

The Diocese turns 40!

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ad perpetuam rei memoriam. Apostolici officii diligenter exsequendi sollicitudo id quandoque requirit, ut ex Ecclesiis Ecclesias deducamus, a proprio Episcopo gubernandas. Libenter igitur precibus accedentes Venerabilis Fratris Leonis T. Maher, Episcopi Sancti Didaci, qui, e sententia Conferentiae Episcopalis Foederatarum Americae Septentrionalis Civitatum petiit, ut, sua dioecesi dismembrata, aliam conderemus, Nos, auditis antea Venerabili Fratre Joanne Jador, Archiepiscopo titulo Zuritano atque in iisdem Civitatibus Delegato Apostolico, atque Venerabilibus Fratribus Nostriis S.R.E. Cardinalibus Sacrae Congregationi pro Episcopis praepositis, sequentia decernimus. A dioecesi Sancti Didaci territorium separamus Comitatus vulgo nuncupati -San Bernardino- et -Riverside- eoque novam constituimus dioecesim
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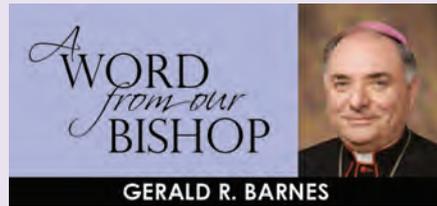
Loving our Church in good times and bad

What does love for the Church look like?

It has many faces; participating in the everyday life of the Church, attending Mass and keeping up with our Sacraments, living out the teachings of the Church, contributing our resources of time, talent and treasure, teaching and passing along the faith to our children and others. This is a familiar checklist.

But in a larger sense, loving the Church is like navigating a road, a way. Sometimes the way is clear and our footsteps are sure. Sometimes the road is uncertain and the ground seems to move underneath our feet.

As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary as a Diocese in November, we find our road made difficult by the re-emergence of the clergy sexual abuse crisis. It is



part of our history as a diocese and we continue to reckon with it, to reach out to victims of abuse, to acknowledge our past failings, repent and commit ourselves to the change that is needed to prevent the abuse of children, and adults.

What should give us cause for hope is that our Diocese has navigated the difficulties of our road many times throughout our history. Right from the start we faced big challenges; cultural divisions, how to start ministries from the ground up, with few resources and already a

shortage of priests. The answer came quickly and blessedly in the form of you – the Catholic faithful of San Bernardino and Riverside counties. You recognized what needed to be done, how the Kingdom would be built here and you committed yourselves to it. That has been the blueprint for pursuing every dream and weathering every storm along the way. That is what loving the Church looks like.

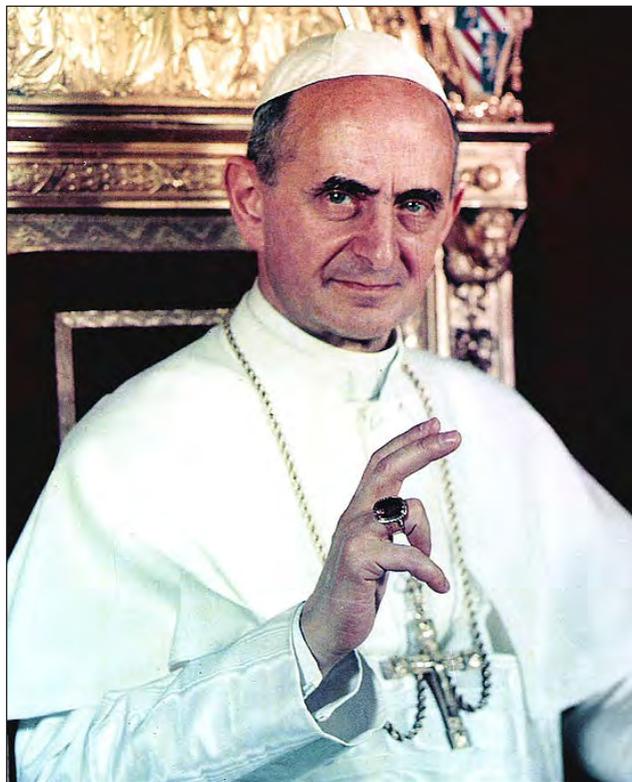
Some have asked, will the Church survive this crisis? In the strength of our people, informed by the Holy Spirit, I believe it will. God has been with us as we grew from a brand new Diocese in 1978 to the nation's sixth largest today. We are a sprawling, thriving community of faith, rooted in the values of hospitality, collaboration, faith sharing

and reconciliation. We are young, old, black, white, brown, yellow, disabled, sick, healthy, heterosexual, homosexual, Cradle Catholics, converts and so on. As the famous author James Joyce once wrote about our Church, "here comes everybody."

So let us look now to the road ahead, the next 40 years and beyond, with gratitude to God for His blessings and His accompaniment of us. We can have hope that we will make it through this present crisis, with all the corrections and changes that need to take place, and those to come because we know He is always with us and He will give us all that we need to keep going.

May God bless you and your families and loved ones.

Papal announcement of the new Diocese of San Bernardino



St. Pope Paul VI

The following is a translated summary of the Vatican's Papal Bull in Latin announcing the creation of the new Diocese of San Bernardino.

The Papal Bull from his holiness Pope Paul VI, Servant of the Servants of God, now St. Paul VI, in the sixteenth year of his pontificate, announcing the establishment of the Diocese of San Bernardino- the Counties of San Bernardino-Riverside, petitioned by Most Reverend Leo T. Maher, Bishop of San Diego to Most Reverend Joannes Jadot, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, the Conference of U. S. Catholic Bishops, and with the blessing of the College of Cardinals, Our Lady of the Rosary Church Designated as Cathedral, in the Metropolitan of Los Angeles, given in St. Peter's Rome, A.D. July 14, 1978, signed by Joannes Cardinal Villos, Secretary of State and by Sebastian Card. Gaggio, Prefect of Congregation for Bishops.

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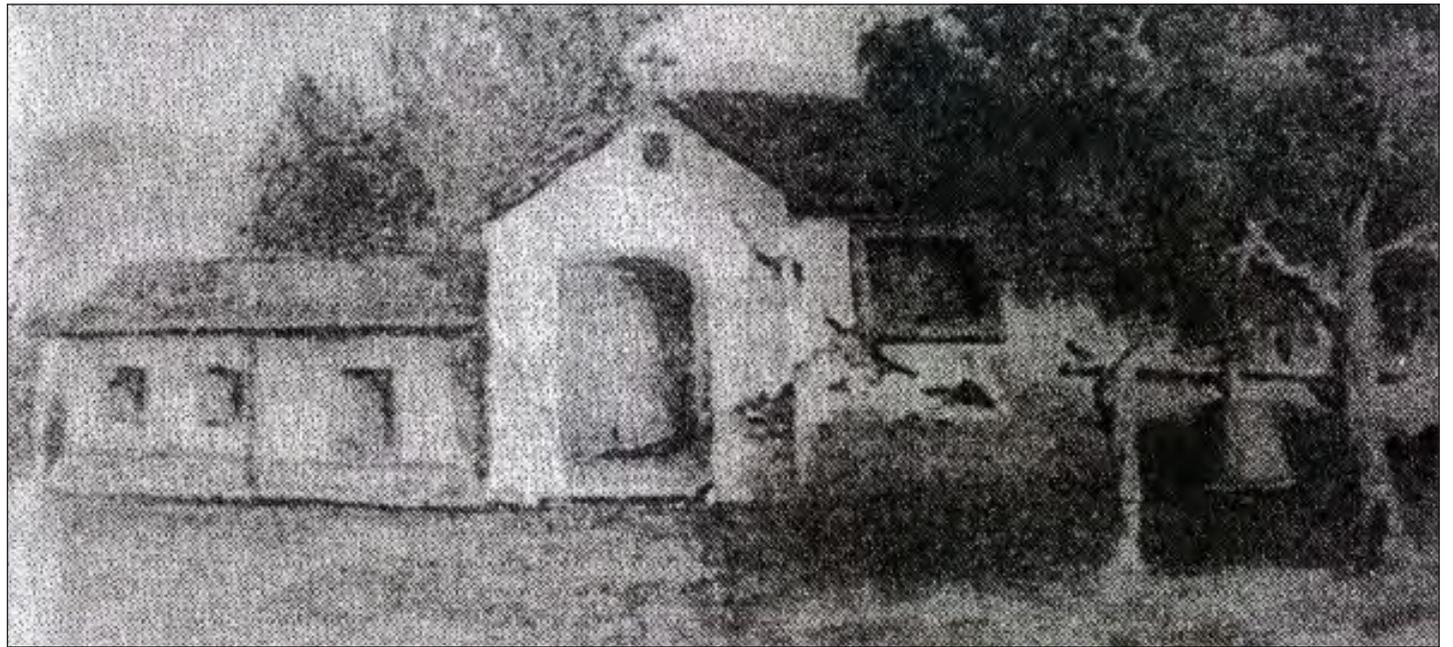
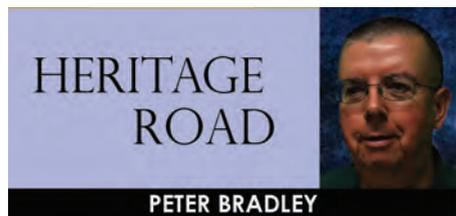


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A look at the early history of the Diocese

While the Diocese of San Bernardino is still relatively young having been started in 1978, the presence of the Catholic Church in the area can be traced to the 1700's. The early history of the Diocese of San Bernardino began with the founding of the California Missions (1769-1823). As Spain sought to expand into Alta California, the Franciscan, Saint Junipero Serra, was designated to build the Missions so the Catholic faith could be introduced to the native people. San Gabriel Mis-



sion, built in 1771, was the fourth Mission founded and the closest Mission to the Inland Empire.

Capt. Juan Bautista de Anza left Sonora, Mexico, seeking a land link to the San Gabriel Mission. It was during this expedition that the first Mass in the present day Diocese was celebrated near Riverside on March 21, 1774, by Rev. Francisco Garcés, who had accompanied Capt. de Anza on the expedition.

The name "San Bernardino" was also associated with the San Gabriel Mission. In 1810, Rev. Francisco Dumetz left the Mission seeking to establish chapels to the east. During his travels, he decided to build a chapel in a beautiful valley. Fr. Dumetz named the valley "San Bernardino" in honor of St. Bernardine of Siena, whose feast day was on May 20, 1810.

