Begin with a prayer to end gun violence

By Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ
Gun violence and homicides have risen at alarming rates this year in Oakland.

Bishop Barber

We know we are brought into this world to love: Our Catholic faith teaches us. Violence is due to sin, and it seems to be escalating again in Oakland, fueled by a proliferation of guns in our homes and on our streets.

Issues quickly escalate when a gun is part of the situation: when another driver’s behavior angers a gun-carrying individual, when there’s a perceived insult at a bar or in the street, when there is a difference of opinion with a fellow employee or a store clerk. Resolving these issues by peaceful, civil actions, guns reduce us to a “wild West” mentality of every individual for himself. The result is so often death and a terrible disrespect for the dignity of human life.

In the last year, the city of Oakland has seen reports of gunshots rise by 137% — that is more than double in just 12 months! And the city is averaging 10 deaths a month due to homicide.

There are many solutions being offered to this crisis, but I believe we will only be successful if we begin from a place of prayer and reliance on God. Violence begins in the heart. It can also end when hearts are reconciled with Christ.

I hope you can join our pastors, myself and other people of faith and good will on May 1 in St. Peter’s Basilica to launch the month-long praying of the Rosary, the Holy Father’s “Month” by praying the rosary daily.

The rosary is a powerful prayer, a favorite of Catholics, and has never gone out of style. The Holy Father prays three rosaries a day.

I encourage all parishes to lead public recognition of the rosary — at the time and manner the pastors deem fit — to pray for an end of the worldwide pandemic. We give thanks that the recovery seems to be going well in our part of the world, but other countries, such as India, are in a dire situation.

In leading the Rosary on May 1 in St. Peter’s Basilica to launch the month-long praying of the Rosary, the Holy Father prayed:

“Most loving Mother, grant that the sense of belonging to one great family, in the awareness of the bond that unites us all, might grow in the world; so that, with a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we might come to the aid of the many people who are poor and the many situations of misery. Encourage firmness in faith, perseverance in service, constancy in prayer.”

We in Oakland diocese join our hearts in prayer to Our Lady with the Holy Father’s intention.

New superintendent

Dr. Andrew Currier will become superintendent of the schools of the Diocese of Oakland. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ announced. Currently president of Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco, he will take on his post on July 1. See the story on Page 3.

Ordination set for May 22

By Michele Jurich

On May 22, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ will ordain two men - Deacons Huong Dinh and Candelario Jimenez to the priesthood in the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

Both came to the priesthood from beyond our borders, after having discerned with religious orders and dioceses.

Each man has an extended family in the Bay Area supporting him in his journey. Candelario Jimenez came to the East Bay from Mexico at the age of 17 with his parents had settled. Prior to the meeting, they exchanged talents to the table, which, at the meeting that followed the Mass, included socially distanced seating at several tables placed around the Cathedral Event Center.

Commission members introduced themselves. Prior to the meeting, they had completed surveys to evaluate their strengths.

The first meeting of the Mission Alignment Commission took place in the Cathedral Event Center.

Mission Alignment Process

Commission begins its work

By Michele Jurich


Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, celebrated Mass in the Cathedral of Christ the Light on April 16. The left side of the chapel, about half of the committee members, in white vestments, concelebrated.

The commission, composed of clergy and laity, represents a diversity of parishes, ages, geography and experience.

The Church event.

On our cover

The Mission Alignment Process committee members at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, after their first meeting. Front row: Paul Bongiovanni (co-chair); Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, Second Row: Cristina Torres; Joseph Pierre-Antoine; Amanda Welter, Third row: Eric Horn, Father Jimmy Macalinao; Steve Wilson (co-officer); Father Lawrence D’Angio (co-chair). Top row: Father Anthony Huong Le; Father Brandon McAdoo; Father Leo Edgerly, Father Jayson Landeza.

