

JOSEPHITE NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

The California region's various ministries have been rather busy since our last December "The Word" issue.

Here are a few highlights:

HOLY CROSS- Santa Barbara: (Fr. Ludo, Pastor; Frs. Tom and Alfred in residence)

- New stained glass windows in a remodeled portion of the choir loft have been installed.
- The parish is celebrating its first confirmation in 15 years on Pentecost Sunday.
- They will welcome two new Permanent Deacons, being ordained on June 16. The ordination ceremony will welcome 64 new permanent Deacons to the Santa Barbara Pastoral Region. This is the largest such ceremony in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' history.

BISHOP GARCIA DIEGO H.S.- Santa Barbara (Fr. Tom, Principal; Fr. Alfred – Technical (computer) support to school

- On May 2nd the school dedicated the new practice gymnasium and "Victory Bell" tower in the school's courtyard. One anonymous donor has donated the entire cost of \$4.2 million for the new gym, total renovation of the bathrooms in the main gym, the bell tower, and this summer the school's inner courtyard will be totally renewed. The existing tarmac surface is being removed and in its place will be a park-like grass areas, with walkways.
- Another donor is considering a \$250,000 to renovate the school's weight room.
- Enrollment for next year will be close to 300.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL - Santa Maria (Joe Myers), Fr. Ed – Development Director

- Renovation, phase II – of the school's gymnasium entrance, and new foyer with a glass wall looking on to the gym; a new snack bar in the foyer will also serve the senior class students during the school week.
- A new Master Plan for the school has been submitted to the County Planning Commission, showing hoped-for improvements for the school since it was built in 1963. Plans include a two-story Theology building with classrooms, offices, and a new school Chapel.
- Enrollment for next year will be about 650 with a waiting-list for the first time in 5 years.
- Fr. Alphonse has been getting familiar with the school this past semester, assisting in a Psychology class and working with students. He will be at the school in 2007-08 teaching and acting as school Chaplain.

ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT – Santa Maria. Fr. Charles (pastor), Frs. Mark, John (associate pastor), and Frs. Campion and Alphonse (in residence)

- 110 youth and adults were confirmed in two ceremonies on May 19 by the Regional Bishop, Thomas Curry.
- Three men will be ordained Permanent Deacons on June 16th, joining the other 3 deacons. Five men have applied to start the 4 year training program for the Permanent Diaconate.
- The parish has submitted plans to the Archdiocese and the County for a new two story building to house meeting rooms. The estimated cost of \$1.5 mil will require fund-raising to match existing funds on deposit. Due to lengthy county building requirements we do not expect to start building until June, 2009.
- The Hispanic Community, headed by Fr. John, put on a Divine Mercy function which attracted over 800 people from all over the Santa Maria area. It was held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in town.

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- The group sponsored a Rosary and Exposition on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This was held at St. Louis de Montfort and included a variety of short talks by Chris/Anna Boerger (lay missionaries to Ghana several years ago), Sr. Catherine, DMJ, Jackie Muldoon, and Fr. Ed. About 60 people attended.
- A new Associate pin (similar to the CJ Cross worn by confreres) which depicts two joined hands and the CJ logo is being manufactured.
- They are looking forward to the annual day of reflection in September and hopefully Fr. Robert will be present to lead the day and bless the new Associate pins.

We encourage confreres to check out the websites:

- www.josephiteweb.org
- www.sldm.org
- www.sjhsknights.com