In 1842 a group of farmers left Abiquiu, New Mexico, seeking new land and followed the Santa Fe Trail, settling along the

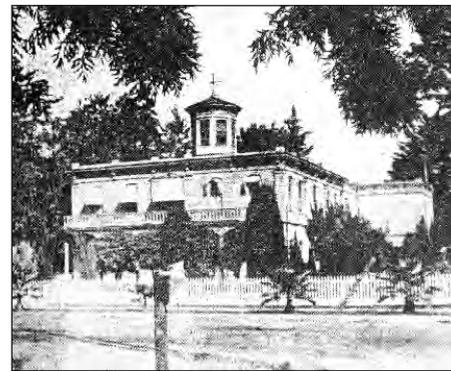
Santa Ana River in today's south Colton. The new community was named Agua Mansa. After the new state of California was created in 1850, Bishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany, of the Diocese of Monterrey, named one of his first parishes, San Salvador de Jurupa in 1852, near Agua Mansa. The pastor was Rev. Amable Petithomme, SSSC.

After the Mormons left the San Bernardino valley in 1857 to return to Utah, the city of San Bernardino began to grow. St. Bernardine Parish was founded in 1862 and is today the oldest parish in the Diocese. Rev. P.J. Stockman (1874-1895), pastor at St. Bernardine, was a gifted missionary and builder. In 1886, he began a mission in Riverside, named St. Francis de Sales, which would become a full parish in 1893 when Riverside County was formed.

The southern part of California devel-

Agua Mansa

oped more slowly than northern California. In 1880, there were only 11,000 people in Los Angeles, while there were 185,000 Catholics in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.



St. Catherine Convent

The early commitment to Catholic education was evident with the founding of St. Catherine Convent School in San Bernardino (1880) and the elementary school at Sacred Heart Parish in Redlands started by Msgr. Thomas Fitzgerald (1895-1930) in 1897. Two high schools were begun in the 1920's: St. Bernardine High School in San Bernardino and St. Francis de Sales High School in Riverside.

As the United States government focused on the needs of Native Americans and their reservations, Bishop Francis Mora of the Monterrey-Los Angeles Diocese opened St. Boniface Indian School in Banning (1890). This industrial training school would serve the Native American children and later juvenile youth of the courts for eighty years.

The Mexican Revolution of 1910-1917 forced many people to flee Mexico and settle in southern California. The continued growth led to the formation of the new Diocese of Los Angeles-San Diego in 1922. During the 1920's, there were 16 parishes begun in the two counties of San Bernardino and Riverside. St. Bernardine

Hospital in San Bernardino was built in 1931, operated by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

In 1936, San Bernardino and Riverside counties became part of the new Diocese of San Diego. Post World War II brought much growth to the Inland Empire. Between 1945 and 1950, fifteen new parishes were started in the two counties. Guiding the growth of the Catholic Church in the Riverside area was Msgr. Peter Lynch (1934-1974), who was pastor at St. Francis de Sales Parish for four decades. Aquinas High School in San Bernardino and



St. Bernardine Hospital

Notre Dame High School in Riverside were both opened in the 1950's.

Responding to the growth in the northern two counties, the Diocese of San Diego opened a regional ministry center in San Bernardino in 1970. Between 1972-1976, a Diocesan Synod was held in San Diego; the executive coordinator was Rev. Phillip Straling. On July 14, 1978, Pope Paul VI created the Diocese of San Bernardino. This new Diocese became the 11th Diocese in the state of California, and the 170th Diocese in the United States.



St. Bernardine Church, San Bernardino

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Bishop Phillip Straling was installed as the first Bishop for the Diocese of San Bernardino on November 6, 1978, at the Raincross Convention Center in Riverside. The new Diocese began with 235,665 Catholics, 87 parishes and 111 Diocesan priests. The long drive to San Diego for diocesan meetings had come to an end. There was much excitement and energy as a new local church became a re-



Bishop Philip F. Straling at his Episcopal ordination

ality. One of the senior priests who helped the young Diocese in its early growth was Msgr. John Bradley (1961-1993) who was pastor at St. Bernardine Parish in San Bernardino for 32 years, and was the first Vicar General.

The first Chancery Office was located at 1450 North "D" Street in San Bernardino.

Bishop Straling kept much of the organizational structure that the Diocese of San Diego had developed with the northern regional office in San Bernardino. The first priest ordained for the new Diocese was Rev. Tom Wallace, who later would



Msgr. Gerald Barnes is installed as the first Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino

become an Episcopal Vicar.

One of the major challenges facing Bishop Straling would be the rapid growth in the population of San Bernardino and Riverside counties. With almost a quarter million Catholics, San Bernardino began as a medium size diocese in the United States. The ratio of Baptisms to Funerals was 4:1 in 1980, indicating above average growth. This dynamic would impact the pastoral life of the Diocese for years to come.

Bishop Straling created two new leadership positions in Hispanic Ministry: a Co-chancellor for Hispanic Affairs and an Episcopal Vicar for Hispanic Affairs. These appointments were in response to the disappointment in the Hispanic community that a Hispanic priest was not named as Bishop in San Bernardino.

Another major challenge in the young Diocese was the number of priests available to serve the growing population. In order to encourage vocations, Bishop Straling opened the Junipero Serra House of Formation in Riverside. This college level formation house for seminarians would allow the students to remain in the Diocese during the early years of their training.

A new commitment to developing the gifts of the baptized members of the

Church began to emerge. Two new schools of lay ministry formation were begun: the Straling Leadership Institute (English) and Escuela de Ministerios (Spanish). Lay ministers began to assume more leadership roles in the parishes, including full time positions on parish staffs. New positions such as the Parish Business Manager and Pastoral Associate provided stronger and more effective ministry in larger parish communities.

The Diocesan Pastoral Council initiated a series of planning processes using an annual gathering of priests, religious sisters and lay leaders to develop new ideas for the young diocese. Bishop Straling gathered his leadership groups to work on diocesan priorities; this included the Priest's Council, Sister's Council, Bishop's Council and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. By the 10th Anniversary of the Diocese, the Catholic population had grown to 400,000 people, 92 parishes and 102 diocesan priests.

The ministry of Pastoral Coordinator was established to address the declining number of clergy. This position allows a woman religious, deacon or lay person to be the leader of a parish, supported by a priest moderator and priest minister. Sr. Theresa Harpin, CSJ, was the first Pastoral Coordinator in the Diocese, assigned

to St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Corona in 1989.

In response to a request from Bishop Straling for additional assistance, the Vatican appointed Msgr. Gerald R. Barnes from the Archdiocese of San Antonio as the first Auxiliary Bishop to the Diocese of San Bernardino in 1992. To meet the growing challenges of the young diocese, Bishop Straling initiated a long range Diocesan Planning Process.

Rome announced the transfer of Bishop Phillip Straling to the Diocese of Reno on March 21, 1995. The last priest ordained by Bishop Straling for the Diocese of San Bernardino was Rev. David Anzel. The scattered diocesan offices throughout San



The first priest ordained for the new Diocese, Fr. Tom Wallace

Bernardino were brought together at a new Diocesan Pastoral Center, located at 1201 Highland Avenue in San Bernardino.

As Bishop Straling left for the Diocese of Reno, the Auxiliary Bishop Gerald Barnes was named as Administrator for the Diocese while awaiting Rome's announcement of a new Diocesan Bishop. This change of episcopal leadership marked a new stage of development. The youthfulness of the new Diocese had given way to the responsibility of establishing a Catholic presence in the Inland Empire.

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Bishop Gerald R. Barnes was appointed the second Diocesan Bishop for the Diocese of San Bernardino on December 28, 1995. He was installed by Cardinal Roger Mahony on March 12, 1996, at the Riverside Convention Center.

Bishop Barnes continued the Diocesan Planning Process with the development of a Diocesan Vision: "We, the Church of San Bernardino, are a community of believers in Jesus the Christ, called to impact family, neighborhood, and society with the Gospel so that people's lives are filled with hope." Bishop Barnes announced the five goals derived from the Planning Process to be implemented over the next five years: family, youth, stewardship, leadership and organizational structures. A new Office of Pastoral Planning assisted with the implementation of these goals.

Responding to the needs of the priests in the Diocese, Bishop Barnes created a new position, Vicar for Clergy; Rev. Ronald Larkin, MSC, was the first appointee. A new bi-lingual Ministry Formation Institute was developed in 1998 to continue the formation of lay parish ministers. To guide the ministry and outreach in the Diocese, Bishop Barnes identified four core values: Hospitality, Faith Sharing, Reconciliation and Collaboration.

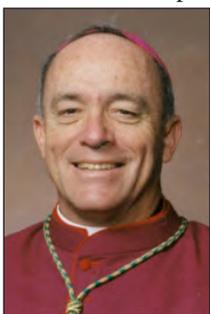
2000 was a special year in the life of the Diocese. 2200 people attended the Jubilee 2000 Eucharistic Congress held at the Ontario Convention Center. Bishop Barnes announced a new evangelization effort in the Diocese called Renew. This three year process of faith sharing and leadership development would be done in small group settings. The first Annual Bishop's Dinner was begun at the Palm Springs Convention Center that year.

To support the emerging Filipino, Vietnamese and Korean communities, Bishop Barnes created the ministry of the Asian-Pacific Islander. Sr. Theresa Phan, LHC, was named the first Director. As part of the Jubilee Year, Bishop Barnes issued a special Pastoral Letter on Debt Forgiveness. The Diocese contributed \$4.8 Million toward the forgiveness of several parish and school debts in the Diocese.

The Vatican appointed Msgr. Dennis P. O'Neil as the second Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of San Bernardino; his ordination



Sr. Theresa Phan,
LHC



Bishop Dennis
O'Neil



Proclamation of the Diocesan Vision

was on March 27, 2001. A two-day youth symposium was held in 2002 to provide direction to the newly reorganized youth ministry office. Bishop Barnes published a Pastoral Letter on Sexual Abuse that same year, outlining new policies and procedures for all priests, employees and ministry leaders in the Diocese.

In 2003, the Catholic Schools Office sponsored their First Annual Bishop's Classic Golf Tournament in Palm Desert, in order to raise monies to support a scholarship program for needy students. After only two years of serving the Diocese of San Bernardino, Bishop Dennis O'Neil died suddenly on October 17, 2003.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration for the Diocese, scheduled for November 2, 2003 at Cal-State University was rescheduled due to a wildfire in the San Bernardino area. Cardinal Roger Mahony joined Bishop Barnes in celebrating the Anniversary Mass on January 18, 2004. To assist with the governance of the Diocese, Bishop Barnes created a new Episcopal Vicar position. Msgr. Tom Wallace was the first Vicar for Riverside Pastoral Region and the Rev. Robert Miller (R.I.P) was the first Vicar for San Bernardino Pastoral Region.

