4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2015

SUNDAY & VIGIL MASSES
Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 7:15 AM,
8:45 AM, 10:30 AM,
12:15 PM, 5:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES
8:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Saturdays 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Tuesdays 7:15 PM,
Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
24 Hours a Day,
Every Day

CLERGY
Pastor: Fr. Sy Nguyen
Parochial Vicar:
Fr. Jeff Droessler
Parish Director/Deacon:
Denis Zaun
Deacon: Nick Sherg

OUR PARISH MISSION & VISION
St. Martin de Porres is a Stewardship and Hospitality parish. As Catholic Christians guided by the Holy Spirit, we are Christ’s disciples dedicated to faith formation, worship, community life, and service. All are welcome as we use our unique gifts to serve the world as a visible sign of God’s love.

19767 Yorba Linda Bl., Yorba Linda, CA 92886
Office: 714-970-2771 • Fax: 714-970-5654 • www.smdpyl.org
Office Hours: Weekdays, 8:00 AM-7:00 PM (Closed Noon to 1:00 PM)
Friday: Office closed at noon • Saturday -Sunday, 8:00 AM-noon
2015 PSA & Stewardship Goals

HAVE YOU PLEDGED?

$ 500,000
PARISH GOAL

$274,000

Thank you!
Diocese goal met.
All pledges now come back to St. Martin!

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.”

PARISH AMBASSADOR / PARTNER

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.”

For those of you who have not yet contributed please prayerfully discern and return your card in the basket, the mail, or the office.

If you have not received your cards please contact the Parish office (714-970-2771) and they will provide them to you.

Contact our Ambassador Program at ambassador@smdpyl.org.
YOU CAN HELP: STAND WITH THE DISABLED, SICK, AND ELDERLY!

OPPOSE Physician Assisted Suicide Bill—SB 128. The bill has moved from the Health and from the Judiciary committees and now is up for review in the Appropriations Committee. Talk to your friends, family, and coworkers to urge action by contacting state legislators.

Some talking points to consider:
- Physician-assisted suicide devalues life and places elderly, sick, and some multi-cultural persons at risk for manipulation or coercion.
- There are grave concerns that this will lead to dependent adult abuse as witnessed in other states. It gives life and death power to those who will benefit from a patient’s death.
- This bill may propagate mental health crises as witnessed in other states. Most often suicide is a cry for help. Physicians may explain that this bill leads to physician abandonment and society abandonment of the patient.
- Six month “terminal” prognoses may be arbitrary. Very often patients will outlive that prognoses or even overcome the illness.
- Medical institutions and insurance companies may financially benefit from this option and not the patient.
- Proponents of this bill are trying to redefine quality of life and abandon persons during times of suffering.

(Adapted from Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Office of Life Justice and Peace, 2015)

SAFETY IN THE WILDERNESS

The retreat will include
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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."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The choir fundraiser at Polly’s Pies was a major success. They ran out of food! Stay tuned for information about our next restaurant fundraiser, Marie Callander’s.”

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning May 1st the Parish Office will be closing at noon on Fridays.

HOME VISIT MINISTRY

Our visit teams have been actively visiting parishioners. To date, our 15 teams have already made over 110 visits!

Be on the lookout for our postcard announcement.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

For questions, please contact Susan Sandoval, 714-695-1729 or sandovalhome@mac.com.
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 had life-changing experiences through the program. The group meets every morning, including Sundays, in the parish hall St. Andre Room at 6 AM.
**GRACE Women’s Group**

Meet on **Saturday, May 9th**

Come enjoy a faith-filled morning of friends & fellowship as the dynamic Tita Smith shares all about Catholic Charities. Tita is the Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Orange County, so it’s bound to be a special morning. We'll see you right after the 8:00 AM Mass (about 8:45) in the St. Elizabeth Room. All are welcome and if you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Blush at 714/319-1452 or elizabeth.blush@stjoe.org.

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**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 as we listen and learn how to put our faith into action.

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**Be a Part of a Small Christian Community**

St. Martin de Porres “Small Christian Communities” (SCC’s) provide a welcoming small group home-based 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

**Upcoming Event**  - “2nd Annual CELEBRATION OF COMMITMENT” for everyone who is currently participating in a Small Christian Community.

**When & where** - Sunday, May 3rd, from 1:30 – 3:30pm in the parish hall.

We will have a blessing at the 12:15pm Mass followed by a delicious “Cinco de Mayo” themed luncheon in the hall prepared by the Knights of Columbus. We hope to have all the SCC groups in attendance, so please mark the date and plan to attend.

