turk 227-6250
Sick & Homebound Ministry:
Gabriel/Janina Sanchez 927-3443
St. Martin’s Outreach:
Tom Prior 970-0147
Off-Site Outreach
Birth Choice Health Clinics:
Megan Kerr 516-9045
Corazon:
Nick VanHoogmoed 943-2899
Craig Park:
Joe Garcia 693-1860
Crittenton Services:
Pat Williams 779-1714
Higher Ground:
Joe Bald 777-1825
Interfaith Shelter:
Jim Thomsen 970-5665
Isaiah House/Catholic Worker
Olga Diaz 471-8295
Project Rachel: 800-722-4356
Soup Kitchen:
Laura Hemann 469-8947
Gretchen Heyman 401-8637
Touch of Dignity:
Outreach Center 970-0147
Women’s Transitional Living Ctr.
Outreach Center 970-0147
**COMMUNITY LIFE**

**QUARTET CONCERT – SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

Enjoy an evening of music with our resident quartet singers: Renae Haas, Soprano; Sarah Castillo, Alto; Kyle Patterson, Tenor; Alex Koppel, Bass. The quartet will be presenting music of classical and sacred genres starting at

7:15 PM in the Church on Sunday, April 26. Concert is free to the public. A freewill offering will be presented.

**ORCHESTRA OPENINGS**

The St. Martin’s orchestra currently has openings at trumpet, oboe, and bassoon. Additional orchestral string instruments are also encouraged to join. If you are interested in joining this unique ensemble, please contact Mark Haas for an audition: markh@smdpyl.org

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**OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

**TO ALL THE FILIPINO PARISHIONERS AND SUPPORTERS** of the Filipino Community of Saint Martin De Porres Church (FCSMDP)

The Executive Board of FCSMDP agreed to hold a general assembly meeting for all Filipino parishioners and supporters to discuss the proposed activities for 2015. You are invited to attend and participate in the planning and implementation of our activities this year. It is important that you are present. Without your valuable support, we would not succeed.

What: General Assembly Meeting

When: May 2, 2015 (Saturday)

Time: 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Place: St Andre Room of the Parish Hall

Light refreshments will be served.

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**DIGNITY AND COURAGE AT THE END OF LIFE**

A Compassionate and Faith Filled Response to the Push for Assisted Suicide

**SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 11, 2015 | 9AM - 3PM**

Following a groundswell of community response to the tragic death of Brittany Maynard, a young woman diagnosed with terminal brain cancer that travelled to Oregon to end her life, several state senators have introduced the End of Life Option Act (SE128) that would allow California physicians to prescribe life ending barbiturates to assist patients in committing suicide.

Join fellow community and faith leaders as we discuss a compassionate response to this current legislative push to legalize physician assisted suicide and as we seek to educate and form Catholics with regard to approaching the end of life with humility, courage and love. Speakers will include healthcare professionals and physicists as well as clergy and theologians. Registration is free of charge but places are limited.

**TO REGISTER: See the link below.**

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For registration information contact Christina at 714/809-9382 or cgerien@yahoo.com.

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WHY WE OPPOSE AN ASSISTED SUICIDE LAW

Logical Extensions and Expansions

The claim to a right to assisted suicide raises many questions, not the least of which is this: if there is a “right to assisted suicide,” why would such a right be restricted only to those in the throes of terminal illness? What about the elderly person suffering a slow but non-terminal decline? What about the adolescent or young adult in the throes of depression, demoralization, or despair? What about the middle-aged man who is alone and simply tired of life? While laws may initially erect fences around the practice of assisted suicide—having six months to live, being over the age of 18, having mental capacity, etc.—these “safeguards” will eventually be unmasked as arbitrary. Legal challenges through the courts will chip away at such restrictions, once the basic “right” to assisted suicide is enshrined in the law.

That these restrictions will eventually be abandoned has been illustrated by the situation with assisted suicide in Belgium and the Netherlands: to cite just a few examples, in Belgium assisted suicide has been granted to a man with “untreatable depression” and to a prisoner suffering “psychological anguish.” In the Netherlands, similar cases have unfolded on a nationwide basis, in changes over the four decades since assisted suicide was first legally tolerated. Recently, for example, assisted suicide was granted to a woman in the Netherlands because she did not want to live in a nursing home. These countries show that the slippery slope is not just a practical one, it is a logical one: such inevitable expansions are built into the very principles by which assisted suicide is legally justified from the outset. Quality end-of-life care is not enhanced in countries where assisted suicide has been legalized; instead, vulnerable populations have been placed at risk.