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May 19: Dinner with Ordinandi
May 20: Meeting with Visitor General of Franciscan Friars of the Santa Barbara Province
Benedict XVI Board Meeting, Archdiocese of San Francisco
May 21: 7 p.m. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Anne Parish, Union City
May 22: 10 a.m. Ordination to the Priesthood, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland
May 23: 11 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Mass, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland
May 24: 7 a.m. Mass, Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Kensington
11 a.m. Salesian Deaconate Ordination, Corpus Christi Parish, San Francisco
May 25: Meeting at the San Francisco Conference of Catholic Bishops
May 28-29: Baccalaureate Mass andCommencement Ceremony. St. Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Clara
May 30: 10:30 a.m. Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Columba Parish, Oakland
June 3: 3 p.m. CTN Board Meeting, St. Patrick’s Seminary, Menlo Park
6 p.m. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Union City
June 4: Institute on the Catechism USCCB Meeting
June 5: 4:30 p.m. Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Crockett
7 p.m. Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Martinez
June 6: 11 a.m. Corpus Christi Mass, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland
5 p.m. Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, Our Lady Queen of the World Parish, Bay Point
June 10: Office meetings, Chancery Offices, Oakland, including 10 a.m. Priest Personnel Board
1 p.m. Presbytery Council
June 11: Day of Recollection with the Seminarians of the Diocese of Oakland, St. Therese, Danville
June 12: 10 a.m. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (Group #1) Catholic Community of Pleasanton
1 p.m. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (Group #2) Catholic Community of Pleasanton
5 p.m. Parish 60th Anniversary Mass/Youth Retreat Celebration, St. Raymond Parish, Dublin
June 15: Office meetings—Chancery Offices, Oakland, including 10:30 a.m. College of Consultants
June 15-18: USCCB Spring General Meeting
June 19: 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for various parish groups, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland
5 p.m. Mass and Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for various parish groups, Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

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COVID-19 Protocol Update

We welcome the statement of the Governor removing limits, and agreeing to comply with recent Supreme Court decisions protecting our freedom to worship. The Diocese of Oakland has from the beginning of the pandemic taken all appropriate steps to preserve the health and safety of our parishioners, while providing for our people’s right to worship. God the Father has made the following appointments:

Father John Carillo has been granted permission to retire. Father Pedro Ojeda Pedrera is appointed pastor of St. Isidore Parish, Danville, effective July 1, 2021, while remaining half-time parochial vicar of St. John Berchmans Parish, Walnut Creek.

Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. has made the following appointments:

**Appointments for summer 2021**

Pastors and Parochial Administrators—Effective June 1, 2021:
- Father Fernando Cortez, pastor of St. Jerome Parish, El Cerrito, has been granted permission to retire.
- Father Josep Parekkatt, pastor of St. Anne’s Parish, Walnut Creek, has been granted permission to retire.
- Father Leonhard Marrujo is appointed pastor of St. Anne Parish, Walnut Creek.
- Father John Carillo is appointed parochial administrator of Our Lady of Assumption Parish, San Leandro.
- Father Michael Pham is appointed parochial administrator of St. Jerome Parish, El Cerrito.

Effective July 1, 2021:
- Father Gerard Moran, pastor of St. Isidore Parish, Danville, has been granted permission to retire.
- Father Matthew Murray is appointed pastor of St. Isidore Parish, Danville.
- Father Glenn Naguit is appointed pastor of Divine Mercy Parish, Oakland.
- Father Kenneth Nobrega is appointed pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Oakland.
- Father John Prochaska is appointed pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Berkeley.
- Bishop Barber has approved the appointment by the Society of the Divine Word of Father Henry Noga, SVD, as pastor of St. Joaquin Parish, Hayward.

Parochial Vicars
- Father Jimmy Macalinao is appointed half-time parochial vicar of St. John Vianney Parish, Walnut Creek, effective July 1, 2021, while remaining as pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Berkeley.
- Father Candelario Jimenez, to be ordained priest May 22, is appointed parochial vicar of St. Anthony Parish, Oakland, effective June 1, 2021.

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Dr. Andrew Currier appointed superintendent of diocesan schools

Staff report
Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, has appointed a longtime Catholic educator as superintendent of diocesan schools.

Dr. Andrew T. Currier, currently president of Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco, will begin work as superintendent on July 1.

The Oakland diocese made the announcement May 10. Currier holds a doctorate in philosophy from The Catholic University of America and a master’s degree in education from the University of Notre Dame.

He has served for 19 years in Catholic education with more than 13 years in Catholic school leadership, including in Florida, the Washington, D.C. area and Indiana, in addition to being president of Riordan since 2017.

