CHANCERY NEWS

NEW! CRS Response to Recent Earthquakes and Hurricanes

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On Tuesday, September 19, a 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck south of Mexico City, killing nearly 300 people as of last Friday and more casualties expected as rescue efforts continue. The quake struck less than 2 weeks after an 8.1 earthquake hit Oaxaca, Mexico.

Catholic Relief Services—along with partners like Caritas—have been responding in Mexico following the September 7 earthquake, focusing on shelter repairs and immediate relief to vulnerable families in isolated areas outside of Mexico City. It is now providing relief to the survivors of the two temblors both inside the capital and elsewhere.

Your prayers and financial support are requested. CRS has prayer resources in both English and Spanish, including general intercessions, which can be at crs.org.

To assist with the rescue efforts and to provide emergency supplies by also visiting the website.

Hurricanes Irma & Maria: First hitting landfall on September 6, the catastrophic Category 5, Hurricane Irma, left death and destruction in its path, affecting as many as half a million people and claiming at least 38 lives. The storm wreaked havoc on the small islands of Anguilla, Barbuda, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy in the Leeward Islands, wiping out homes and leaving many residents without electricity and in need of basic supplies. Although parts of Haiti and the Dominican Republic were also devastated, Cuba and the Caribbean Islands suffered the most severe damages, to the point of being completely leveled.

Working closely with local governments and partners, Catholic Relief Services is providing shelter, water and critical supplies, including tarps, tents, and hygiene and kitchen kits to families affected by this disaster. For more information about the impact of Irma and the aid being given by CRS, please see the attached factsheet in both English and Spanish.

Now, CRS is also responding to Hurricane Maria, a Category 4 storm that is dropping heavy rains on some of the islands already devastated by Hurricane Irma, has made landfall in Dominica, Puerto Rico, Turks and Caicos bringing death and destruction.

Prayers and financial contributions are badly needed for those hurt by these storms. Catholic Relief Services offers prayer resources in English and Spanish at prayer. Donations for hurricane relief can also be made online.

Because CRS is the U.S. Catholic Church’s international humanitarian agency, it supports the emergency response outside of the United States. CRS’ sister organization, Catholic Charities, is aiding those victimized by both hurricanes here in the U.S., including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as Florida and other states. Any gifts to assist those living in the U.S. and its territories, should go to Catholic Charities USA at CCUSA.
For regular updates on the relief efforts of CRS in both Mexico and the Caribbean, please see their website at crs.org. If you have questions, please contact the CRS Diocesan Coordinator Marc McKimmey, see above.

**Reminder about Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers**
*Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am*
_The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland_
Oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers

As a reminder, the Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers will be on September 30 at 10:00 am. A reception will follow in the Event Center. We encourage you to include this event in your bulletins and pulpit announcements. Sample announcements are available in English and Spanish at Oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers.

**NEW! Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Awards Luncheon**
*Wednesday, October 11: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm*
_St. Columba Parish Hall, 6401 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland_
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The diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Local Committee cordially invites you to come to their annual grant awards luncheon. At the luncheon, grants will be presented to organizations in the Diocese of Oakland which are doing community organizing or economic development projects with low income people to empower them to improve their lives and their economic status. The gathering is an opportunity to honor the groups for the inspiring work they are doing as well as to recognize people who have made important contributions to the community.

It should be a great event. This year special tribute is being paid to Sr. Maureen Duignan, long time Executive Director of the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, for her more than 30 years of providing legal services with compassion to immigrants and refugees in the East Bay. She has also provided transitional housing to immigrants for years as director of Oakland’s Casa Esperanza.

The guest speaker will be Bob Lassalle-Klein, Professor of Religious Studies at Holy Names University, co-founder Oakland Catholic Worker, transitional house and community center for Latin American immigrants, and author of the forthcoming book *Voices of Migrants and Refugees*. All this and a tasty lunch as well. And it is all free of charge! Download the flyer for more details.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ education-action program to combat poverty in the United States. CCHD is rooted in the belief that organized groups of poor and low-income people, aided by seed money, can develop economic strength and political power in their communities. The program supports projects that address conditions of poverty in critical areas such as social and economic development, housing, health care, legal aid, education and communication.

If you are able to attend, please RSVP at ktobin@ceeb.org or 510-768-3109, no later than Wednesday, October 4.

**Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage Mass with Bishop Barber**
*Friday, October 13, 7:00 pm*
_St. Joseph the Worker, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley_

Join us for the final Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Pilgrimage Mass in the Diocese of Oakland with Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ at St. Joseph the Worker on October
13 at 7:00 pm. For more information, call the Parish Office at 510-843-2244.