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**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. 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 @ 714/777-1087 for more info.
CONFIRMATION CLASSES

• April 21: Confirmation 2, 7-9pm – Interviews
• April 25: Confirmation Mass- Candidates & sponsors please arrive at 9:00am
• April 28: Confirmation 1, 7:00 -9:00 PM—“Scripture and Tradition”

Thank God for our Newly Confirmed Students. May they continue to be strengthened in their life-long journey of faith. Congratulations to these families as they celebrate this joyous occasion.

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

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

For questions contact Mary McDevitt, marym@smdpyl.org

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Saying Farewell

Lan Dinh, our Associate Director of Youth Faith Formation will be leaving St. Martins in June. Her inspiration and leadership have been a great blessing to this community and she will be dearly missed. Please pray for her as she continues to discern how to use her gifts for the Kingdom of God.

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.

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!
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 4: May 1 - What Does the Church Really Teach about Divorce?

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.

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

GALA
DINNER • DANCE

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. 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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**WORSHIP**

**MASS SCHEDULES**
Saturday 5:30 PM  
Sunday 7:15 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM, & 5:30 PM

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 AM
then Mass 1st Wednesday/month

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Every day, 24 Hours each day

**SACRAMENTS/ghts**
- 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 26): Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
- Monday (Apr 27): Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday (Apr 28): Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday (Apr 29): Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Friday (May 1): Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday (May 2): Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

**MASS INTENTIONS**
- Saturday, April 25:
  8:00 AM (Fr Sy) David Arritt †, Rodolfo Valonzo †, Julia McCann
  5:30 PM (Fr Jeff) Rosita Braoss
- Sunday, April 26:
  7:15 AM (Fr Jeff) Felipe Gomez †
  8:45 AM (Fr Jeff)
  10:30 AM (Fr Sy) Ponciano Deang †
  12:15 PM (Fr Sy) Frank Sanches †
  5:30 PM (Fr Sy) Margaret Dillon †
- Monday, April 27:
  8:00 AM (Fr Sy) Paul Wolocatiuk
  6:30 PM (Fr Jeff) Marguerita Pirrella †
- Tuesday, April 28:
  8:00 AM (Fr Sy) Priest’s Intention
  6:30 PM (Fr Jeff) Priest’s Intention
- Wednesday, April 29:
  8:00 AM (Fr Sy) Ralph David Barry †
  6:30 PM (Fr Jeff) Julie Torres †
- Thursday, April 30:
  8:00 AM (Fr Sy) Bob Dower
  6:30 PM (Fr Sy) Denis Zaun
  (10th Anniversary of Deaconate)
- Friday, May 1:
  8:00 AM (Fr Jeff ) Morgan Padilla
  6:30 PM (Fr Jeff)
- Saturday, May 2:
  8:00 AM (Fr Jeff ) Emilio Libres†, Juana Libres†, Chispiana libres †
  5:30 PM (Fr Sy) Liz Diggin †
- Sunday, May 3:
  7:15 AM (Fr Sy) Dominicdong Luu †
  Maria Enlam †
  8:45 AM (Fr Sy) Liz Diggin †
  10:30 AM (Fr. Jeff) Mass for the People
  12:15 PM (Fr Sy) Philip Salvatore †
  5:30 PM (Fr Jeff) Robby Gomez †

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**
- Mary Alice Milward
- Josette Mahn
- Mary Giangreco
- Julie Torres †
- Marguerita Pirrella †
- Joseph Valonzo†, Julia McCann
- Libres†, Chispiana libres †
- Pat Valensano †
- Ralph David Barry †
- Rodolfo Valonzo †
- Frank Sanches †
- Ponciano Deang †
- Robby Gomez †
- Rosie Ross †
- Robert G. Rojas †
- Paula Giangreco
- Rodolfo Valensano †
- Gene Fuentes
- Connie Rivera

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

**IN MEMORIAM**
- Diane Steinmann
- Javier Villegas

**FAITH QUESTIONS**
- What attachments of yours keep you being personally productive?
- How has God pruned you for the sake of a more fruitful relationship with you?
- What pruning do you need right now to be more fruitful in your living?
- What, if anything, keeps you from asking God for whatever you want?

**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 Fautch 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 TITHING REPORT**
Thank you for your contribution!

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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
**Touched by God’s Mercy & Healed by His Love!**

What could bring together an English “Bobby” and a gifted and generous hearted Peruvian woman? Only the Divine Mercy of Our Lord Jesus and for His special purpose! *Magnificat* invites you to witness the beautiful testimony of how God’s mercy transformed the hearts and lives of **Michael & Lourdes Carroll**, God’s holy and humble servants!