“I am impressed with Dr. Currier’s record at Riordan High School — which has grown and expanded under his leadership,” Bishop Barber said. “We are fortunate to have found a very capable new superintendent who shares my vision for improving the Catholic identity of our schools, and who is open to new models required for the survival of Catholic education in this 21st century.”

During Currier’s tenure as Riordan’s president he supported enrollment expansion, athletics facilities upgrades, and focused on Catholic identity and program mission.

Currier has also served as principal at other Catholic schools that underwent transitions, and has served in the superintendent’s office for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

He has fluency in Spanish and French, and is a member of the Order of Malta, which provides medical care to the needy in the Bay Area. He also volunteers at his parish, Notre Dame des Victoires in San Francisco, and for the Order of Malta in the Bay Area.

“I am grateful to Bishop Barber for the gracious invitation to serve the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland,” Currier said. “Bishop Barber’s vision for missionary discipleship, transcendent Mass experiences for students, with teaching and learning imbued and animated by the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, is inspiring and absolutely necessary for successful Catholic schools. I really look forward to partnering with pastors and school leaders on finding new ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our students and promoting the good work being accomplished in the Diocese of Oakland.”

Kathleen Radecke has served as superintendent of the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Oakland on July 1.

Grateful. That’s the word from FACE – Family Aid – Catholic Education. The April 24 virtual gala, its largest fundraising event of the year, is very close to reaching the goal of $400,000, said Terri Porter, FACE director.

“As director of FACE, I am so humble, blessed and grateful to all of the donors,” Porter said. “Our families are having to make hard decisions on whether they can continue to afford a Catholic education. The FACE award will help tremendously in keeping our students in Catholic schools. It takes a village, our donors are our village.”

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Holy Land pilgrimage: a place to walk with Jesus

By Father Richard Mangini

The Catholic pilgrimage season is about to open again. Unitours will be sponsoring an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan Jan. 14-24, 2022.

For all Christians, the Holy Land is a very special place—the land where Jesus lived and walked. I will be the spiritual guide. In addition, there will be a principal guide, who lives in the Holy Land, who travels with us throughout the pilgrimage.

One of my duties is to celebrate the Eucharist each day at a different shrine or place of pilgrimage. Each pilgrim receives “The Holy Land Companion” booklet prepared by The Magnificat Press. We use this resource for daily prayer and while visiting shrines and places of biblical importance. This is a great booklet for spiritual enrichment.

This is a pilgrimage, not just a tour. We are visiting new and interesting places, but we are also praying our way as we go. We are walking with each other and with Jesus who is accompanying us as we go. We are walking with each other and with Jesus, who is the living body of Christ. The Christians who still live and worship in the land of Jesus.

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The order’s Holy Land pilgrimages, he said, are also times for praying with and building relationships with “the living body of Christ,” the Christians who still live and worship in the land of Jesus.
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Ordination to the Order of Presbyters

By Michele Jurich

Staff writer

For Rev. Mr. Hoang Dinh, it’s been an extraordinary diaconate year. But in a way, he had expected to spend the year between his ordination to the diaconate and the priesthood completing his seminary studies during the week and serving in a parish on weekends, COVID-19 and the ensuing restrictions delayed the parish activity.

During much of the time Deacon Dinh was finishing his studies at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, the seminary was adhering to strict protocols, including among them that seminarians were not allowed to leave the campus to minister on week-ends, even to local parishes.

Deacon Dinh, who finished final exams two weeks before his ordination day, has been able to spend very little time on the diocesan level. “I have not baptized anyone,” Deacon Dinh said. “I have had only one pow-erful experience with baptizing people, or help-ing with the funeral Mass or wedding Mass.” Patience and resilience are two of the characteristics that have defined his jour-ney to the priesthood, which began when he was 14 in his home country of Vietnam. In 2010, he emigrated to the United States. “My parents came here first,” he said. “When I came here, they encouraged me to enter the seminary immediately. Just follow your call.”

There were challenges to overcome along the way. “It’s a long journey,” he said. “I strongly believe the Lord called me and brought me to America. It was not my plan.” He came here as an adult. I was 23 years old and my English was awful.