A new St. Junipero Serra House of Formation was built in Grand Terrace, next to Christ the Redeemer Parish. In 2005, the Vatican appointed Rev. Rutilio J. del Riego, DLP, as the third Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese. The next year, a new Catholic High School opened in Palm Desert; named Xavier College Prep. Also in 2006, the first Catholic Cemetery was opened in Colton, named Our Lady Queen of Peace.

In order to better utilize church facilities and available priests, Bishop Barnes established four new parishes through the

merger of nine previous parishes in 2006. The Catholic population in the Diocese surpassed one million people, as new housing developments continued to be built in the two counties.

To guide the pastoral life of the Diocese, Bishop Barnes announced five priorities in 2009: preparation of the laity, spiritual life, community partnerships, church as a prophetic voice in society, and our priests. A serious recession in the two



Bishop Gerald Barnes' 25th Episcopal Ordination gala

counties impacted the church finances in our parishes and schools, resulting in reduced staffs and program cutbacks.

In order to strengthen Catholic marriages, the Office of Catechetical Ministry embarked on a new Marriage Education Initiative for the next five years. Catholic Charities celebrated 30 years of service and outreach in the community with an anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Barnes. The City of San Bernardino celebrated its 200th Anniversary; having been named after St. Bernardine of Siena by Rev. Francisco Dumetz on May 20, 1810. Bishop Barnes dedicated a special monument in honor of Fr. Dumetz.

In response to emerging pastoral needs, Bishop Barnes initiated a Justice for Immigrants ministry, opened an office for

Restorative Justice to serve the incarcerated and began an outreach to young Hispanic adults.

After 45 years of ministry in the Inland Empire, the Sisters of St. Benedict announced the closure of their monastery in Grand Terrace. At the kick off event for the "Year for Youth" (2011-2012), as proclaimed by Bishop Barnes, over 500 people from the Diocese attended World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI in Spain.

In recognition of the Diocesan commitment to multicultural ministry, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops selected the Diocese of San Bernardino as one of three Dioceses in the United States to pilot a cultural competency program. The continued growth in the Diocese reached 1.5 Million Catholics, making the Diocese of San Bernardino one of the largest Dioceses in the United States.

To support the call for a New Evangelization from Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Barnes outlined a new diocesan effort on adult formation and evangelization. St. Bernardine Parish in San Bernardino celebrated its 150th Anniversary, making it the oldest parish in the Diocese. A new diocesan newspaper in Spanish was begun, called "El Compás Católico".

A new Catholic Education Foundation was created to support the growth of Catholic Schools. In 2016, six new priests were

ordained by Bishop Gerald R. Barnes. This was the largest ordination class in many years. The Diocese would still need the assistance of 50 extern priests from throughout the world to serve the spiritual needs of its growing population. Auxiliary Bishop Rutilio J. del Riego, DLP, retired in 2015 when he reached the mandatory age of 75.

Bishop Gerald R. Barnes celebrated his 25th Anniversary as a Bishop in 2017 with numerous gatherings and special Masses.

As the Diocese celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2018, the Catholic Church in San Bernardino and Riverside continues to be blessed by God with many gifts, in service to its vision to impact families, neighborhoods, and society with the Gospel so that people's lives are filled with hope.

Trials and changes of our 40 years open us to growth

By Father David Andel, JV

The number '40' is mentioned 146 times in the Bible and it generally indicates a time of testing, trial, or probation. Noah endured the waters of the flood for 40 days, and Jesus was tempted for 40 days in the desert. The number can also indicate the time of transition from one generation to the next. The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years, after which time a new generation (which did not include the old Moses but rather the young Joshua) entered the Promised Land.

In November the Diocese of San Bernardino celebrates 40 years of existence, and it has been a time of testing and transition. There has certainly been a turnover of members. When I ask the people at Mass, very few of today's parishioners were actually living in this diocese 40 years ago. Many priests and

deacons have come and gone, as have many of our family members who have died or moved away. Our families of blood and faith do not look the same today as they did 40 years ago; the membership has changed greatly and it is mostly a new generation.

There have also been many sources of testing and trial over the past 40 years: the increase in the number of Catholics and the decrease in the number of priests, the variety of countries and states from which parishioners and clergy have come, and larger churches and faith communities which can lead to loneliness and a feeling of being lost and



Fr. David Andel, JV

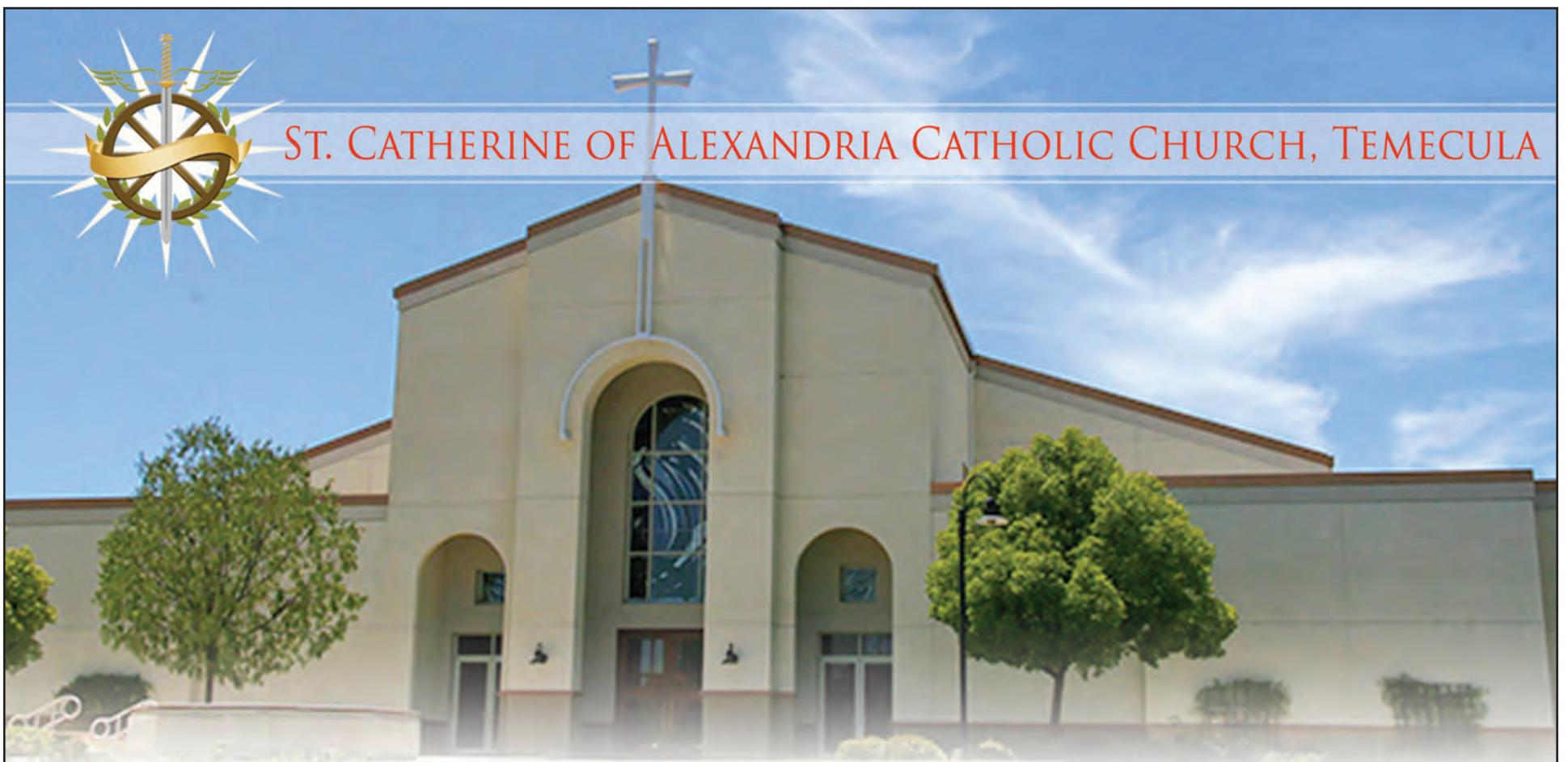
unimportant, to name a few of the trials. For those who have been members of the Diocese for most of these 40 years what is on trial is our hospitality and sense of welcoming the stranger; our patience and peace with the new and unfamiliar; and, ultimately, a faith that endures and grows in the face of exterior changes like the way we worship and how the parishes and the Diocese serve the people of God.

How has your faith fared in the face of these trials?

Because we are people of faith and reflection, any human experience can become a spiritual experience, and what is at first a trial can become a blessing and source of grace. Like Noah, Jesus, and the Israelites, with the gift of time and perspective we can view the tests and trials of the past 40 years also as moments of blessing and grace, and an invitation for us to move along in time

with the changes God has in store for our Church and Diocese. But trials only become blessings if we meet them faithfully, gracefully, cheerfully, gratefully, and freely. There is no room for grudges, envy, bitterness, and close-mindedness, or at least no use for them. The flood waters destroyed everything in the past, the Israelites never returned to Egypt, and Jesus' life was no longer anonymous. There was no going back for them; there's no going back for us. And that's okay, because beyond the changes and challenges of yesterday, there are graces and blessings today, as we relentlessly journey toward the Promised Land. As St. Junipero Serra would say, "Siempre adelante; nunca atrás."

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CONGRATULATIONS TO
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Founding Bishop Straling remembers the early days of the Diocese

In commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese, Bishop Phillip Straling sat down with Father Erik Esparza to reminisce about the founding of the Diocese, its rapid growth and the transition to Bishop Barnes' episcopacy.

Father Erik: You being a priest of the Diocese of San Diego, how do you recall the relationship between the faithful in San Bernardino and Riverside counties and the diocesan leadership in the San Diego area leading up to 1978?

Bishop Straling: Well that was a tension, so when we became a Diocese in 1978, some people really welcomed it. They said "finally the Pastoral Center is close to us, we can get to it if we have some needs or concerns." Others said, "Gee, the Bishop is too close to us now." I think there was some of those who really wanted the independence, where they can do their own little thing, where others would welcome the community of the local church. So, it was a big change.

Father Erik: You had been assigned to the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary in San Bernardino as Pastor leading up to 1978. How did it affect you to receive the call to be the first Bishop of San Bernardino?

Bishop Straling: Well, let's go to before being called the first Bishop. I really identify with San Bernardino and Riverside and the Palm Springs area because I was raised in that area. My parents were

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married at Holy Rosary Church, and I was baptized there in that parish. I went to St. Bernardine School in San Bernardino, a great school. And then for high school we had Newman High School in Fontana. San Diego, in that sense, was a long way off. But when it came to thinking about a decision to go into the priesthood, my dad was an avid Franciscan, and he said, "I can't understand why you don't become a Franciscan." And I said "well, I've grown up knowing the Diocese of San Diego and I feel that's my home." And, so, Father Michael Keane who was the Pastor at Immaculate Conception parish in Colton was really the one who kind of encouraged me in my vocation. He asked me one day, when I was a senior in high school.