Michael grew up in London and worked in law enforcement as a detective in Scotland Yard. He was chosen to serve as a bodyguard for many diplomatic dignitaries and English royalty. *(Princess Margaret & the Prime Minister of Israel)* It was Michael’s love for travel that eventually brought him to California where he opened his own Private Investigation Company.

Lourdes was raised in Peru and worked in the banking industry in international affairs. She came to California where she eventually began her career in Real Estate. After early marriages, they both suffered the trials and devastation of divorce, and Lourdes would become a single mother with two young sons to raise. It was God’s grace that brought them together and through the annulment process they came into sacramental marriage in the Church. Through their union in Christ their spiritual lives blossomed and their hearts were healed!

Michael and Lourdes have been part of the *Magnificat* family for 15 years and currently lead the **Intercessors of Divine Mercy Prayer Group**. They have been actively involved in a variety of ministries in their parish, St. Michael.

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**Magnificat**  
Queen of Peace Chapter  
SERVICE TEAM  
Karen Moses, Coordinator........714-345-6561  
Lori Loy, Treasurer.................714-609-3767  
Theresa McWeeney, Secretary...714-223-1975  
Dely Pili, Historian.................714-670-7332

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**ADVANCED RESERVATIONS**  
$28 per person  
Must be **postmarked by May 11**  
$33 at the door (cash/check only)  
Open Seating – Ballroom open 8:45 am  
Registration: Christina...714-809-9382

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**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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**Registration Form must be postmarked by May 11, 2015**

Name ____________________________________________________________

Guest(s)Name __________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _____ Zip ___________________

Phone# ________________________ Parish __________________________

Email __________________________

of request financial help. (Please print email address clearly.)

Enclosed is $ ______ for ____________ Reservations.

Please mail reservation and $28 per person to:  
Magnificat Ministry, P.O. Box 4381, Orange, CA 92863-4381

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All Men, Women and Youth Welcome!

☐ Donation to help someone attend $ ___________
**COMMUNITY LIFE**

**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!

**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 the 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.

**FILIPINO COMMUNITY of ST. MARTIN DE PORRES (FCSMDP)**

SAVE THESE DATES!

♦ NOVEMBER 7, 2015 PHILIPPINE NIGHT

♦ DECEMBER 16-24, 2015 SIMBANG GABI

AND, be part of the action now! Register as part of our group at the Parish Office where membership application forms are available. We need you! Contacts:

Clarita Albertson - 714/779-8656
Ed Baluyot - 714/288-0800
Tessa Bautista - 714/878-4665
Ivy San Juan - 714/261-1323
Jessie Sioson - 714/350-0089
Joe Tiamzon - 714/782-4330
Liza Virgo - 714/269-1151

**LEGION OF MARY MEETS WEEKLY**

If you have devotion to Mary, join her wonderful army: the Legion of Mary. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:15 PM, in the St. Rose of Lima Room. If you have questions, call Tom Copenhaver

Phone: 714/225-7736;
Email: tcopenhaver@tbccontractors.com

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic organization which has a program of prayer and service, in union with the Holy Spirit which operates through Mary, Mother of the Church.

**OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

**Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System Introductory Session**

Free introductory session offered for women and couples to learn about the Creighton Model System. Women or couples wishing to enter the program are then scheduled for individual follow-ups to learn and use the system to achieve and avoid pregnancy. This system is also particularly helpful to couples having difficulty conceiving.

**When:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015

**Time:** 7:30PM

**Where:** St. Joseph Church
717 N. Bradford Ave.
Placentia, CA 92870

Parish office Meeting Rooms 3-4
Cost: Free!

Contact: Samantha Aronson at samantha.fertilitycare@gmail.com to RSVP or with questions.
See [http://www.VitaFertilityCare.com](http://www.VitaFertilityCare.com) for more info or further sessions!
DO YOU FEEL AN INTERIOR CALL TO GROW IN HOLINESS?
These classes, offered at St. Peter Chanel in Hawaiian Gardens and given over an 11-Week period, will greatly intensify your spiritual life and your desire to go to Heaven. Come and learn the real purpose of your life, and how to achieve it through self-knowledge, self-discipline, deep prayer, and discernment of spirits. You’ll see miracles happen in your life!

There is no charge for the program and all materials are provided. Donations are accepted. Each meeting lasts 2-2.5 hours. To register online, go to www.spcomv.com. For more information, please contact Fr. Ed Broom, OMV at St. Peter Chanel, Mary Martorana at lovegodsavesouls@gmail.com or Veronica Ayson at (562) 924-7591.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

2015 SPRING SESSIONS
Beginning the Week of May 2nd - 7th
(Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays or Thursdays)
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 2nd leading cause of death among adolescents and young adults (behind motor vehicle accidents) and the 11th 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

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1 For the full case history, see: http://www.pcecf.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-

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.