His parents introduced their youngest child to Rev. Thuong Nguyen, the former pastor of their Oakland parish, St. Anthony. Father Nguyen introduced him to the Very Rev. Lawrence D’Anjou, who was then the vocations director and is now the vicar general of the Diocese of Oakland. Father D’Anjou suggested the young man spend some time outside the semi-inary to learn American culture and develop his English skills.

While studying English as a second language in Elk Grove, where he went to live with his sister and help care for her children, he was introduced to the Vietnamese Dominicans. The vocations director, Rev. Mhinh Doan, OP invited him to Houston to do-minate in that community. He was accepted for admission.

The Diocese of Oakland, too, offered him the opportunity to enter the seminary. After much prayer and discernment, he chose the Diocese of Oakland, which sent him to Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon. “I began my first year at the seminary with a year of ESL,” he said. “Looking back at God’s plan and he gave me a lot of graces of being able to be faithful to him.”

After completing his philosophy studies there, he entered St. Patrick’s Seminary to study theology. He spent his pastoral year at St. Raymond Parish in Dublin. “My time at St. Raymond is an unfor-gottenable experience,” he said. “I love the people there. They are so kind to me.” “I have to thank Father Lawrence D’Anjou, who is our vicar general now. He allowed me to practice a lot in the works of the parish,” Deacon Dinh said. “I really appreciate it.”

He was inspired by the community. “One of the assignments I did at St. Raymond’s is to work with the volunteers on the weekend,” he said. “Their faith is my inspiration.”

His diaconate year began extraordi-nary. In the prayer garden of Church of the Good Shepherd, he and Deacon Candelario Jimenez were ordained Aug. 8 under blue skies in the early morning to avoid the predicted heat of an Eastern Contra Costa County afternoon.

Because of the pandemic, the Mass was held outdoors, with limited, distanced seating. It was, nonetheless, memorable. “I appreciate the people who came to support me,” he said. After Mass, he was able to take photos with his parents, and many family members. But because of the pandemic, there was no big celebration afterward.

“I drove by myself on the way back to my parents’ house,” he said. “I feel very blessed.”

Later that day, he went to St. Raymond Parish to serve as a deacon at Mass. He has recalled during this year the homily Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ gave at the ordination.

“He’s like my spiritual father talking to his son,” he said. “I always remember his homily, to be a deacon, not to assist at the altar, but to help the poor and pray for the people, to be faithful to the Liturgy of the Hours.”

“I had two weeks before going to school,” he recalled. “Our Bishop Barber assigned me to Holy Spirit on weekends.”

But those anticipated weekends serv-ing at the vibrant Fremont parish did not begin until Holy Week, seven months later, when he received permission to participate in outdoor Mass there.

He looks forward to his ordination to the priesthood in the Cathedral of Christ the Light, with his parents and family members who live in California plan to attend. Family members who live out of state and out of the country will be watching the live-streamed Mass.

During the Mass, he will be vested by two of the priests who assisted him on his discernment in the United States: Father Nguyen and Father Doan.

He will celebrate his First Mass that afternoon at St. Raymond Parish in Dublin, the 8 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the Light and 11:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Parish in Oakland, where he has been appointed parochial vicar effective June 1.

This article includes information from an article Rev. Mr. Dinh wrote for The Catholic Voice in August 2020.

Pray, be poor, be close to the people, pope tells new priests

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — The priesthood “is not a career, it is a service,” Pope Francis told nine men just before ordaining them to the priesthood for the Diocese of Oakland. Last August, Candelario Jimenez, Reverend Hoang Dinh were ordained priests by Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ in the Prayer Garden of Church of the Good Shepherd in Pittsburg.

“I strongly believe the Lord called me and brought me to America.”

On May 22, in the Cathedral of Christ the Light, two men will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Oakland. Last August, Candelario Jimenez, Reverend Hoang Dinh were ordained priests by Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ in the Prayer Garden of Church of the Good Shepherd in Pittsburg.
**Ordination to the Order of Presbyters**

“My responsibilities at Immaculate Heart of Mary have been a blessing.”

By Michele Jurich  
Staff writer

Rev. Mr. Candelario Jimenez completed his seminary studies in May 2020, and was able to begin his duties as pastoral associate at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Brentwood after his ordination to the diaconate in August last year.