Research on Suicide

Psychiatrists see patients every day who demonstrate suicidal thinking and behavior, people whose life stories are every bit as heartbreaking as Ms. Maynard’s, and whose “reasons” for suicide may seem every bit as compelling. And yet medical professionals are duty-bound to intervene on their behalf, to take measures to prevent such persons from taking their own lives. The legalization of assisted suicide can only undermine these efforts at suicide prevention.

The recent debates on assisted suicide have largely ignored what research in psychiatry and the social sciences has demonstrated about suicide itself. It is important for us to appreciate what motivates suicidal behavior, which individuals are at risk for suicide, and how suicide risk can be lowered. We know, for example, that suicide is typically an impulsive and ambivalent act. The number-one suicide “hot spot” in the world is the
Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, where 1400 people have died; only a handful have survived the jump. A journalist tracked down the survivors and asked them what was going through their mind in the four seconds between jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge and hitting the water. Every one of them responded that they regretted the decision to jump, with one saying, "I realized that all the problems in my life that I thought were unsolvable were actually solvable—except for having just jumped."

This ambivalence comes from the fact that suicidal individuals typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive as intolerable suffering—either present or anticipated. When comfort, relief, or other services are offered, such as more adequate treatment for depression, better pain management, more comprehensive palliative care, or counseling leading to the resolution of other issues such as family problems, the desire for suicide wanes. An example is Michael Freeland, an Oregonian with a 40-year documented history of severe depression, who received a prescription for a lethal drug in Oregon. After receiving adequate psychiatric care, pain management, and social support, his desire for death vanished and he lived for two more years until his natural death from cancer.¹

**Social Effects of Suicidal Behavior**

We also know that there is a "social contagion" aspect to suicide, which leads to copycat suicides—particularly for well-publicized cases where the person's death is portrayed by the media with romanticized overtones.² Some have called Brittany Maynard's death "courageous" and "inspiring." We worry that her death will indeed "inspire" other vulnerable individuals—particularly the young—to follow her example, as research on suicide consistently shows. One may wish that hers was an entirely private decision and private action, but research on suicide suggests otherwise: her well-publicized decision will have an affect on what others in dire circumstances decide to do. Given what we know about suicide's social effects, and given the media portrayal around her death, we anticipate that her decision will influence other vulnerable individuals to likewise take their own lives.

Suicide rates constitute a public health crisis: suicide is currently the 2⁰ leading cause of death among adolescents and young adults (behind motor vehicle accidents) and the 11⁰ leading cause of death overall in the U.S. Not all suicides can be prevented, but many can, and our collective efforts at suicide risk reduction have the capacity to save many lives. Studies show that when we intervene during a crisis—for example, during the

¹ For the full case history, see: [http://www.pccf.org/articles/art32HouseOfLords.htm](http://www.pccf.org/articles/art32HouseOfLords.htm)

months of difficult adjustment after a new diagnosis of a serious or terminal disease—we can substantially lower the person's risk of suicide. Studies of those who survive suicide attempts dispel the myth that suicide prevention is useless because suicidal individuals will eventually commit suicide anyway. On the contrary, research demonstrates that those who survive suicide attempts are later grateful that physicians or others intervened to protect them, even if during the crisis they did not want intervention. We know that suicide completion requires not just intent (which typically waxes and wanes over time) but also easy access to means. Increasing access to suicidal means by allowing doctors to prescribe deadly drugs will worsen the current health crisis of suicide.

The practice of assisted suicide—by whatever name one calls it—sends a message that some lives are not worth living. The law is a teacher: if assisted suicide is legalized, this message will be heard by everyone who is afflicted by suicidal thoughts or tendencies, and especially by the young. Assisted suicide will thereby undermine our collective efforts to save the lives of those trapped in the throes of demoralization and despair. These at-risk individuals need real compassion and hope. When death becomes inevitable, they need good palliative care at the end of life.

Problems with Oregon Law

Compassion and Choices plans to model a California law permitting assisted suicide on the current law in Oregon. There are several serious problems with this law, in addition to the problems in principle outlined above. We know that the vast majority of suicides are associated with clinical depression or other treatable mental disorders; yet alarmingly, less than 6% of the 752 individuals who have reportedly died by assisted suicide under Oregon's law were referred for psychiatric evaluation prior to their death. Based on what we know about suicide risk factors, this constitutes gross medical negligence. Furthermore, the fact that no witnesses are required at the death invites abuse.