4The 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 ON IMMIGRATION
Are You Eligible?

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. Carefully consider your options for immigration services before you apply!

You are eligible for
Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) if:
- You are the parent of a US Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident on or before November 20, 2014 and were in the US on this day.
- You have been in the US since January 1, 2010.
- You have not committed a felony or significant misdemeanor.
- You have no current legal status.

You will be able to apply for an employment permit and protection from deportation for three years. Applications will begin to be accepted in June 2015. Application fee will be $465 plus Catholic Charities fee.

You are eligible for
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) if:
- You were a child who entered the United States before age 16.
- 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
- Employment records: Income tax returns with W-2s, check stubs, Social Security records, Disability, Unemployment or Workman’s Compensation info, Notarized letter from your employer
- Church Records: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation
- 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

ARREST RECORDS: OBTAIN MINUTE ORDERS and CERTIFIED COPY of FINAL DISPOSITION from Criminal Court Clerk 700 Civic Center Dr, Santa Ana or requests for record searches may be made in person in the Criminal Operations Department at any Justice Center. http://www.occourts.org/directory/civil/general-information/record-requests.html

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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1800 E. 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705-714-347-9610 and (STARTING JANUARY 714-347-9622) FAX 714-347-542-3541
Join Deacon Steve and Mary Anne Greco on a life changing pilgrimage. It is a 13-day pilgrimage that begins Sept. 23, 2015. Reservations are now being taken. For more information and to receive an itinerary Contact: Tourspiritfilledhearts@gmail.com or MaryAnne@ 949/981-0918

You are invited to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena Pilgrimages to: (May 2015)- OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE & COLONIAL MEXICO, (OCT. 2015)- HOLY LAND Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call (323/344-1548 or 323/547-6618).

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.

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.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Orange County is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates and mentors for abused, abandoned and neglected children. A CASA volunteer visits with a child they are matched with on a regular basis, interacts with all professionals involved in the case and makes recommendations directly to the court, ensuring the child’s best interests are not overlooked. Volunteers must be 21 years old and be able to dedicate 10-15 hours per month. For more information about volunteering, please call 714/619.5155 or visit our website: www.casaoc.org

St. Martin de Porres has joined AmazonSmile, a web based shopping program operated by Amazon. AmazonSmile lets you enjoy the same wide selection of products, services, great low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com including Amazon Prime member benefits. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to St. Martin de Porres Church.

If you shop on smile.amazon.com using an internet browser on your desktop or laptop computer, your mobile phone, or your tablet (including any Kindle Fire device), then your AmazonSmile purchases will be eligible for donations. Purchases made using an Amazon Shopping App are not currently eligible for donations.
Catholic Charities of Orange County

New Hope Crisis Counseling Center
Telephone Hotline & Online Counseling

A faith based response

24 Hours per Day/ 7 Days per Week

Trained Crisis Workers provide peer counseling to people who are struggling to cope with day to day life.

714-New Hope (Hotline)
www.newhopenow.org (Online)

Since 1968 New Hope Crisis Hotline, now affiliated with Catholic Charities, has provided crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to people in Orange County and around the world. All of our crisis workers are volunteers, who have attended an intensive training program using an “active listening” model of peer counseling. Our services are free and open to all.

For Further Information Contact:
Dr. Louise Dunn, New Hope Director at: 714-620-8810 or dunnlouise@rocketmail.com
OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Knights of the Holy Eucharist

Attention, single Catholic men 18-30 years: The Knights of the Holy Eucharist, a community of consecrated brothers faithful to Holy Mother Church and dedicated to fostering reverent devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord, invite you to discern your vocation at their House of Formation, located at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Learn more at http://www.knightsoftheholyeucharist.com/

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.

Hospice Volunteers

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.
APRIL

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death.

For more information on the prevention of child abuse contact: The Office of Child and Youth Protection
(714) 282-3069

If you see child sexual exploitation on the internet, report it: 911 or
www.cybertipline.com

In the case of suspected child abuse, immediately call: Child Protective Services: (714) 949-1000 or 911
Where the Gospel Meets the Street
How to Bring the Good News to a Bad News World

Saturday, May 2 ~ 9 am to 2 pm
Our Lady of Fatima McGowan Hall
105 N. La Esperanza, San Clemente, CA 92672

In response to Pope Francis’ call to “go out to the margins,” participants will reflect on the way Christians are called to engage the difficult issues facing our world.