“My responsibilities at Immaculate Heart of Mary have been a blessing,” he said. “It’s been a blessing in my formation.”

He has been present, in two languages, to parishioners: proclaiming the Gospel and preaching at bilingual Masses; teaching young adults seeking confirmation; baptizing babies and meeting their families; greeting people waiting in their cars for the groceries from St. Vincent de Paul; and praying beside those grieving loved ones.

Deacon Jimenez preaches at least two or three times a month. “I truly love to do bilingual preaching because there is a lot of participation in the community. We do have a very vibrant community in English and Spanish,” he said.

“People like to hear something in their own language,” he said. This extended to the bilingual catechetical classes he taught for young adults seeking confirmation. Deacon Jimenez said he likes to “encourage young people to know and love their faith.”

“Some of that teaching involves a good deal of listening, too. I try to explain it well and I like to hear their views. That’s when you understand where they are, what they need,” he said. “Young people are very honest. Sometimes they express what they think and what they believe, and that’s where I find a way to help. If they’re mistaken or incorrect, that’s our job to lead them to the truth.”

“Young people love to be challenged and to know better their faith.”

At the Easter Vigil, all the members of the large group were confirmed. “All of them were happy; it was like a graduation,” he said. “There was something mystical in their faces.”

In charge of baptisms in Spanish, Deacon Jimenez also spent time with some of the youngest members of the parish. Once a month, he has baptized babies, “six or seven every time,” he said.

“I see some families of the kids I baptized every Sunday, with their kids,” he said. “It’s a special grace seeing those kids. I baptized you.”

He keeps his book of baptisms. “I want to keep the record and pray for those kids and their parents,” he said.

On a trip to Mexico, he baptized one baby and presided at marriage vows. He has also been beside families during the most difficult of times, in the aftermath of the death of a loved one.

“If I felt I did not do much,” he said, “I prayed with them and grieved with them. It’s important as a priest to be with the flock, to encourage them not to despair, not to lose hope, to let them cry and be with them.”

In the last few months, he has helped lead a holy hour for vocations each Thursday. “A lot of people come for adoration,” he said.

“Before we start the holy hour, we have a small procession, with the canopy, incense and candles,” he said. “I lead the prayer, Father Arturo [Bazan] holds the monstrance,” he said. During the bilingual Mass, the faithful process for about 15 minutes around parking lot before entering the church.

“They pray for the diocese: for the bishop, priests, deacons and seminarians, and for families and good marriage vocations,” he said.

The resources of the parish’s St. Vincent de Paul conference were called on greatly during the pandemic. “St. Vincent de Paul is very active,” he said. “We are so blessed to have so many volunteers strong in their faith and willingness to help.”

He would help prepare grocery bags from food donated by parishioners. An hour or more before the scheduled distribution time, recipients would be lining up in the parking lot.

Deacon Jimenez would go into the parking lot. “I like to say hi to the families, God bless you,” he said. “It’s a blessing to help them. We understand the need.”

He is looking forward to his May 22 ordination at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

“I’m so happy that it will be at the cathedral,” he said. “I’m very blessed to have my parents be present, along with my siblings, nephews and friends.”

Two of his classmates from the semi-nary in which he studied in Mexico will be attending the ordination. They are among his 24 classmates who are ordained priests.

“The pastor of my hometown parish will be attending,” he said, in addition to three classmates from Saint Patrick’s who are ordained priests.

During the ordination Mass, he will be vested by Rev. Rafael Hinojosa of St. Anthony Parish in Oakley and Rev. Arturo Bazan of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The day after ordination will be Pentecost, he points out. “I am so excited that’s the day,” he said.

He will celebrate two Masses of Thanksgiving on May 22: 8 a.m. in English and 2 p.m. in Spanish at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Brentwood. Those Masses will be live streamed.

He will celebrate bilingual Masses at 6:30 p.m. May 26 at St. Anthony Parish in Oakley and at noon May 29 at St. Michael Parish in Livermore, his home parish in the United States.

He is planning to go to Mexico and celebrate four Masses in his hometown of Labor de Solis in the state of Jalisco, with family, friends and the community in thanksgiving for their support and encouragement.

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In charge of baptisms in Spanish, Deacon Jimenez also spent time with some of the youngest members of the parish. Once a month, he has baptized babies, “six or seven every time,” he said.