**NEW!** Take a moment to check out Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services new quarterly newsletter.

Read the first edition of the [CFCS Fall Newsletter](#) and see if your parish is mentioned.

In this new quarterly newsletter we will be highlighting the work and events connected to CFCS both at the cemetery and in the parishes. The newsletter will include colorful event photos, for example check out the incredible Aztec dancers from our “Dia de Los Muertos” celebration featured this month. Articles will include valuable information on grief support and educational opportunities for your parishes and parishioners. Each Parish will be receiving a copy but if you would like to receive more copies, subscribe to our online mailing list, or if you have an idea for an article to feature, please contact our Outreach Manager Kate Neal at katen@cfcoakland.org.

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**EVENTS & ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

**Sabbath in Action: Rest, Reset, Resist**

*Wednesday, September 27, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm*
*SCHOOL OF APPLIED THEOLOGY, 5890 BIRCH CT., OAKLAND*
*510-652-1651*
*SATGTO.ORG/COURSE-OFFERINGS*

With Pope Francis (*Laudato Si’*), Barbara Brown Taylor (“The Practice of Saying No”) and other luminaries, we will look at the interplay between human work and rest in relation to the agricultural cycles of fruitfulness and fallowness, and how the gifts and commandments of Sabbath and Sabbatical may help to bring us into closer relationship with God "in all things"; illumine and deepen the meaning of our work; and protect us and others, human and other-than-human, from exploitation. Donations will be accepted at the door.

**NEW! Blessing of the Animals**

*Saturday, September 30, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm*
*SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER, 710 HIGHLAND DR., DANVILLE*
*925-837-9141*
*SAN DAMIANO.ORG*

All are welcome to a free Blessing of the Animals at San Damiano Retreat Center.

**NEW! Transitus of St. Francis**

*Tuesday, October 3, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm*
*SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER, 71 HIGHLAND DR., DANVILLE*
*925-837-9141*
*SAN DAMIANO.ORG*

All are welcome to an evening service for the Transitus of St. Francis.

**NEW! Feast of St. Francis Mass**

*Wednesday, October 4, 10:00 am*
*SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER, 71 HIGHLAND DR., DANVILLE*
*925-837-9141*
*SAN DAMIANO.ORG*
Everyone are Welcome! We will have Mass of Celebration for the Feast of St. Francis at 10:00 am.

**NEW! Opening Doors to Interfaith Spirituality**

*Mondays, October 2, 9 and 16, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm*

*School of Applied Theology, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland*

510-652-1651

Satgtu.org/course-offerings

This three-part course offering explores core interfaith documents as a way of understanding the essential elements of interfaith practice and spirituality, including guidelines for dialogue with people from different ecclesiastical traditions. The global ethic of compassion is introduced as a unifying foundation for interfaith understanding and cooperation. The cost of this course is $120.

**NEW! Discerning the Sacred Images on the Canvas of Our Souls**

*Tuesday, October 3, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm*

*School of Applied Theology, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland*

510-652-1651

Satgtu.org/course-offerings

This course, part lecture and part experiential, will take you on a journey behind the scenes of a painting and into the creative process itself to see how God can be encountered there, in the hope that you will discover a pathway into your own unique gift of creativity. The cost of this course is $95 and lunch is included.

**NEW! Sacred Arts: Art and Nature**

*Wednesday, October 4, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm*

*School of Applied Theology, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland*

510-652-1651

Satgtu.org/course-offerings

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop…These words from Pope Francis, who is deeply concerned over our loss of a spiritual relationship with nature, lay the foundation for an inquiry into the numinous life of the world we live in. Practices in silence, sensing, writing, movement and art-making will be the tools used to map our awareness of internal and external landscapes. This course will take place both indoors and in nature. The cost of this course is $95 and lunch is included.

**NEW! Prayer in Chaos, Change, Commotion and Clutter**

*Tuesday – Wednesday, October 10 - 11, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm*

*School of Applied Theology, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland*

510-652-1651

Satgtu.org/course-offerings

Are you too busy to pray? Yet do you long for a spiritual center that gives meaning and depth to even the craziest days? At the same time we know the need for prayer, we also face tremendous constraints on time. Let’s explore how to live in an intimacy with Christ that transforms ordinary ways and places. People who work for social change are vulnerable to discouragement and burn-out. But reflective practices, woven through the day’s fabric, can free us from fear. We’ll consider what recent brain research shows about the effects of meditation on neural pathways. Finally, we’ll see how the saints give human faces to these theories. The cost of this course is $180 and lunch is included.
NEW! Wine and Hor d’oevres Fundraiser
**Saturday, October 14, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm**
Mercy Retirement and Care Center 3431 Foothill Blvd., Oakland
Krista Lucchesi  510-534-8547, ext. 369  klucchesi@eldercarealliance.org

Come help the Leo Center and Mercy Retirement and Care Center begin a new partnership as they raise funds for the Mercy Brown Bag Program and Mercy Retirement and Care Center’s Charitable Care program. There will be a silent auction, a live auction, live entertainment and wine and hor d’oevres for all. Tickets are $25.00. Please RSVP by October 2.