Tony Magliano, Keynote Speaker
Tony is an internationally syndicated columnist and speaker. Tony will explore how prayerful reflection on the wisdom of the gospel and the principles of Catholic social teaching can effectively guide a Christian response to today’s moral issues.

Susan Patterson, Author & Speaker
Susan will speak to us about how we can fight Human Trafficking. Her presentation offers actions that anyone can take in their own community.

Sr. Eileen McNerney, Author & Advocate
Sister Eileen is a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange and founded Taller San Jose, an educational and job-training center in downtown Santa Ana for high-risk youth ages 18 to 28. She will speak with us about immigration.

Take the Journey. Hear the stories of immigration as told by your neighbors.

RSVP: SALT@OLFchurch.net
Hosted by
Our Lady of Fatima’s
Social Awareness Leadership Team (“SALT”)

[Logos of Pax Christi USA, ChildShare, Catholic Charities of Orange County, and Calvary's Cross Pilgrimage]
Where the Gospel Meets the Street: How to Bring the Good News to a Bad News World

In response to Pope Francis’ call to “go out to the margins,” participants will reflect on the way Christians are called to engage the difficult issues facing our world. The Social Awareness Leadership Team of Our Lady of Fatima is hosting this event. Please join us Saturday May 2nd 9 am – 2 pm at Our Lady of Fatima McGowan Hall - 105 N. La Esperanza in San Clemente. Please RSVP to SALT@OLFchurch.net

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is hold during the Lenten and Easter seasons as there is no better time than this when we experience renewal and growth that we celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children.

For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, log on to www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth or contact the Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection, (714) 282-3069.

Support Groups for the Divorced and Separated

St. Norbert Church in Orange and St. Timothy Church in Laguna Niguel are hosting 13-week programs to support those going through the emotional pain of divorce or 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. 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Just before summer begins, why not make a Marriage Encounter weekend to put that spark and romance that has maybe gone out, back in your marriage? Our next scheduled weekend will be May 29-31. For more information please contact Jim or Cheryl at (949) 551-9156 or John and Maggie Lee at (714) 873-5138. Sign-up is also available at owmme.org.
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 type2 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

Programa de Nutrición y Prevención de Obesidad

Venga a disfrutar del nuevo programa de Nutrición y Prevención de Obesidad (NEOP) en Caridades Católicas del Condado de Orange. Este programa proporciona información para que las familias aprendan cómo: a) seleccionar alimentos más saludables con ingresos limitados, b) prevenir diabetes tipo 2 y problemas del corazón, c) disfrutar actividades físicas (juegos y bailes) en familia y, d) vernos y sentirnos mejor! Para mayor información sobre el horario de clases y servicios del programa NEOP favor de comunicarse con: Luz Vela 714/347-9611 – lvela@ccoc.org o Maria ballesteros 714/347-9617 – mballesteros@ccoc.org

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

¿Necesita ayuda con alimentos? Si ese es el caso, CalFresh, conocido anteriormente como Estampillas de Comida, podría ser su respuesta. CalFresh es un programa financiado por el gobierno federal que ayuda a personas y a familias con bajos ingresos a comprar alimentos nutritivos. Caridades Católicas del Condado de Orange le puede ayudar a solicitar los beneficios de CalFresh (Estampillas de Comida). Para saber si usted califica, llame a nuestros Especialistas de CalFresh: Jenny Rodríguez - 714/347-9601 o Michael Tijerino - 714/668-1130 Ext. 207
IMMIGRATION SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Catholic Charities of Orange County is recruiting and training volunteers of all ethnicities & languages to help us provide immigration services. We want to be ready to assist the many immigrants in our Diocese who may soon be eligible to stabilize their immigration status in the USA should immigration reform take place. For more information please contact Catholic Charities of Orange County: Alba Ramiro, Director of Volunteers aramiro@ccoc.org, 714/347-9668

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL’S LIGHTS ON PROGRAM
...assists hundreds of men and women released onto the streets from the O.C. jail during the overnight hours. Men and women exit the jail with the same clothing they were arrested in or in some cases have no clothing and are given jail issued paper jump suits. In either case, it is not enough to protect them from the chill of the winter night while Lights On volunteers search their resources for getting them safely off the streets. Warm clothing donations are greatly needed especially during these winter months. Of particular immediate need are new or used, jackets, sweaters or sweat outfits. If you can help contact the St. Vincent de Paul Center at 714/542-0448, 1505 E. 17 St., Suite 109, Santa Ana, CA. 92705

NEED HELP WITH MEDICAL OR CALFRESH?
Catholic Charities of Orange County provides FREE assistance to the community for MediCal (Children and Adults) and CalFresh. We help with applications and renewals for both programs. For information please call: 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