“I see some families of the kids I baptized every Sunday, with their kids,” he said. “It’s a special grace seeing those kids. I baptized you.”

He keeps his book of baptisms. “I want to keep the record and pray for those kids and their parents,” he said.

On a trip to Mexico, he baptized one baby and presided at marriage vows. He has also been beside families during the most difficult of times, in the aftermath of the death of a loved one.

“If I felt I did not do much,” he said, “I prayed with them and grieved with them. It’s important as a priest to be with the flock, to encourage them not to despair, not to lose hope, to let them cry and be with them.”

In the last few months, he has helped lead a holy hour for vocations each Thursday. “A lot of people come for adoration,” he said.

“Before we start the holy hour, we have a small procession, with the canopy, incense and candles,” he said. “I lead the prayer, Father Arturo [Bazan] holds the monstrance,” he said. During the bilingual Mass, the faithful process for about 15 minutes around parking lot before entering the church.

“They pray for the diocese: for the bishop, priests, deacons and seminarians, and for families and good marriage vocations,” he said.

The resources of the parish’s St. Vincent de Paul conference were called on greatly during the pandemic. “St. Vincent de Paul is very active,” he said. “We are so blessed to have so many volunteers strong in their faith and willingness to help.”

He would help prepare grocery bags from food donated by parishioners. An hour or more before the scheduled distribution time, recipients would be lining up in the parking lot.

Deacon Jimenez would go into the parking lot. “I like to say hi to the families, God bless you,” he said. “It’s a blessing to help them. We understand the need.”

He is looking forward to his May 22 ordination at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

“I’m so happy that it will be at the cathedral,” he said. “I’m very blessed to have my parents be present, along with my siblings, nephews and friends.”

Two of his classmates from the seminary in which he studied in Mexico will be attending the ordination. They are among his 24 classmates who are ordained priests.

“The pastor of my hometown parish will be attending,” he said, in addition to three classmates from Saint Patrick’s who are ordained priests.

During the ordination Mass, he will be vested by Rev. Rafael Hinojosa of St. Anthony Parish in Oakley and Rev. Arturo Bazan of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The day after ordination will be Pentecost, he points out. “I am so excited that’s the day,” he said.

He will celebrate two Masses of Thanksgiving on May 22: 8 a.m. in English and 2 p.m. in Spanish at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Brentwood. Those Masses will be live streamed.

He will celebrate bilingual Masses at 6:30 p.m. May 26 at St. Anthony Parish in Oakley and at noon May 29 at St. Michael Parish in Livermore, his home parish in the United States.

He is planning to go to Mexico and celebrate four Masses in his hometown of Labor de Solis in the state of Jalisco, with family, friends and the community in thanksgiving for their support and encouragement.

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Sister Mary Kay Moran, OP

Sister Mary Kay Moran, former known as Sister William Mary, died on June 20 at the Dominican Life Center in Adrian, Michigan. She was 81 and in her 61st year of her on April 12 at the Dominican Life of San Rafael, Advancement Office, Leona was buried in St. Dominic's Cemetery in Benicia.

Gaydosh; grandnieces and nephews and great-grand rounds. She loved lending her support in their educational and served the remainder of her active ministry life in 1962 to 1968. She served as principal at St. Alphonsus and St. Cornelius in Richmond.

For 10 years, Sister Frances Marie served her as formation director for Sisters in 1979 until her retirement in 1994, she served in Fremont. She was 94 years old and in the 73rd year of her religious profession.

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During the spikes, some local funeral homes, which had reached their capacity, called CFCS to see if they could refer families. Some families them- selves called.

"With the grace of God, we have continued to welcome all," Robles said. "Which was a blessing, "We welcome all," said Robles. "We’ll continue to welcome all.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Karen Miller’s name to Hospice of Oakland or Catholic Charities of the East Bay are appreciated.

Sandra Hodges Colombo

Sandra Hodges Colombo, a longtime Catholic educa- tor, died May 4 in Richmond.

Mc- moran graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School in Detroit, Michigan, received a Bachelor of Science Education degree in History from Siena Heights University in Adrian; a master of arts in math- ematics education from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan; and a master of religious education degree from Loyola University in Chicago.