The reporting structure for gathering statistics on assisted suicide in the Oregon law is grossly inadequate, as it relies on self-reporting of the physicians who write the deadly prescriptions. Such reports are required on paper, but there are no penalties for failing to report. If the public health department wanted accurate numbers here, the appropriate strategy would include penalty-linked mandatory reporting from the doctors who write the prescription as well as the pharmacists who fill the prescription. Furthermore, there are other gaps in the data as it is not clear how many of the patients who receive the deadly prescription actually take the drug. Complicating matters even further, in a gross abuse of medical and public health transparency, the Oregon and Washington laws re-

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quire in effect that the death certificate be falsified in cases of assisted suicide: the cause of death is to be listed as the medical illness, even though the death was actually caused by the lethal drug, even by patients as-yet asymptomatic. Such a practice is unheard of and found nowhere else in medicine. This is an example of the abuse of language required to mask what really happens with assisted suicide.

**Palliative Care Alternatives**

Medical ethics, going back to the Hippocratic Oath, has long understood that there is an important distinction between actively killing a patient by giving a deadly drug, and allowing natural death by foregoing futile or excessively burdensome treatments at the end of life. That medicine often provides the technological ability to extend life does not mean that patients need to pursue such life-extending treatments at all costs. The rise of palliative care as a distinct medical discipline, as well as the hospice movement, have provided a necessary corrective, and have advanced the practice of compassionate, humane care at the end of life. With good palliative care, patients need not spend their last days in intolerable pain. In the rare cases when pain is more difficult to control, a legal alternative in all 50 states that doesn't have the significant dangers of legalizing assisted suicide is palliative sedation, wherein the patient is sedated to the point at which the discomfort is relieved while the dying process takes place peacefully. Thus, today there is a legal solution to any remaining painful and uncomfortable deaths—one that does not raise the very serious difficulties of legalizing assisted suicide. Physicians have a duty to dispensing any means that are necessary to alleviate person's suffering (rather than dispensing with the person who is suffering, which constitutes abandonment), and to safeguard human life, especially life of the most vulnerable. For the medical profession, assisted suicide inherently conflicts with the tasks of the physician: to heal when possible, to comfort always, and never to intentionally harm.

The language of "choice" in this debate frequently misses the mark: introducing assisted suicide as a legitimate and available end-of-life option will actually have the effect of reducing patients' choices and autonomy. Subtle social pressures, and not-so-subtle economic pressures, are inevitably brought to bear on such decisions. This danger is particularly acute for marginalized or vulnerable populations, such as those with disabilities who may be perceived as socially "useless" by a crass utilitarian calculus, or economically disadvantaged individuals with fewer medical care resources or options. Autonomy will be reduced, not enhanced, by introducing assisted suicide.

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4 The primary intent of such intervention is to provide pain relief but not to hasten death or relieve the person from the burden of consciousness. This can also allow physician time to reassess the person's pain control needs. In this scenario, the terminally ill sedated person may later be withdrawn from the sedatives and brought back to consciousness, with his or her pain under control.
Manipulation of Language

Finally, among the more troubling recent developments in the assisted-suicide debates are the efforts on the part of advocates to redefine suicide. The euphemistically renamed Compassion and Choices (formerly the Hemlock Society) claims that "physician aid in dying" is not really suicide, simply because the means employed—taking a deadly drug—are nonviolent and "peaceful." By this absurd logic, the tens of thousands of individuals in the U.S. who commit suicide by less violent means—drug overdose, carbon monoxide poisoning, etc.—should likewise not be considered suicides. But this is plainly ludicrous, and this Orwellian attempt to manipulate language is irresponsible and deceptive. The definition of suicide is clear, and it does not depend on which particular means are employed. We need to begin by being honest about what is at stake and clear about what is being debated: "physician aid in dying" is assisted suicide.
Californians Against Assisted Suicide Coalition Statement

On New Senate Bill

There are no assisted suicide “safeguards” that can ever protect those most vulnerable in society, particularly in a state as diverse as California.

Sacramento, CA - A diverse, bipartisan coalition is once again prepared to educate, advocate and defeat legislation that will permit assisted suicide in California. In this state, there is a long history of disability rights, medical professionals, hospitals, faith-based organizations and ethnic communities joining together against assisted suicide. Last year, similar coalitions helped reject bills in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and another is currently stalled, facing bipartisan opposition in New Jersey. Oregon-style assisted suicide bills were defeated in California in 2006 and 2007.

