



"Called to put out into the deep"

..."*Duc in altum!*" The command of Christ is particularly relevant in our time, when there is a widespread mentality which, in the face of difficulties, favors personal non-commitment. The first condition for "putting out into the deep" is to cultivate a deep spirit of prayer nourished by a daily listening to the Word of God. The authenticity of the Christian life is measured by the depth of one's prayer, an art that must be humbly learnt "from the lips of the Divine Master", almost imploring "like the first disciples: 'Lord, teach us to pray!' (*Lk 11,1*). In prayer, a conversation with Christ develops and it makes us his intimate friends: 'Abide in me and I in you' (*Jn 15, 4*)" (*Novo millennio ineunte*, 32).

The link with Christ through prayer also makes us aware that He is also present in moments of apparent failure, when tireless effort seems useless, as happened to the Apostles themselves, who after toiling all night, exclaimed: "Master, we took nothing" (*Lk 5,5*). It is especially in these moments that one needs to open one's heart to the abundance of grace and to allow the word of the Redeemer to act with all its power: "*Duc in altum!*" (cfr *Novo millennio ineunte*, 38).

Whoever opens his heart to Christ will not only understand the mystery of his own existence, but also that of his own vocation; he will bear the abundant fruit of grace. The first fruit will be his growth in holiness, in the course of a spiritual journey which begins with the gift of Baptism and continues even to the fullness of perfect love (cfr *ibid.*, 30). Living the Gospel without adding to it, the Christian becomes always increasingly capable of loving in the way that Christ loved, and welcomes the exhortation of Christ: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (*Mt 5,48*). He will commit himself to persevering in unity with his brothers within the communion of the Church, and he will place himself at the service of the new evangelization, to proclaim and bear witness to the wonderful truth of the saving love of God.

*Pope John Paul II,
Message for the 42nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations,
17 April 2005*

Father Rolfs Returns to Corpus Christi
for the Summer, arriving June 12th

The Hierarchical Constitution of the Church

Why the ecclesial ministry?

Christ is himself the source of ministry in the Church. He instituted the Church. He gave her authority and mission, orientation and goal:

In order to shepherd the People of God and to increase its numbers without cease, Christ the Lord set up in his Church a variety of offices which aim at the good of the whole body. The holders of office, who are invested with sacred power, are in fact, dedicated to promoting the interests of their brethren, so that all who belong to the People of God ... may attain to salvation (*Lumen Gentium 18*)

"How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?" (*Rom 10:14-15*) No one—no individual and no community—can proclaim the Gospel to himself: "Faith comes from what is heard." (*Rom 10:17*) No one can give himself the mandate and the mission to proclaim the Gospel. The one sent by the Lord does not speak and act on his own authority, but by virtue of Christ's authority; not as a member of the community, but speaking to it in the name of Christ. No one can bestow grace on himself; it must be given and offered. This fact presupposes ministers of grace, authorized and empowered by Christ. From him, bishops and priests receive the mission and faculty ("the sacred power") to act *in persona Christi Capitis*; deacons receive the strength to serve the people of God in the *diaconia* of liturgy, word and charity, in communion with the bishop and his presbyterate. The ministry in which Christ's emissaries do and give by God's grace what they cannot do and give by their own powers, is called a "sacrament" by the Church's tradition. Indeed, the ministry of the Church is conferred by a special sacrament. Intrinsicly linked to the sacramental nature of ecclesial ministry is *its character of service*. Entirely dependent on Christ who gives mission and authority, ministers are truly "slaves of Christ," (*Rom 1:1*) in the image of him who freely took "the form of a slave" for us. Because the word and grace of which they are ministers are not their own, but are given to them by Christ for the sake of others, they must freely become the slaves of all.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church 874-876)

Devotions

("So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?" - *Mt. 26:40*):

- Mon—Fri (8:00 am): Daily Mass
- 1st Sat (8:00 am): First Saturday Mass & Rosary
- Mon (5:15-6:15 p.m.): Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Thurs (4:00- 6:00 p.m.): Exposition and Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Restoration, Repair, Painting Churches (2), Rectory, Hall