She ministered for 47 years in elementary and religious education in Illinois, California, New Mexico, Michigan, Florida, Arizona and Alaska. She served in pastoral min- istry of Oakland, she taught at All Saints School in Hayward in 1973-1974.

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Pope Francis receives Rosaries during his weekly general audience in the San Damaso Courtyard of the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican on May 12. The pope was the first to more than six months that visitors and pilgrims have been able to attend the audience.

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Holding a general audience with visitors and pilgrims present for the first time in more than six months, Pope Francis said he was very pleased to see people “face to face.”

‘I’ll tell you something: It’s not nice to talk in front of nothing, just a camera. It’s not nice,” the pope told about 300 people who attended the audience May 12 in the San Damaso Courtyard of the Apostolic Palace.

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the last general audience open to the public was Oct. 28. After that, the pope returned to live streaming the audience from the library of the Apostolic Palace.

Addressing Pilgrims at the audience, the pope noted that May 13, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, marked the 40th anniversary of the attempt to assassinate St. John Paul II.

In his main audience talk, Pope Francis focused on overcoming obstacles to prayer, but also on the power of prayer.

“Prayer, he told the crowd, is not always ‘a walk in the park.’

“While it may be easy to ‘parrot’ prayer, ‘blah, blah, blah,’ he said, real prayer requires effort. Prayer ‘certainly gives great peace, but through inner struggle, at times hard, which can accompany even the most normal life,’ he said.

“Often when a person wants to pray, he said, ‘we are immediately reminded of other many activities, which at that moment seem more important and more urgent. This happens to me, too; ‘I’m going to go pray. But no, I have to do this and that.’ We run from prayer; I don’t know why, but that’s how it is.”

“Almost always, after putting off prayer, we realize that those things were not essential at all, and that we may have wasted time on things that were not as important as prayer, he said. ‘This is how the Enemy deceives us.’

Pope Francis told the story of a man he knew in B Aires, Argentina, “my other father,” who was told that his 9-year-old daughter was sick, and the doctors were convinced she was about to die. The man took a train to the Basilica of Our Lady of Lujan and prayed outside all night, “fighting for the health of her daughter.”

When he got back to the hospital, he found his wife smiling because her daughter suddenly improved, the pope said.

“I saw this myself,” Pope Francis said. “Prayer works miracles because prayer goes straight to the center of the goodness of God. A prayer,” he said, “is a variant of the virus, of individualism, he said. And when combined with putting ‘the laws of the market or spiritual property above the laws of love and the health of humanity,’ people suffer.

The pope’s remarks followed video echo comments he had made on Christmas when he questioned the wisdom of the United Nations, which has made on Christmas when he questioned the wisdom of the United Nations, which had made on Christmas when he questioned the wisdom of the United Nations, which were dying and suffering, both physically and economically, from the coronavirus.

At that time, he said, “I have gathered everyone — government leaders, businesses, international organizations — to foster cooperation and since that time, we have seen the widespread manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines. The overall number of lives saved is incredibly hopeful. We need light and hope,” the pope said. “We need pathways of cooperation or we will continue to be in the same cycle. Often when a person wants to pray, he said, ‘we are immediately reminded of other many activities, which at that moment seem more important and more urgent. This happens to me, too; ‘I’m going to go pray. But no, I have to do this and that.’ We run from prayer; I don’t know why, but that’s how it is.”

The first cause, he said, is “the virus of individualism, which does not make us freer or more equal or more sisterly, but rather makes us indifferent to the suffering of others.”

“Closed nations,” which is not only concern for one’s citizens first, but prioritize the most vulnerable people who have endured and continue to endure the hardest toll of suffering and death during the pandemic.

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Special to The Catholic Voice

Highly independent and capable, the embodiment of a dream team, and a unique ability to create a sense of normalcy in not-so-normal times is how moderators Darren Deonigi and Helen Martin describe Assumption School’s Student Leadership Team.

A global pandemic has not stopped the San Leandro School’s team members from fulfilling their duties and being student role models. “All they need is a nudge,” Martin said, and within 45 minutes, the students complete a video production of morning assembly for the next day. “Witnessing them support one another as they create something every day for the benefit of others is remarkable,” she said.