Nothing in the Oregon-style assisted suicide model can protect from the pressures to commit suicide or personal fears of “being a burden.” Further, six-month diagnoses are arbitrary standards; nothing prevents these laws from being expanded to include individuals with longer prognoses or people “suffering” from other illnesses or disability.

“Assisted suicide is a direct threat to those who are viewed as a significant cost liability,” says Catherine Campisi, PhD, former Director of the California Department of Rehabilitation appointed by former Governor Gray Davis, noting some of the reasons disability rights organizations oppose assisted suicide. “By adding assisted suicide to the suite of treatment options available, it becomes the cheapest option available and makes it easier for implicit and explicit pressure to be levied on the most vulnerable.”

There are no assisted suicide “safeguards” that can ever protect those most vulnerable in society, particularly in a state as diverse as California. These are just some reasons why there is such a broad, bipartisan coalition formed to aggressively advocate against this bill.

For more information on the coalition please go to: www.NoAssistedSuicideCA.org

Californians Against Assisted Suicide is a coalition of disability rights, healthcare, civil rights and patient advocacy organizations dedicated to preventing legalization of physician assisted suicide in California.
EXECUTIVE ACTION
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Catholic Charities of Orange County’s Immigration and Citizenship Center may be able to help you!
We are a Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) accredited site, providing immigration services for 37 years. We provide individual attention and assistance to with any follow up needed to process your case. Many immigrants are victims of fraud when applying for immigration benefits with unqualified individuals and organizations.
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- You entered the US on or before January 1, 2010.
- You have not committed a felony or significant misdemeanor.
- You have no current legal status

You may obtain an employment permit and protection from deportation for three years. You may apply regardless of your age at time of application. Applications will begin to be accepted in March, 2015. Application fee will be $465 plus Catholic Charities fee.

More information will be provided as the application dates approach. Check our website for more information as these dates approach. www.ccoc.org. Collect your documents now to prepare for your application such as:

- Birth certificate (yourself and your children)
- Official Identification from your country
- Car Records
- Bank Records
- DMV Records
- Passports or travel documents if you have them
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- Insurance Records: Policies, Payments, Claims
- Residential Records: Rental contract, Rent receipts, Utility Records, Property Title, Home loan records, Letters from landlord, neighbor, housemate
- School Records: Your transcripts, Transcripts for children, letters from teachers, school, ID photos
- Medical Records: Medical bills, payments, vaccination records, letters from doctors
- Vital Statistics: Birth certificates of children, Marriage Certificates
- Affidavits: Letters from friends, church, community group

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Get LIVESCAN REPORT from CALDOJ for other arrests in California: Livescan locations are located throughout the county http://ag.ca.gov/fingerprints/publications/contact.php#orange

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MEN INTERESTED IN DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

The Vocations Office cordially invites you to the next “Priesthood Discernment” evening. The purpose is to familiarize interested men with the life, prayer, and possible call to Priesthood in the Diocese of Orange. There is no commitment on your part, other than the expression of interest to participate. The next meeting is **Wednesday, May 6, at 6:00 PM, in the Diocese of Orange Pastoral Center, first Floor, Room 1D, Christ Cathedral Campus.** Please give serious thought to this invitation. "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mt 9:37-38) If you have any questions regarding the "Priesthood Discernment" evening, please contact our Director of Vocations, Rev. John Moneypenny at 714/282-3036, or via email fr.jmoneypenny@rcbo.org. Also, feel free to visit the website www.ocvocation.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS ARE AVAILABLE

Do you know someone who would benefit from having meals delivered? We at Placentia Yorba Meals On Wheels deliver to citizens in Placentia, Yorba Linda, and Anaheim Hills. Three meals a day, Monday through Friday. Those who cannot pay are subsidized by MOW. MOW is non-profit, depending 100% on local contributions from citizens, organizations, and the business community, as well as annual fundraisers. While the food is cooked and packaged at a state-of-the-art kitchen in Anaheim and brought to our office for distribution, we welcome volunteers to help make the deliveries to the clients. Please give us a call! 714/524-5056. Placentia Yorba Meals on Wheels, 1130 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia, CA 92870-3828.

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For Further Information Contact:
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How Does Someone Become Catholic? They Join the RCIA!

What is the RCIA? RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults but, according to a young man who recently went through the process, it should also stand for Righteous, Compassionate, Inspirational and Amazing. He speaks for the hundreds of individuals who have been a part of this challenging, exciting, and life-changing experience at St. Martin’s.