NEW! Sacred Arts: Mandala
**Tuesday, October 17, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**
School of Applied Theology, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland
510-652-1651
Satgtu.org/course-offerings

The mandala (from a Sanskrit word for circle) is an ancient sacred symbol that interweaves spiritual, psychological, and physical aspects of personal and cultural beliefs. In many traditions, the mandala diagrams the origins of creation and is an organizing force through which spiritual energy is accessed. In contemporary times, the psychologist Carl Jung explored this potent form as the central energy from which an individual’s growth and movement toward wholeness originate. This course focuses on a personal exploration of the mandala through a variety of experiential exercises. Coursework includes meditative practices such as mindfulness and a variety of creative practices including collage, mixed media and poetry. The cost of this course is $95 and lunch is included.

Ministry Formation Training & Retreat: Going Forth in Joy
**Friday – Sunday, October 13 – 15**
Maryknoll Mission Center, 23000 Cristo Rey Dr., Los Altos
Kris East  510-276-5021  keast@maryknoll.org

Develop a basic understanding of mission and your role in passing on the mission of Jesus through your own ministry. The Ministry Formation Training Program is designed for frontline parish and school ministers (teachers, principals, DREs, lay ecclesial ministers, catechists, priests, deacons and wives, etc.).

Participants will incorporate a stronger sense of mission into your ministerial identity and spirituality; acquire an understanding of the scriptural, historical and theological foundations of mission and evangelization; develop skills and resources to better integrate the mission into your ministry and programs; and help your parishioners and students come alive in their faith as you animate and support them in their calling to take part in the mission of Jesus.

Four sessions over the course of a weekend retreat at our Maryknoll Mission Center in Los Altos will also include opportunities for individual reflection, communal liturgy and faith sharing.

More information and registration is available online or by contacting Kris East, see above. Download the flyer.

Suggested donation is $60 for commuters or $100 for those staying the night. Meals and materials are included. Nobody is turned away for an inability to make a donation. Venue is wheelchair accessible.

Birthright of Walnut Creek/Concord Annual Celebrate Life Dinner
**Saturday, October 14, 5:30 pm**
St. Mary Church, 1158 Bont Lane, Walnut Creek
Birthright Office  925-798-7227
Enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner with recognized Pro-Life speaker and entertainer Josh Burger, live and silent auctions, raffles and music. Download the flyer.

Early bird reservations before September 29 are $40 for adults and teens and $50 afterwards. Reservations for youth 5 – 12 are $20. Deadline to reserve a seat is October 6.

**The Question of Human Animality in Heidegger and Aquinas**

*Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 pm*

*Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, 2301 Vine St., Berkeley*

510-849-2030  
Dspt.edu/human-animality

Chad Engelland, PhD, Professor of Philosophy from University of Dallas, will present on "The Question of Human Animality in Heidegger and Aquinas". He will contemplate the significance of the human hand – it clearly belongs to the bodily dimension of us and is both anticipated by animal grasping and transfigured by the openness of the human spirit. Tuesday, October 17th at 7:30pm at DSPT, 2301 Vine Street, Berkeley. RSVP Recommended at dspt.edu/human-animality.

**REICTALS & CONCERTS**

**Jesse Manibusan in Concert: Sacred Hospitality**

2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon  
Kateri Kautai 925-837-9141, ext. 315  katerik@sandamiano.org

Cost is $15 for Children 12 and under are $15 and $35 for adults. Make reservations through Kateri Kautai at San Damiano Retreat Center.

10/1  Jesse Manibusan

**Holy Spirit Parish**

37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont  
Irene Jenkins 510-703-8348  info@holyspiritfremont.org

This benefit concert is a sister parish outreach for the children’s scholarship fund of St. Joseph the Worker, Ndungu Parish, Tanzania. Music Director George Hernandez will lead the Philippine Saringhimig Singers in an unforgettable evening. Download the flyer. Tickets are $20 per person and can be purchased from the parish office or by contacting Irene Jenkins, see above.