Thirteen students serve on the leadership team in positions such as president, vice president, publicity, media, ecology, ambassador, cheer and athletics. Guided by the school’s mission and Catholic principles, the team handles a variety of student engagement positions such as president, vice president, publicity, media, ecology, ambassador, cheer and athletics. The school’s mission statement and school news. Team members have developed special features, including a weekly highlight of national news.

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Each virtual morning assembly includes prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, recital of the school’s mission statement and school news. Team members have developed special features, including a weekly highlight of national news.

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The lessons learned from mom last a lifetime

By Rev. Magr. Daniel Cardelli
One of my earliest memories is of Eddie walking his usual route home from school. He was in the fourth grade, and we climbed up to the front door of the family home, entered the house, and went directly to the kitchen. The front door was never locked. “Mom!” he called. There was no answer. “Mom!” he called again, and still there was no answer. We walked in and found him sitting there when he came home from school. Nobody was in the house. It was scary.

A quiet, empty house.

He began to feel frightened, lost and insecure. It was a feeling he had never experienced before in his childhood. Where was she? Where could she be? She was always here.

Suddenly, the door flew open and Mom came rushing into the house.

Wow! What a relief! The house became a home again. Mom was there and the Diocese of Oakland.

It was a feeling she had never experienced before. She was just visiting the neighbors and lost track of the school time. Yes, what a relief, indeed. Eddie felt all warm and cozy, secure and loved. Mom put her arms around him and gave her traditional quick squeeze and then continued on with her usual day.

So back! Whew! Saturday was “clean-the-house-day.” Eddie and his siblings worked under Mom’s supervision to clean the house from top to bottom. She gave Eddie the task of cleaning the tiny windows in the dining room French doors. This was a task that he disliked intensely; it took a lot of patience and restraint. One week, he finally cleaned finishing the windows and proudly reported to her mom, “Mom, I finished the windows.” Mom simply said, “Go back and do the corners.” Without a word, the Eddie went back and did the corners with courage and determination.

Eddie always felt a special connection with his mom. He liked to be with her and help her in any way he could. She taught him how to cook, clean, iron, sew, wash clothes and, yes, even knit. He liked to help her. She made him feel needed and strong.

Mom taught Eddie and his siblings many other lessons in life. Best of all, she shared her love of Jesus with them and helped them learn that the most important value in life was their personal relationship with Jesus and all people. During Lent, she would gather her children, and they would pray together various litaves and the rosary.

On Good Friday, there was to be silence between noon and three o’clock. For Eddie and his siblings, it was really hard to stay quiet for such a “long time.” But they learned from Mom that it was to honor the suffering and death of Jesus.

Mom instilled in Eddie a deep love of God and the meaning of His sacrifice for all of us. Eddie is a grown man now. His mom has passed on. He cannot see her, but she is still with him. Of course, he still remembers the tiny windows and all the other life lessons; but a mom like Eddie’s is more than a memory. She is a living presence.

On Mother’s Day we honor all mothers.

The Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone is the archbishop of San Francisco. He gave this pastoral letter on May 1.

The lessons learned from mom last a lifetime.

We all have a role to play.

To Catholics in public life who advocate for life: thank you for your courageous witness! Your bold and steadfast stand in the face of what is often fierce opposition gives courage to others who know what is right but might otherwise feel too insecure and vulnerable to help. Because of what you have endured, you more than anyone can become a powerful voice for the sanctity of life. Let us all make this the year of the Church to unity and healing power of the love of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We await you with open arms to welcome you back. We are all called to conversion, not only those Catholics in public life. Catholics in public life who practice abortion or advocate for abortion are faced with the reality that humans are made in the image and likeness of God, known and beloved by God. This pastoral letter addresses all Catholics, but especially those in public life calling for deep reflection on the evil of abortion and on the meaning of receiving Holy Communion, the Bread of the Lord. There are four pivotal points to this letter:

1. The gravity of the evil of abortion: Science teaches that human life begins at the moment of conception. An abortion deeply wounds the woman and destroys the foundation of a just society; it is a ‘pre-eminent priority’ because it violates the right to life, the foundation of all other rights. As Catholics we must be a voice for the voiceless and the powerless; there is no one more defenseless than a child in the womb.

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