Fr. Erik Esparza (left) and Bishop Phillip Straling (right)

He said, "Well, Phil, have you thought about being a priest?" and I said, "Well I thought about a little bit." He said, "Good, I'll call Bishop Buddy and tell him you're coming." I said, "hold on, not so fast." but that was really my turning point and of course at that time the seminary was in San Diego. So, I went to San Diego and a lot of my priesthood and my training was all in San Diego. I spent almost 25 years in that area, eight years in the seminary and I spent 12 years working at the University of San Diego and then four years in diocesan ministry in the Diocesan Center. So, coming back to San Bernardino was kind of a treat for me and then to come back to the parish where my parents were married, and I had been baptized, was a real gift. In one way I had a real attachment for San Bernardino and for Riverside because that was my area.

Father Erik: Can you tell us a little about where you were when you received the call to become the first Bishop of San Bernardino?

Bishop Straling: I really felt good in being the pastor at Holy Rosary parish. And there's been, let's say rumors...everyone really knew that one day there would be a new diocese. So, along with that went the

rumor of the week - who might be the possible candidate. I think once or twice my name was brought up, but everyone would say, "Okay that's over, what's the next rumor?" I never thought of myself being the "one," so called. I still recall it was a Friday afternoon when

I got a call from Bishop Maher from San Diego. And he said, "Phil I have to see you right away," and I said, "Well it's a Saturday, Bishop, and I have Masses on Saturdays, and on Monday I'm leaving on vacation." And he said, "Phil, I have to see you." So I drove down to San Diego on a Saturday morning and met Bishop Maher in his residence. And I knocked on the door and he opens the door and

he said, "Well, hi, I've been asked to tell you that you've been appointed as the new Bishop of San Bernardino." I said "Wow, hang on." And I said, "What do I have to do?" And he said "Nothing, I just have to call the Nuncio and tell them that I told you." I said, "Do I have time to think it over?" He said, "No, I've been told to tell you, I'm just telling you that I'm going to tell the Nuncio that I told you." So, I said "Well I'm leaving on vacation." He said, "We don't know when Rome is going to announce it, so just go and enjoy yourself." So Father Bob Erickson, a class-

mate from the seminary, and I take off on Monday morning, not knowing when the announcement would come. When we were taking off from Los Angeles airport heading for Africa I said, "Bob, I need a Spiritual Director and have some things to go over with you," but I said, "it's a Pontifical secret." And he said, "What's it all about?" And right then the gal was coming down the aisle with the drink cart. And I said, "Well, Bob, there's a new Bishop in San Bernardino." I didn't say anything

On becoming a Bishop:

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and he kind of said to me "Oh my God." And then he asked the stewardess, "give me a double." (laughs) But it was really great for me to be able to have someone I could talk with about that. When we were in Africa, I got a cable from Bishop Maher that it had been announced and so when I came back, the word was already out.

Father Erik: So, your episcopal ordination takes place in November of 1978. What was that experience like for the new Diocese of San Bernardino?

Bishop Straling: Well, you kind of go with the flow. But the good part was that the priests, the religious, the laity were so excited. It was really such a big event that, how would you ever organize something

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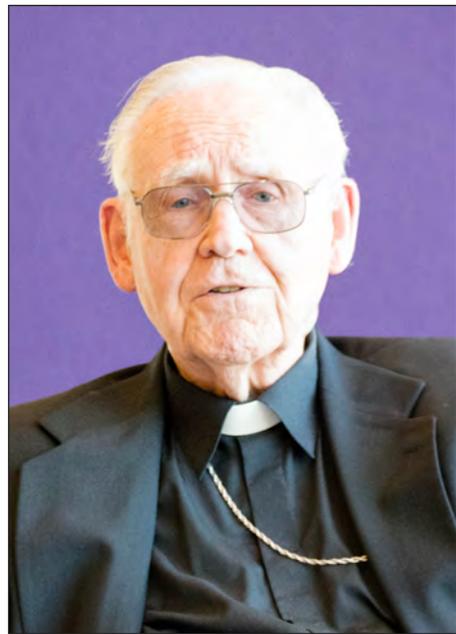
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like this? But it seemed like everyone kind of pitched in and did their part. So, it was amazing how things came together.

Father Erik: *What was the location for the event, in order to accommodate the large crowds that would gather?*

Bishop Straling: Let's go back and say that I really believe in collaboration. That I don't have all the answers, I don't have all the solutions. And that an Ordination and becoming a Diocese is an event for all of us to be involved in. And part of the discussion was that, let's not just pick one of the largest parishes because then we have to issue tickets to get people in. We said we wanted this to be an event where people can come freely and participate and be part of the celebration. So we looked around for possible buildings and facilities and Raincross Square in Riverside seemed to be the ideal place.

One of the things we haven't talked about yet is the role of the Diocesan Synod. That you might say, "Why in the world did they pick me to be a founding Bishop?" Well I think my work for the Diocesan Synod was what kind of set the foundation, that we had listening sessions throughout the San Diego Diocese which included Riverside and San Bernardino



counties. So, part of it was to say we want to implement Vatican II, make Vatican II living. And Vatican II was saying that all of us baptized, we are all called to be participants in the Church. Yes, you have bishops, you have priests, you have deacons, you have religious men and woman, you've got the laity and all of us are to work together to bring about what the Church is with Christ in our midst. I think that the Diocesan Synod really kind of gave me an insight to a pastoral plan for the post Vatican II Church.

Father Erik: *I think people always find some of the statistics very interesting in terms of the number of priests we had in 1978 and parishes you were entrusted with, to when you left the Diocese.*



Bishop Straling: Well, for those go to Peter Bradley in your Archives and ask him for copies of the Diocesan Directory of 1979 and 1980 and then ask him for the directory in 1995, when I left the Diocese. And I think it is interesting to see what happened. For example, the number of parishes went from 87 to 99, now this is roughly 16 years; the number of Catholics went from 235,000 to 590,000 and I think you said today we have over a million.

Father Erik: *1.7 million Catholics in the Diocese of San Bernardino.*

Bishop Straling: Unbelievable, and it's also the fourth or fifth largest Diocese?

Father Erik: *The sixth largest in the United States.*

Bishop Straling: Unbelievable. One of Rome's objections in the very beginning was that we can't make a new Diocese because it's not large enough and can't support itself. But the number of priests we had went from 180 priests to 229, deacons from 17 to 82, now here's where there's a difference - the number of religious women, went from 219 to 162, the number of brothers from 57 to 14. But then add to this all the number of laity, who came to be helpers and ministers in our parishes through the institute of education. I think that's one of the great gifts of the Church today. That we talked about how we need a priest and we need religious men and women. But also, we need the laity to help carry the banner of the Church. And I think one of the joys that I have is to see the institute for education took off.

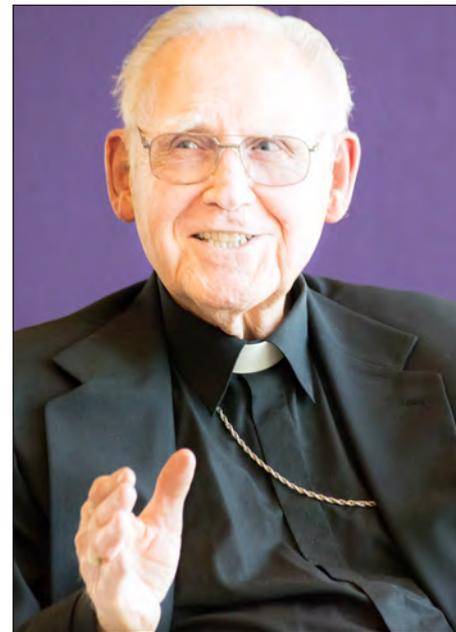
Father Erik: *As you reflect over the years, what were some of the challenges, but even more importantly, the blessings that you experienced during your time as the first Bishop of San Bernardino?*

Bishop Straling: Well, I think as we know that in the beginning there were protests about my being ordained as a bishop, that I was not Hispanic. And I look back and see how, in a way, it was kind of bringing to the attention of the whole church in the United States the need of taking into consideration the growth of our many ethnic communities. We weren't giving the attention that was needed to Hispanics. And I think all the protests of my

being not Hispanic and being named as bishop, they said "What's going on?" It was a great pain to work through all this, through the protests, through the concerns, but it brought us about in a new way to put all these things together. And I think that the growth of the Hispanic ministry in the Diocese of San Bernardino was a great blessing. I think it led the Universal Church in the United States to realize that they need to be more concerned about appointing bishops that represent the community. And I think after the protest in our Diocese that it helped lead to other Hispanic bishops being appointed, but also Vietnamese bishops and Chinese bishops, to help represent the total community. So that was good. Out of it came something local but I think also it was something that was done for the Church of the U.S.

Father Erik: *What are other blessings or challenges?*

Bishop Straling: Well, I think the other challenge, and I think it was a great pain for us was the sexual abuse scandal that took place in the United States and in our own Diocese. And I think the challenge was, what could we had done better? To

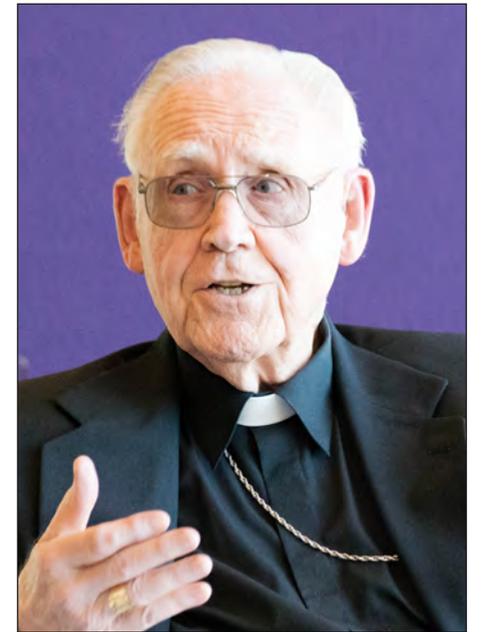


recognize the problem and to deal with that problem. And I think to get those who were the perpetrators, to get them out of the ministry. I think part of the challenge was that in the early days, we sent them off to get treatment and so forth. The psychiatrists would send us back reports, 'so they can do this and this and this.' And finally, they came back and said, 'no, they cannot be cured.' And so, we were looking for some direction and I think the pain we had to go through, and also, how do we deal with the victims of abuse? Looking back, that was a very painful experience and yet I think, we tried to deal with it as best we could in those times.