Have you or a friend ever considered joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA process will give you the opportunity to ask questions, learn about the Church’s teaching, and be part of a community who will walk with you on your journey of faith. Those who are not baptized, were baptized in other Christian denominations, or were baptized Catholic but have not been Confirmed or received the Eucharist are led by a team made up of clergy, staff and volunteers through an unforgettable one to two year process. RCIA meets mostly on Sundays after the 8:45 AM Mass, culminating with Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. If you would like to have a Righteous, Compassionate, Inspirational and Amazing experience leading to full communion with the Catholic Church, call Curtis Keddy at 714/970-2771 or email curtisk@smdpyl.org.

Catholic Detention Ministry is Looking for Volunteers!

Every day nearly 5,000 Catholics call Orange County jails and juvenile facilities home! The Bible calls us to visit those in prison (Matt 25:36). How about you! Can you spare a couple hours each month to visit our incarcerated brothers and sisters, sons and daughters? If you would like to learn more or to join our ministry, please sign up for our Overview presentation. For dates, times and more details, go to www.rcbo.org/restore or call us at 714/634-9909.

Human Trafficking Awareness

What does Catholic Social Teaching say?

“Action on behalf of justice...appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the gospel...the Church’s mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive condition.” (Justice in the World – 1971 World Synod of Bishops) It is not necessary for a victim to cross a border. Women and children, who are domestically trafficked for prostitution and/or forced labor within their own countries, are considered trafficked. Youth under 18, who are involved in prostitution, are also considered trafficked. If you think or suspect that someone is a victim of human trafficking, call the Trafficking Information/Referral Hotline: 1-888-3737-888.

Magnificat Day of Prayer

Please join Magnificat on our Day of Prayer, the 26th of each month, as we lift our hearts to the Lord for the intentions of Magnificat Ministry, Pro-Life issues, our beloved priests, and families.

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Hospice Volunteers are needed in our community to provide supportive services to terminally ill patients and their families. VITAS Innovative Hospice Care® is seeking interested individuals who can commit an average of two hours per week to make a difference with patients or in our offices – you can volunteer around your schedule and in the area you live or work. The only necessary qualifications are a caring heart, the ability to listen, and a willingness to learn. Please contact Libby Davis, Volunteer Manager at 714/734-2723 or email elizabeth.davis@vitas.com.

Join our LinkedIn Group and Job Bank

St. Edward the Confessor invites our fellow Catholics in the Diocese of Orange to join our LinkedIn Group. The group was established in 2011 for the purpose of creating a job bank for the many unemployed, to network professionally, and to invite members to promote their businesses. We are pleased to announce that we are welcoming fellow Catholics within the Diocese of Orange to network with us. To find out more about our group, visit http://stedward.com/businesses/. We look forward to networking with other Catholics in our diocesan community. Please tell your friends and colleagues by sharing this Good News! If you have any questions, please contact our Group Administrator at Lsaine@stedward.com.
Nutrition Education & Obesity Prevention Program

Come and enjoy the new Nutrition Education & Obesity Prevention (NEOP) program at Catholic Charities of Orange County. This program provides information for families on how to: a) make better choices for healthy food within a limited budget, b) prevent type 2 diabetes and heart problems, c) enjoy physical activities (games and dance) with family, and d) look and feel good!

For more information regarding class schedules and services of the NEOP program please call or email: Luz Vela 714/347-9611 – lvela@ccoc.org or Maria Ballesteros 714/347-9617 mballesteros@ccoc.org

Catholic Charities of Orange County can help you apply for CalFresh Food Stamps

Need help with food? If so, CalFresh, formerly known as Food Stamps, may be the answer. CalFresh is a federally funded program that helps people and their families with little or no income buy nutritious food. Catholic Charities of Orange County (CCOC) can help you apply for CalFresh (Food Stamps) benefits. To find out if you qualify, call our CalFresh Specialists: Jenny Rodriguez - 714/347-9601 or Michael Tijerino - 714/668-1130 Ext. 207

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Caridades Católicas del Condado de Orange le puede ayudar a solicitar Estampillas de Comida CalFresh

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Catholic Charities of Orange County: Alba Ramiro, Director of Volunteers
aramiro@ccoc.org, 714/347-9668

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Guillermina Lopez, Certified Enrollment Counselor/MediCal, 714/347-9606, glopez@ccoc.org

Or

Jenny Rodriguez, Certified Enrollment Counselor/MediCal, 714/347-9640, jrodriguez@ccoc.org

Or

Michael Tijerino, Certified Enrollment Counselor/MediCal/CalFresh, 714/347-9601, mtijerino@ccoc.org