10/21  Exultate Deo: An Evening with the Philippine Saringhimig Singers

**St. Mary’s Cathedral**

1111 Gough St. at Geary, San Francisco  
415-456-2020, ext., 213  StMaryCathedralSF.org

The following Sunday Recitals are free to the public and begin at 4:00 pm unless otherwise indicated, with ample free parking:

10/1  Thomas Heywood (Australia), Organist  
10/8  Christoph Tietze, Organist  
10/15  Philip Manwell (Reno, NV), Organist
RETREATS

Please contact retreat center directly for further registration information.

San Damiano Retreat Center
710 Highland Dr., Danville
925-837-9141  katerik@sandamiano.org
SanDamiano.org

Fall Book Series: “Seven Sacred Pauses”
September 12 – October 24 (Tuesdays)

Labyrinth Day—Seasons of Life
September 28

“What is Yours to Do?” Franciscan Spirituality Retreat
September 29 – October 1

Embodied Earth Prayer: Aloha Qigong and the Franciscan Legacy
September 30

Free Working Retreat
October 8 - 12

The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos
300 Manresa Way, Los Altos

Encountering God in Prayer
September 29 – October 1

Re-Discovering the Parables of Jesus
September 29 – October 1

Men’s Cursillo
Holy Redeemer Center, 8945 Golf Links Rd., Oakland
Jackie Palacios  510-332-3573  jackiepalacios@yahoo.com

Men’s Cursillo Retreat
October 5 – 8

Women’s Cursillo Retreat
October 5 – 8

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Accompanist—St. Michael Parish, Livermore
JaNet Hancock   925-292-5071  music@stmichaellivermore.com

Located in the Livermore Valley, St. Michael Parish is currently seeking a keyboard accompanist (piano and organ) for the 9:30 and 11:00 Sunday Masses each weekend. Applicants should be proficient in traditional and contemporary musical styles, be experienced in playing Catholic Masses, possess good sight-reading skills and be available for weekly Thursday night rehearsals and other special celebrations as needed. Familiarity with organ manual technique and registrations will also be helpful. Compensation will be made per Mass and in accordance with Liturgical Musician pay scales set by the Diocese of Oakland. For questions, please contact JaNet Hancock, see above.
All interested candidates must submit a cover letter and resume to music@stmichaellivermore.com by October 13.

**NEW! Cashier—The Cathedral Shop, Oakland**  
*Michele Angeli Zaugg*  
giftshop@ctlcathedral.org

The primary function of this position is sales and customer service. The position includes duties such as cash handling, customer service, merchandising and miscellaneous clerical duties. Retail experience preferred. This is a part-time, hourly position (8-12 hours per week) with full-time potential. The Cathedral shop is staffed from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm daily.

If interested, please contact Michele Angeli Zaugg, see above.

**Safe Environment Coordinator—Holy Spirit Parish, Fremont**

Holy Spirit Parish is looking to hire a Local Safe Environment Coordinator to ensure Parish compliance with all Diocesan Safe Environment standards.

This person should be highly organized and have the ability to use data base software; excellent people, communication and organizational skills as well as strong computer skills with Microsoft Office Suite including Word and Excel. This is a part-time position, 6-8 hours per week and classified as S-2 according to the Diocesan Salary Guidelines for Parishes. View the complete job description.

To apply send resume and letter of intent to Jeff@holyspiritfremont.org. The deadline to apply is October 1.

**Facilities Coordinator—Holy Spirit Parish, Fremont**

Holy Spirit Parish is looking to hire a Facilities Use Coordinator. This person will maximize the use of the many campus facilities working with the Parish, Parish Ministries, School and Rentals.

Requirements include excellent communication and strong computer skills in Microsoft Office Suite including Word and Excel; ability to lift up to 30lbs and ability to stand for long periods of time. Spanish is a plus but not required.

This is a part-time position, 20-23 hours per week and classified as S-3 according to the Diocesan Salary Guidelines for Parishes. View the complete job description.

To apply send resume and letter of intent to Jeff@holyspiritfremont.org. Deadline to apply is October 1.

**Communication Specialist – Holy Spirit Parish, Fremont**

Holy Spirit Parish is looking for a Communication Specialist to oversee development of weekly parish bulletin, process of information through parish website and APP as well as print ads and Social Media posting and advertising. Ideal candidate will be experienced in organizing work flow, a good knowledge of Microsoft Office and MS Publisher software, and the creative talent to develop attractive, interesting visual content.

This is a part-time position, 20-23 hours per week and is classified as S-3 according to the Diocesan Salary Guidelines for Parishes. View the complete job description.
To apply send resume and letter of intent to Jeff@holyspiritfremont.org
Deadline to apply is October 1.