Father Erik: *Can you talk about the arrival of our first Auxiliary Bishop?*

Bishop Straling: I had found out that I had to present to them some names, for possible candidates. So I check with all the various dioceses in the west and various names I presented. Then I also went down to San Antonio, and a man by the

name of Gerry Barnes was on the list... and Rome came back and said "Okay, we will appoint him as an Auxiliary Bishop." And so I was pleased to hear that good announcement. I have to laugh though. I tell Bishop Barnes this, that when I went down



to San Antonio for his farewell at the seminary. Archbishop Flores, great man, said to me in Spanish, "some come to pray, and some come to rob." (laughs). I still recall that Bishop Barnes came to meet me prior to the announcement at my residence on 17th street in San Bernardino. I can still see him coming across the lawn.

Father Erik: *You worked together for three years, right?*

Bishop Straling: It gave us a chance to really kind of gel and also, he learned where we were, and he could then build upon that. There's a book called "The Peter Principle" and its theory is that all of us have gifts that we can share, and we come, and we build, and we succeed in building those, then we come to a plateau, and we can be there for a number or years. But then ultimately, we can begin just to slide down. And as I looked into my ministry and where we had come in San Bernardino I really felt we reached a certain plateau. We covered certain things, there are some things I couldn't do, gifts I didn't have that Bishop Barnes was able to provide and to give. Also, he was able to see new things that could be done that I never saw.

Father Erik: *You said that it's all the foundation and yet you said, "Turn it over to someone else to take it to another level."*

Bishop Straling: I see how Bishop Barnes and Bishop Rutilio and all of you have built upon that, and where we are today. I think about our Serra House that we began in San Bernardino. Many of us see it as a great success. And then to what Bishop Barnes was able to. The new place, the new facility and the number of vocations you have today. Thanks be to God. That's a great gift. But again, I think, you were able to carry it on in new light. That's the gift.

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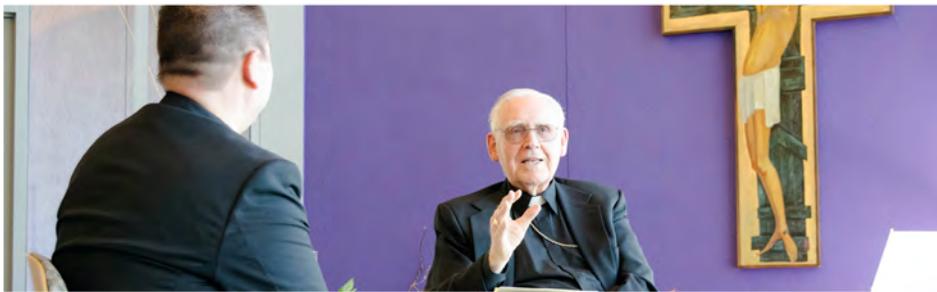
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Father Erik: *Earlier today we had a chance to kind of share the common names of people that were very important and helpful to you at the Diocese, to see some of those still in ministry but some who have retired or moved on to other ministries. What does that stir in you?*

Bishop Straling: So many that were part of my working team, are all gone. Others of us are still carrying canes and walkers and are retired. There are a select few in ministry. But many of those who collaborated with me are now retired. And this is also for the sisters and for the brothers. I think of the sisters we had at St. Bernardine for example, a great group of gals, the Benedictines in Riverside, the Carmelites in Redlands. I think part of it is to say, 'God give them eternal rest.' For us who are still walking, 'give us strength.' And for those who are still in ministry, 'carry on.'

Father Erik: *And so now as a Diocese turns 40 years old, what message do you have for the people of San Bernardino today?*

Bishop Straling: I've always been interested in making sure that we try to make connections from the present age with what went on in the past. One of the gifts I think for the Diocese of San Bernardino, I try to do it here in Reno, is to have an Archives department. Because in one way, I think we can lose connections with what happened before hand. And I think the priests and the sisters and the brothers who built the Diocese of San Bernardino, those who built the Diocese of San Diego. I think just to recall Bishop Charles Francis Buddy, who had a great influence upon me, who ordained me as a priest in 1959, which is back with the dinosaurs. But again, I think keeping that connection, is a joy. When we lose that connection, we kind of lose part of our very being.



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Diocesan Quiz

1 Who was the first Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of San Bernardino?

2 What is the oldest parish in the Diocese today?

3 What is the youngest parish in the Diocese?

4 What Catholic hospital was built in 1931?

5 What was the first parish in Riverside County?

Who Am I?



I was the first priest ordained in the newly established Diocese of San Bernardino.

I enjoy woodworking and I have remodeled homes.

I am the director of the Mission Office.

Most popular parish names in the Diocese



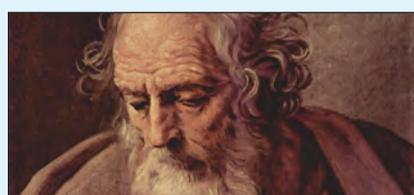
Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Chino
- Ontario
- Palm Springs
- Riverside
- San Bernardino



Sacred Heart

- Anza
- Jurupa Valley
- Palm Desert
- Rancho Cucamonga



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- Barstow
- Big Bear
- Fontana
- Upland

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The following priests have served the longest at one parish:

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Rev. John Tahany, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Yucaipa (1947-1992)

Msgr. Thomas O'Toole, St. Anne, San Bernardino (1945-1973)

40 Years

Msgr. Peter Lynch, St. Francis de Sales, Riverside (1934-1974)

Rev. Michael Keane, Immaculate Conception, Colton (1943-1983)

23 Years

Rev. Luiti Conti, San Secondo D'Asti, Guasti (1936-1959)

Rev. Daniel O'Donovan, St. Mary of the Valley, Yucca Valley (1966-1989)

35 Years

Msgr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Sacred Heart, Redlands (1895-1930)

22 Years

Rev. Patrick O'Dowd, Blessed Sacrament, 29 Palms (1945-1967)

Rev. Florian Hahn, Precious Blood, Banning (1890-1912)

32 Years

Msgr. John Bradley, St. Bernardine, San Bernardino (1961-1993)

Rev. Michael Flahive, Sacred Heart, Jurupa Valley (1948-1980)

21 Years

Msgr. Edward Connolly, Sacred Heart, Jurupa Valley (1985-2006)

Rev. Peter Stockman, St. Bernardine, San Bernardino (1874-1895)

29 Years

Rev. Jose Valencia, San Salvador, Colton (1937-1966)

20 Years

Msgr. William Van Garsse, St. Joan of Arc, Victorville (1951-1971)

Rev. Joseph Varga, St. Theresa, San Bernardino (1959-1979)

Rev. Anthony Timlin, Sacred Heart, Palm Desert (1982-2002)

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Rev. Thomas Flahive, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Palm Springs (1957-1985)

Rev. Thomas Matthews, Holy Rosary, San Bernardino (1933-1961)



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Diocesan Quiz

Bishop Phillip Straling, the first Bishop, graduated from which closed high school in Fontana?

What is the oldest school in the Diocese?

Bishop Gerald Barnes had a major celebration in 2017; It was ...?

In 1978, the Diocese of San Bernardino separated from which Diocese in order to become its own Diocese?

The most popular parish name in the Diocese is ...

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Who Am I?



I was the last priest ordained by Bishop Phillip Straling for the Diocese of San Bernardino.

I enjoy cooking.

I am the director of Canonical Services.



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Living faith and family

Three generations of the Bonadiman family talk about growing up Catholic and staying committed to their faith

By Natalie Romano

It is Riverside, November 1978.

Banners, choirs, television cameras and thousands of revelers pack Raincross Square to celebrate the Ordination of the first Bishop of San Bernardino. Among the crowd is local parishioner and businessman Joseph Bonadiman.

“My husband went even though he got sick that night. I can’t tell you how sick he got!” chuckles his widow, Barbara Bonadiman. “I think he was coming down with the flu and he went anyway.”

That commitment to faith first might describe the Bonadimans in a nutshell. Four generations of the family work and worship in California, many right here in our diocese.

“I think our faith was intertwined with everything we did,” explains son, Edward Bonadiman. “We were Catholic and that was it. No ifs, ands or buts about it.”

This legacy of Catholicism stems from the love of Barbara and Joseph, married in 1958 at St. Cecilia’s Church in Los Angeles. Barbara recalls her husband as unabashed in his beliefs.

“He would stand on street corners with bible in hand and preach to people.”



Three generations of the Bonadiman family. (left to right), Landon, Barbara and Edward.

After college, the young couple settled in San Bernardino County where Joseph went to work at his father’s civil engineering and land surveying business. Through the 1960’s and 70’s, the Bonadimans experienced monumental changes in the Church; the Second Vatican Council, the death of two popes, and a new diocese with a new bishop. Barbara says they re-

spected the leadership from Pope John Paul II on down.

“[John Paul] made the Church personable to others. He wasn’t aloof,” she continues... “we enjoyed Bishop [Phillip] Straling. He’s a very likeable man. He took part in a lot of the things that we attended.”

Hardly content as parishioners, Jo-

seph and Barbara devoted themselves to multiple ministries, like the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and the Serra Club. All that while raising ten children in their beloved faith. Barbara says her kids went to Catholic school, prayed the Rosary during long car rides and never missed Mass. But get-

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A family’s journey in faith and ministry

By Pam Lucero

There were a number of challenges to reach the point where our family is now. From an immigrant family with my parents and five siblings, it has resulted in me being what I am now, an active and committed Hispanic Catholic woman.

My father entered the Bracero Program in 1945, the same year that World War II ended. He was a soldier in Mexico and was trained and on the verge of being deployed to fight alongside U.S. soldiers. They were about to be deployed when they received the news that the war had ended. The Bracero program made it possible for him to immigrate to the U.S. in the early 1960s. This allowed my mother and six children to immigrate. We arrived in the United States in 1968.

Our first home was in Norco, California and our first parish was St. Edward’s in Corona. My mother shares that there were no Masses in Spanish. At that time we were still part of the San Diego Diocese. The Guadalupanas traveled to San Diego to petition the Bishop to institute a Spanish Mass. They experienced what Saint Juan Diego had experienced in the first days of his calling; a meeting with the Bishop that was very difficult. The group was told to come back another day. They were persis-



The Lucero family

tent and went a second time prepared to spend whatever time was necessary for an encounter with the Bishop. They finally were able to meet with the Bishop and they were asked to come up with \$500 to cover the expenses of establishing a Spanish Mass. There were many fundraisers – Folklorico dances and tamale sales – that made it possible. Then, once the Bishop approved, they met with the priest who

was not too accepting of the request. He eventually agreed to set a 7 a.m. Spanish Mass, expecting only a few attendees since it was so early in the morning. The attendance was beyond what anyone expected and eventually a second Spanish Mass on Sunday was warranted.