Queen of the Snows - work completed: Roof and Floor laminated beams repair (deteriorated portions of 14 roof & 7 floor beams were cut away and new sections spliced in to complete the repair); 14 Roof and Floor support piers repaired, 4 piers were added; Handicap access ramp constructed; Restroom made handicap accessible; Rock lined drainage surface waterway constructed to replace original underground pipe (now occluded); Leaking sewer-line repaired. Cost: \$411,898.⁰⁶

Corpus Christi Church, Rectory, Hall: Work completed: Needs Survey -Cost: \$1,240.00; Heating ducts insulation repaired or replaced - volunteer labor; Supplies: \$194.⁷⁵; Foundation (north side) added to and reinforced. Deteriorated siding (north side) removed, replaced painted. Removal of under the church dirt where in contact with supporting beams and wood. Cost \$10,551.²¹. Church main entry. Cost: \$12,881.⁸⁰. South side foundation and siding. Cost: \$12,495.¹³; Repairs to the back of the rectory. Cost to date: \$12,248.⁷²; Work in progress: none

Work in prospect - repairs as needed to Church, Rectory, Hall; painting of each building after repairs completed. Work to be done on a priority basis as parish finances permit.

Total Cost: unknown.

Expenditures to date: \$463,983.¹¹

Restoration & Repair Fund income to date: \$448,578.¹²

The Priesthood

...the holy Cure' of Ars: "The priest continues the work of redemption on earth... If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die not of fright but of love ... The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus."

(St. John Vianney, quoted in B. Nodet, *Jean-Marie Vianney, Cure' d' Ars*, 100)

Healing After Abortion Retreat

June 6-8

Mercy Retreat Center, Auburn

Struggling after an abortion? Still seeking peace years after the choice? Experience the healing love of Jesus at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, April 11- 13, at the Mercy Retreat Center, Auburn. This weekend retreat combines presentations, a memorial service, and more. For additional info, contact Debbie at (916) 733 -0161, or via e-mail at : projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org all inquiries are strictly confidential.

Pray for the Sick

Erik Arnold	Miquel Chavez	Socorro Chavez
Marge Faia	Barbara Johnson	Albert Juarez
Joey Kenney	Emily Killian	Teresa Le Fevers
Don Mashbir	Helen Mathis	Jack Morris
Richard Rausch	Joseph Recchia	Fr. Richard Rolfs

For Prayer Requests, please call the Parish Office at 583-4409

A Golden Jubilee Celebration To Honor Fr. Patrick J. O'Connor's 50 Years of Service to the Church

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Mass 4:00 pm

Reception to Follow in the Parish Center

You are welcome to join as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Father Patrick O'Connor. Please RSVP to assist us in properly planning for this special event.

To RSVP, call Carol Marie at 583-4409

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time; it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate. ...

The ordination of priests—co-workers of the bishops

"Christ, whom the Father hallowed and sent into the world, has, through his apostles, made their successors, the bishops namely, sharers in his consecration and mission; and these, in their turn, duly entrusted in varying degrees various members of the Church with the office of their ministry." (*Lumen Gentium* 28; *Jn* 10:36)

"The function of the bishops' ministry was handed over in a subordinate degree to priests so that they might be appointed in the order of the priesthood and be co-workers of the Episcopal order for the proper fulfillment of the apostolic mission that had been entrusted to it by Christ." (*Presbyterorum ordinis* 2 § 2)

"Because it is joined with the Episcopal order the office of priests shares in the authority by which Christ himself builds up and sanctifies and rules his Body. Hence the priesthood of priests, while presupposing the sacraments of initiation, is nevertheless conferred by its own particular sacrament. Through that sacrament priests by the anointing of the Holy Spirit are signed with a special character and so are configured to Christ the priest in such a way that they are able to act in the person of Christ the head." (*Presbyterorum ordinis* 2) ...

The sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by the laying on of hands followed by a solemn prayer of consecration asking God to grant the ordinand the graces of the Holy Spirit required for his ministry. Ordination imprints an indelible sacramental character.

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1536; 1562-1563; 1597)

Parish Financial Status—5/22/08

Checking Account:	\$64,963.42
Savings Account:	\$77,561.57
Adams Endowment (for the benefit of Queen of the Snows):	Endowment Corpus: \$ 25,000.00
	Undistributed Earnings: \$ 4381.87