In 1973, our family moved to Perris, and joined St. James Parish. When we arrived, there were no Spanish Masses at this par-

ish, either. The Spanish Mass was made possible by the work of the parishioners, who agreed to house the priest who would celebrate the Mass and provide his meals. Eventually the parish was able to afford the cost of a priest for Spanish Mass.

After a few years of working in the fields, my father obtained work as a tractor driver on a farm. My mother sought work from the same farmer and she, along with us six children, were hired. I recall that my mother would get up very early in the morning to make breakfast and to make our lunch that she would pack so neatly to feed us all later. We would be in the fields before school in our school clothes, sometimes working with the headlights of the vehicles to light our way. A few hours later my mother would drive us to school; and we were back in the fields after school.

Sometimes in the mornings our hands would hurt from it being so cold and picking the onions. Then came the summer months when it was just too hot – yet there was work to be done. This is where we spent our summer vacations. Because of the poor conditions of working in the fields, eventually Cesar Chavez arrived in the area, led by Our Lady of Guadalupe. I recall that during my early teenage years, I

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Bonadiman

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ting those kids ready for Mass was quite a production.

“Every Sunday they’d get their ears clean. My husband would make sure! The girls would have their hair combed and they would wear their dresses.” Barbara laughs at the recollection but then gets serious.

“They would go to Mass and sit there quietly. There wasn’t any messing around because I’d put up the fingers one, two and I wouldn’t get to three. If they got to two they knew they were already in trouble.”

Barbara fondly remembers having private First Communions at their parish, Our Lady of the Assumption in San Bernardino. The family would fill the front pew and watch daughter after daughter (there were seven in a row) receive her sacrament, some even wore Barbara’s Communion dress. Those were also the days when people still donned their Sunday best.

“I loved wearing hats. I loved wearing veils,” enthuses Barbara. “I miss seeing people dress up for Sunday Mass. I don’t dress up like I used to but at least I put on something that I wouldn’t wear around the house.”

Most of the grown Bonadiman children still attend church but not all. Barbara remains hopeful there’s still a spark of their faith inside them. She has no doubts however about Edward, number nine in the lineup of children. For him, Catholicism is more of a flame than a flicker. Edward not only carries on her beliefs but the family business as well. His father, who passed away five years ago, was his role model.

“My dad absolutely was the strongest Catholic man that I ever met in my entire life. Period,” Edward says with conviction. “I could see how his faith made him happy and that’s what I wanted, and so he

was a wonderful example.”

At The Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Redlands Edward also continues the family tradition of being an active parishioner. He’s a member of the Knights of Columbus, a Eucharistic Minister, and the Committee Chair for the parish Boy Scouts. His wife of 18 years, Sarah, is a Girl Scout leader and a home room Mom at Sacred Heart Academy. Edward describes their four children, Preston, Landon, Morgan and Owen as “strong in their faith.” All attend Catholic school and play music in church; 15-year-old Landon rocks the guitar and drums.

“I think it’s fun,” says Landon of music ministry. “It’s a really neat way for me to feel like I have a part in the church, to feel like I’m contributing and giving my glory to God.”

Landon attends Aquinas High School with older brother Preston and is active in student council and the swim team. He says if you want to survive the teen years, get God.

“I think religion helps me and young Catholics get through the difficulties of

growing up: school, and other pressures. Kids that are really grounded in their faith, fall back on their faith.”

Landon can also fall back on his grandmother since she lives next door in their Highland neighborhood. He and his siblings are among Barbara’s 28 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. While they may not experience the early days of the Diocese the way she did, Barbara appreciates the activism of the modern church.

“I like that people get together and do volunteering outside the parish,” she says. “They’re out there in the community and they’re always inviting others to come in.”

Landon believes teens are part of that trend.

“I even see it in my youth group at church,” he says. “More and more young people are getting involved.”

Landon says he’ll stay engaged beyond his teen years like his father and grandfather before him.

“I’d love to get married and have a big family and get my kids involved in the Catholic Church and raise them how I was

raised.”

What will the Diocese look like in another 40 years?

Barbara speculates that there will be fewer but larger churches.

“Growing up we could always walk to Mass. It will be hard for some people to walk that far, they’re getting old now. I understand we don’t have the priests to go around.”

Edward sides with his mom about the shortage of local clergy. He hopes more young people hear the call.

“We need more vocations,” he says. “We need kids to wake up and realize there’s more to life than themselves.”

Nevertheless, mother and son have no doubt about the longevity of the Catholic Church. Barbara sums it up best...

“All I know is that Jesus has promised that He will be with us and the Church will not fail.”

Natalie Romano is a freelance writer and a parishioner of The Holy Name of Jesus in Redlands.

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participated in a local march, which eventually resulted in better working conditions and employment benefits.

During my college years in the early 1980s, I worked in the San Bernardino Hispanic Ministry Office. Back then I did not know about the new Diocese. I recall that one day Bishop Barnes, who must have been new in his role of Bishop, walked into at the Hispanic Ministry Office and I did not know who he was. I greeted him not knowing he was the Bishop and I apologized. He answered, “It’s okay, I did not know who you were either.”

My husband, Robert, and I celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in 1988 at St. James Church. We moved to Highland and attended St. Adelaide’s Parish for a few years. We moved back to Perris and St. James, where I served as a catechist, preparing children for their First Holy Communion. We celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary this year. We have two children, a son born in 1990, who helped at St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Riverside with the Confirmation program (he was awarded Diocesan Guadalupe Award in 2014); and a daughter born in 1992.

We currently reside in Riverside and my husband and I are active ministers in various ministries at St. Catherine’s. I completed and received my Coordinator of Ministry Formation Program (CMFP)

certificate in June 2018; and in October will begin Advanced Liturgy specialization. I was selected and attended as a delegate for V Encuentro Regional and National gatherings; proudly following in my mother’s footsteps, as she was a delegate for II Encuentro. By attending V Encuentro, and hearing the needs of the other dioceses, I learned that Bishop Barnes has done much for our Diocese, and we are a model diocese in many matters.

I am freshly retired after working at the County of Riverside for 33 years and praying to God to guide me and open the door to where he wants me to serve Him. He is opening many doors.

Pam Lucero and her family are parishioners of St. Catherine of Alexandria Church in Riverside.

Historical Quiz Answers:

1. Bishop Gerald R. Barnes
2. St. Bernardine, San Bernardino
3. Blessed Oscar Romeo, Eastvale
4. St. Bernardine Medical Center, San Bernardino
5. St. Francis de Sales, Riverside
6. Newman High School
7. Sacred Heart Academy, Redlands
8. 25th Episcopal Anniversary
9. Diocese of San Diego
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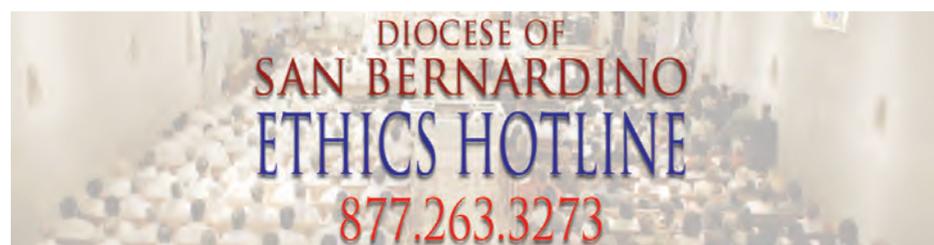
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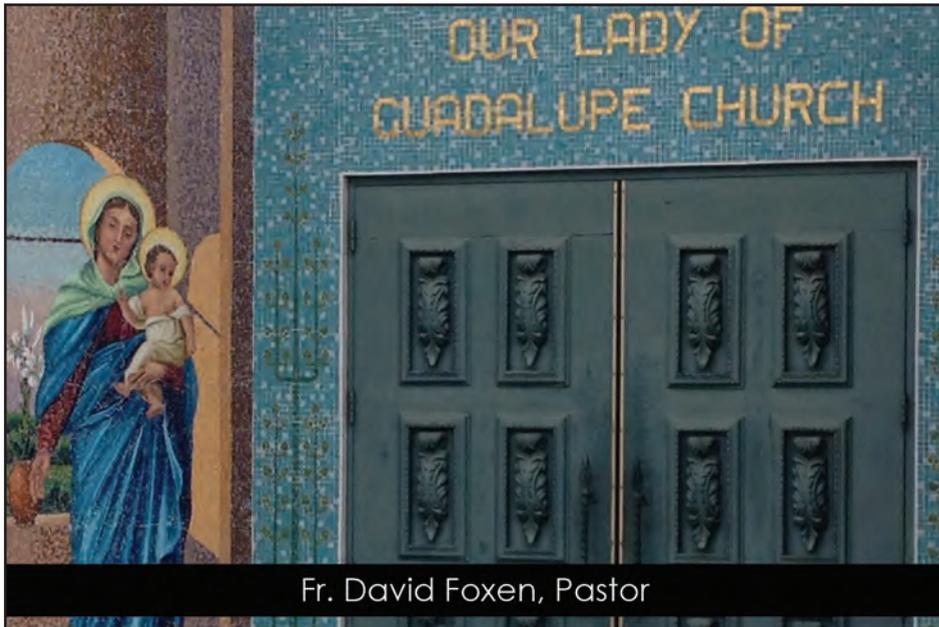
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Filipino Ministry woven into multicultural fabric of the Diocese

By Elizabeth Manangan

Bishop Gerald Barnes first met with Filipino leaders on April 7, 1993. The consultation was designed to solicit input for planning and setting goals for the Filipino Ministry (FILM). During this process, he realized and commented on the gifts that the Filipinos were bringing - our faith, our service and our rich culture and practices in the Diocese.

In 2018, FILM celebrated its 25th anniversary. Today, we have a total of 49 organized parish Filipino ministries in the Diocese, 21 Filipino priests (both diocesan and religious), two ordained priests in our Diocese and another hopefully to be ordained next year, and two seminarians.

Currently, we also have four deacons and two in the Diaconate Formation Program. In the parishes, each FILM ministry is very much involved in parish life as leaders of the Liturgical Ministry and Catechetical Ministry, Parish Council and more. Bishop Barnes had a vision for the Filipinos in our Diocese and now our communities are very much integrated into diocesan and

parish life. To support the vocations vision of the Diocese, a Seminarian Endowment was created by the FILM in 2015. We have leaders involved in Social Justice, Evangelization, Health, Asian Pacific and Youth ministries in our Diocese.

On December 15, 1992, the first Simbang Gabi (Midnight Mass) was celebrated at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Chino Hills. As the ministry grew, the Simbang Gabi, which is a nine-day Novena Mass celebrated each December, started in many different parishes. In 2017 there were a total of 131 Simbang Gabi liturgies throughout the Diocese! We also have parishes that are now celebrating Filipino Mass and yearly Feast Days that are significant to the Filipino culture include Santo Nino (January) all over the diocese, Our Lady of Peace & Good Voyage (May), St. Pedro Calungsod (April), and St. Lorenzo Ruiz (September). These are now celebrated all over the Diocese. In addition, most of the parishes now have a Lenten Passion which is translated to "Pabasa," chanting Christ's passion.

We are part of the Asian-Pacific Minis-



try of the Diocese, along with the Chinese, Tongan, Vietnamese, Chamorro, Korean, Samoan and Indonesian communities. Together we are very much involved in all the multicultural diocesan events held at the Pastoral Center or at different parishes.

You see us in the Liturgy (choir, lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers), as well as sharing our native dishes and culture through dancing/singing, and more. I've seen a total embracing of the many cultures in the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Chinese culture has been welcomed in the Diocese

By Legion of Mary-Our Lady Queen of Peace, Chinese

Our community started with five members on Dec. 8, 2014, now we have four officers and four probationary working members. We have done door-to-door evangelization activity, visited the sick and alien, Chinese Catholics, visited the Chino Valley Health Care Center and led the Rosary for patients, and we started a Chinese bible study for Chinese seniors in a senior apartment complex. One patient in the Chino Valley Health Care Center was baptized due to our visits.

We started Chinese Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Church on Sept. 8, a dream we have worked on since last year. Now we have a Chinese priest, Fr. Francis Li to do Mass. St. Paul the Apostle has given us great support in offering our Legion of Mary a meeting place and a location for a Chinese Mass.

Through the Diocese of San Bernardino, we have been invited to attend the multilingual Mass, multicultural workshops, and a Christmas celebration by our spiritual director, Sister Maria Jennifer Nguyen, who is the leader of the Diocesan Asian-Pacific Ministry. We are invited to share our culture with others. We sang Christ-



mas songs and other songs in Chinese. We prayed the prayers of the faithful in Chinese. At St. Paul the Apostle, we were invited to recite the Rosary in Chinese.

Through all the events sponsored by the Asian-Pacific Ministry and other activities by the Diocese of San Bernardino, we felt we were welcomed. Our group is small, but our voice is heard. Though we speak different languages, and have a different culture, we celebrate the Mass together. We are God's children, as One Body of Christ. Jesus is our head, and we are His body. We are different parts of the body, but we work together to make one. We ap-

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Indonesian community embraces multicultural nature of Diocese

The journey of the Indonesian Catholic culture in the Diocese began with the formation of KKIA (Indonesia Catholic Community Association) in 1993, covering the four counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and San Diego. The community started with the celebration of Mass in Indonesian, served by an Indonesian priest from Los Angeles who took part in itinerant ministry. Our objective was to expand our influence and bring the Indonesian Catholic community together to avoid it being proselytized by another church.

In August of 2001 we joined the Diocese at each church, resulting in ICC-DSB (Indonesian Catholic Community-Diocese of San Bernardino) for the Diocese of San Bernardino. The ICC-DSB chose their own chaplain, organizing Mass twice a month at the St. Joseph The Worker Church in Loma Linda and worshipping word twice a month. ICC-DSB is also involved in the local parish of St. Joseph the Worker Church and engages further in the Diocese of San Bernardino by joining the Asian Pacific Ministry, collaborating with other ethnic groups, and participating at the Bishop's Dinner event.

We have welcomed Bishop Gerald Barnes at our Indonesian Mass; participated in Asian-Pacific Formation Day, the



Diocesan Migration Mass, Christ Mass, and Bishop Barnes' 25th Anniversary Mass.

There is a sense of familiarity with other ethnic groups through having regular meetings that raise the mutual sense of belonging in Diocese San Bernardino. We respect and appreciate other ethnic appearances in collaboration. Knowing each other's ethnicity builds up interpersonal cooperation between ethnic people in our community.

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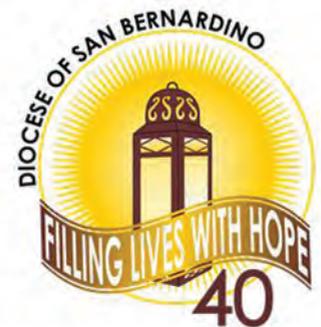
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Native American Catholics share culture and spirituality with the Diocese

By Michael Madrigal

The Native American Catholic community continues our journey of faith together with the entire faithful of our Diocese as we celebrate 40 years since its establishment.

Our Native Catholic Community has been present in what is today the Diocese of San Bernardino since time immemorial. Our ancestors became the first Catholics of California in the 1700s. There are 15 local Indian reservations in our Diocese. Tribes indigenous to our Diocese include the Serrano, Cahuilla, Luiseno, Tongva, Southern Paiute, Halchidhoma, Chemehuevi, and Mohave. In more recent times American Indians from tribes throughout the United States and the Americas have come to live here also. There are Catholic missions located on seven of the Indian reservations located within our Diocese.

In 1994, Sister Marianna Torrano came to live at St Joseph Mission in Soboba. Since her arrival we have had five other religious sisters stationed at the reservation helping with various ministry initiatives, most notable among them, the establishment of St. Jude Mission School. The school continues to serve the children of the Soboba reservation with a Catholic education that emphasizes our Catholic faith and Native American culture. Sr. Marianna and Sister Adele Schroeder, RSCJ, continue to serve at the Soboba reservation today.

Father Earl Henley, a Missionary priest of the Sacred Heart, came to serve as Pastor/Chaplain to Native Americans in the year 2000 and continues to serve us in a very dedicated way. Much has grown in ministries at Indian Missions on the local reservations during his tenure and we have been blessed just this year to have Father Tom Burns, MSC, join him in this work.

Through the years our Bishops have always reached out to include the Native American Catholics in all of the Diocesan celebrations. Many of us have had the privilege of sharing in these Diocesan events representing the many Native peoples of our Diocese. We are always aware of our oneness in the Lord when we are able to share our Native American culture and faith with our fellow Catholics.

Bishop Barnes has made many visits to the Indian reservations and is well known and loved by the faithful in these places. We have also enjoyed many visits from Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Rutilio Del Riego and, before him, +Auxiliary Bishop Dennis O'Neil during the years of their ministries.

For the past two years we have benefited from a renewed Faith formation program at the Native American missions, which has been spearheaded by Deacon Andy Orozco. There have been many new



baptisms, first communions, and confirmations due to the success of this program.

Moving into the future we look forward to the continuing growth of the Catholic faith among the Native peoples. We have

a very rich Catholic heritage going back for more than two centuries. In all of our endeavors we keep in mind future generations of Native American Catholics who will continue to share the good news of our Catholic Christian faith for many gen-

erations to come.

Michael Madrigal is a member of the Cahuilla Band of Indians and President of the Native American Land Conservancy.

Difficult journey of Vietnamese Catholics brought them to San Bernardino

In 1975, the South Republic of Vietnam lost the bloody civil war to the North Socialist Regime which had lasted for over 25 years. Hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese had fled the country in fear of retaliation from the atheist government on political and religious grounds. Big waves of Vietnamese risked their lives to escape from the country again by launching small boats into the stormy ocean and crying for help from the free world.

The United Nations made a great effort to relocate those Vietnamese to different countries. The United States had given the most help to Vietnamese refugees in their rescue mission from 1975 to 1990.

Among the refugees, the highest percentage were Vietnamese Catholics who had dared to start their journey of faith. All of them had the experiences of God's hand in the most difficult times in life. The Vietnamese Catholic population in Diocese of San Bernardino started to increase in greater numbers in the early 1980s. They chose to settle their new home throughout the counties of San Bernardino and Riverside.

Only a few Vietnamese Catholics were present for the Ordination of founding Bishop Phillip Straling. However, we be-



lieved it to be a blessing from God that Vietnamese refugees coming to the United States could become part of a Diocese where we can share the journey of faith and integrate with many new ethnic and racial communities into parish life.

The Vietnamese Catholics communities in many parishes are grateful to be under the shepherd, the Bishop of San Bernardino, since the beginning of its history. This benefits those who have very limited English, that they can feel more comfortable to

attend Sunday Mass in their own language with a Vietnamese priest. They can also celebrate together traditional events of the Vietnamese culture even though they are far away from the homeland. At the same time, the Vietnamese youth has learned the bible and catechism in English, under the guidance of the Diocese, so they can keep growing in their faith in God to become a good Catholic in their life.

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Korean culture of the “warm heart” details its journey in the Diocese

In our 29-year journey of faith in the Diocese of San Bernardino the Korean Catholic community has been able to feel the touch of God. In addition, due to the infinite love of God and trust of the Diocese, our community liturgy that started with a small family has grown to such a state that we can praise God for the increased number of believers. Our community has been through many trials on the journey with the Diocese, but at every moment we were able to overcome the challenges with the help of God and the Diocese and grow into an experience of God at that moment.

The Korean culture is somewhat closed due to the historical background that the country has had to defend itself from the invasion of many foreign pow-



St. Andrew Kim in Riverside has been serving the Korean community there since 2012.

ers. However, it is also the culture of the “warm heart” that helps each other gen-

erously when it has challenges. Therefore, it is not only a people who gradu-

ally adapt as time passes by, but also the people who can be enshrined with passion and dedication more than anyone else after settling in their roots.

We are always grateful for the unity of other people and the efforts of the Diocese to know that we are one people in God (One Body in Christ) because of the policies of favor and openness to other peoples. Through the liturgical form and various seminars that foster harmony among the different cultural groups, we were naturally able to recognize that we are One Body in Christ. Of course, the participation and active appearance of ethnic minorities should be further developed including our Korean community.

Tongan community celebrates growing presence in the Diocese

The Tongan Community was established in 1978 by only a few families when they migrated over here. There are eight Tongan Communities throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

We also have a Tongan Chaplain, Father Kapiolani Katala, who lives in San Francisco but he visits all the Tongan Communities once a month to meet their needs.

By 1982 the Tongan community was recognized by the Diocese of San Bernardino and welcomed at St. Joseph Parish of Upland as one of its multicultural communities.

Now there are two Tongan communities; One at St. Joseph, under the leadership of Kapelieli (Roy) Pomeé, and the other one at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Riverside under the leadership of Atunaisa Vaipulu.



On behalf of the Tongan Community, it is my sincere gratitude, a great privilege, a heartfelt THANKS to Bishop Gerald Barnes and the Diocese of San Bernardino for the dedication, the encouragement, the support, the care and most of all the love

you has shown for us people of God.

Thank you so much with love and

Prayers.

Malo áupito ófa atu moe hufaki.

Vietnamese

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Indeed, the Diocese of San Bernardino is rich in the many cultures from which each ethnic group can bring in the best they have to share. Even though each eth-

nic group speaks their own tongue to express their faith in prayer, we experienced the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the language of love bringing us to unity as One Body in Christ.

Chinese

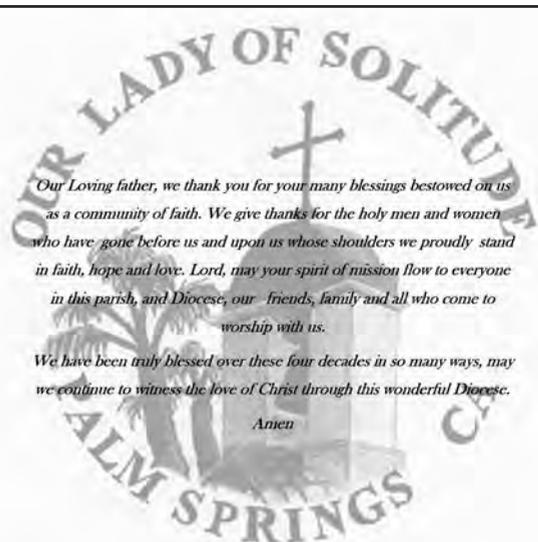
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preciate the opportunities offered by the Diocese of San Bernardino to share our culture with different ethnic groups and to learn other cultures.

We welcome you to our Chinese Mass every Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. (except every fifth Saturday) in the chapel at

the St. Paul the Apostle Church in Chino Hills.

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We have been truly blessed over these four decades in so many ways, may we continue to witness the love of Christ through this wonderful Diocese.

Amen

St. Bernardine hospital and the Diocese share a legacy of serving the underserved

Fifty years before the founding of the Diocese of San Bernardino, Catholic social teaching was already well established in San Bernardino. In 1928, Father Patrick Dunne from St. Bernardine Catholic Church and local surgeon Dr. Philip Savage had convinced the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word to fill a much needed gap in the city, and St. Bernardine Medical Center opened its doors in 1931. The Sisters of Charity already operated several hospitals where care for body, mind and spirit of patients, visitors and staff were integral to operations and now San Bernardino was the beneficiary of their charism.

The mission and function of St. Bernardine Medical Center have evolved over the past 87 years through a strengthened alignment between the Diocese of San Bernardino and the Sisters of Charity, demonstrated by a concerted dedication and commitment to the poor and underserved communities. St. Bernardine Medical Center has been an active community partner in San Bernardino County, serving the needs and wellbeing of the surrounding populations, as well as advising and involving the Diocese in events and matters that concern social justice, hope and



St. Bernardine Hospital, 1931

healing.

The defining characteristics that the Diocese and St. Bernardine Medical Center share include a steadfast commitment to the indigent, a devotion to serving the community's needs and the espousal of the founding Sisters' mission and vision of cultivating strong relationships with the

underserved. The Diocese and St. Bernardine Medical Center have aligned in their core values and have continued to "serve with gladness," an overarching theme that the Sisters embodied to guide them in their community undertakings and to inspire them to demonstrate joy and love when serving others. Ultimately, St. Bernardine

Medical Center has dedicated much of its resources to providing high-quality health care, fostering an environment that maintains healthy lifestyle choice and practices, and making a profound difference in the lives of the San Bernardino region.

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Sacred Heart Retreat Camp: a history of bringing families closer to God

On June 10, 1979, just six months after his Episcopal Ordination, Bishop Philip Straling blessed the groundbreaking of Sacred Heart Retreat Camp.

The Retreat Camp had been a hope of Servant of God Sister Ida Peterfy, Foundress of the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart, since the Sisters' arrival to the United States in 1956 after escaping Communist Hungary. At the time of the community's founding in Hungary in 1940, the Sisters were involved in children's camps, where they were able to covertly teach the joy of knowing God, in the midst of Nazi occupation.

By the summer of 1980, Sacred Heart Retreat Camp hosted 850 people for Family Retreat Camps and Girls' Camps. Since the fall of that year, more than 150,000 retreatants have enjoyed the beauty of creation and the opportunity to encounter God, including seminarians, confirmation students, RCIA groups, catechists, young adults and entire families.

Like the Diocese of San Bernardino, Sacred Heart Retreat Camp serves all ages and a diverse range of cultures and backgrounds. A highlight of its history was the celebration of its 35th year, commemorated by a Mass celebrated by Bishop Gerald Barnes in 2015, attended by past



and current Family Camp retreatants. The Episcopal Motto of Bishop Barnes, *Amar Es Entregarse*, "Love is the Total Giving of Oneself," is expressed in the work of the Sisters, whose consecrated life and gift of self to the Church is often the first encounter with consecrated religious for the youth attending retreats.

The mission of Sacred Heart Retreat Camp is steeped in the charism of the Sacred Heart Sisters. It was a three-day

retreat that changed the life of Sister Ida, inspiring her to profess private vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience before the Blessed Sacrament on her 18th birthday. She later shared, "A great change in my relationship with God took place during a retreat before my senior year of high school. In the quietness, the newness of God loving me first, knowing me by name brought forth a new response of awe and a very personal love."

The Sisters strive to provide this atmosphere of encounter with God, both for the retreats they facilitate and in their hospitality for those groups providing their own retreat director. One high school student recently expressed this reality in these words: "As my journey concluded at your Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, it began my journey to Christ's love."

A Place for Silence and Prayer

El Carmelo Retreat House has an interesting history. As in Father Enda Somers' words of many years ago, the purpose of the foundation of El Carmelo was "the Carmelites wanted to do something for people in every walk of life. We wanted to pass on our rich heritage of spirituality — the doctrine of prayer, in theory and in practice — and the Gospel of Christ as interpreted by St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross and bring that into the lives of all."

El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands, California, is the property of the Western Province of Discalced Carmelites. It was founded in 1952 and dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The history of El Carmelo Retreat House would fill a good-sized book and would make interesting and, at times, suspenseful reading. Frs. Patrick Collins and Enda Somers were Carmelite priests who worked together in St. Therese's Parish, Alhambra, and later in Our Lady of Grace Parish in Encino, both in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. While they were happy and successful in parish work, they wanted to establish a Carmelite house where the emphasis on silence and prayer would be more obvious. In the meantime, they encouraged the people in the parishes where they worked



Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen at El Carmelo Priest Retreat in 1968

to go on weekend retreats and frequently provided the transportation in order to make sure they got there.

One night, when they were driving home with some men from a weekend retreat at the Franciscan retreat house in Malibu, one of the men said simply: "Since you are so interested in retreats, why don't you start your own retreat house?" A new idea

had arisen, a new seed was sown. And the rest is history.

October 15, 1954, the feast of St. Teresa, the day the dedication took place, Bishop Charles Buddy celebrated Mass and blessed the foundation. Father Edward Leahy, the provincial delegate, preached the homily. Many local priests and sisters were present, as well as a host of friends

and helpers. Bishop Buddy, a great supporter of El Carmelo, conducted the very first day of recollection.

In October of 1954, weekend retreats began on a regular basis and have continued ever since.

In this short account of the beginnings of El Carmelo, there are a hundred stories
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Mary's Mercy Center

A legacy of bringing God's blessings to the poor and disenfranchised

Mary's Mercy Center is a long time benefactor and partner of the Diocese. In 1987, members of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center, under the direction of Father Michael Barry, began to reach out and serve the poor in the local communities, working first in local parks with supplies of food, and helping with utility bills. As a result of their early success and support from the Diocese, the group was able to open a soup kitchen at a church in San Bernardino. In 1992, Mary's Mercy Center purchased its present facility for food provision and support services. In 1993, Mary's Mercy Center purchased an old convent that would be transformed into Veronica's Home of Mercy for women and children, the first of two long-term transitional residences. In 1994, Casa Merced was purchased, and began operation as the first of three re-entry residences for women who have completed the program at Veronica's Homes. In 1996, medical and dental screening were added to our list of services which include: clothing distribution, shower facilities, and food bag distribution, and soup kitchen.

Mary's Mercy Center's various programs align with the vision of the Diocese of San Bernardino. As stated by Bishop Gerald Barnes in his 1997 statement regarding Neighborhood Vision: "committed to responding to people in need, helping those who are powerless, alienated, and without hope." In the Diocese's vision of "Stewardship of Resources," Mary's Mercy Center takes heed in "whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,



whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor: 9:6). Understanding that we are stewards and givers of the abundance of life, Mary's Mercy Center aims to strengthen the resources provided to us and to utilize those resources in a creative, productive and responsible manner. All of our programs reflect family, youth, neighborhood, community unity and diversity. Families, youth, the community and society, as a whole, are built around the stability and success of parents and their children.

Our programs concur with Diocese philosophy, "To successfully carry out our diocesan vision of filling lives with hope, we will stay focused on those areas of greatest concern to us....". One of the ar-

reas of concern is stewardship of resources. We can see how Francis, as our Pope, is raising the hopes of people everywhere, and that we can gradually transform our world. When all of us catch that spirit and act according to the spirit of Jesus, act like the Good Shepherd -- reaching out, drawing everybody in, sharing what we have -- the reign of God begins to come more into its fullness in our world. Mary's

Mercy Center will continue to provide for the economically disadvantaged and those experiencing crisis, and align itself with the needs of an evolving community. Together with the Diocese, we help bestow the blessings of the Lord upon the poor and distressed.

In a continued pursuit to fill lives with hope and looking at one of the greatest needs presently in San Bernardino, homeless men, Mary's Mercy Center is working to expand its outreach. Father Mike's vision of transitional housing for men is on the way to becoming a reality. Mary's Village would enable homeless men to once again have hope. Their program would be similar to the one we have successfully implemented for the homeless women and children. There is an old proverb, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." Our goal is not only to give them a home but to teach them a trade so they can then help themselves.

First Diocesan monastery welcomed in 2005



The Vietnamese community of Cistercians, a Catholic order of enclosed monks, established itself as the first contemplative religious community to originate in the Diocese of San Bernardino.

In August of 2008, Bishop Barnes dedicated the Saint Joseph Monastery in Lucerne Valley.

"In acknowledgement of your request to establish a monastic foundation of Cistercian monks in California, I am pleased to give my consent (Can. 609 #1) and bid you a sincere welcome to our Diocese of San Bernardino. The presence of your community in our area and your living in accord with the purposes and charism of your Order will undoubtedly bring a great blessing to our local church."

—Most Rev. Gerald R. Barnes

Religious Communities in the Diocese

1978 – 2018

Men Religious

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Society of Divine Word, SVD
Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, OH
Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary ss.cc
Holy Ghost Fathers, Spiritans, CSSp
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Sisters of Mercy, RSM
Sisters of Providence, SP
Sisters of St. Benedict, OSB
Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, OSF
Sisters of St. Joseph, Carondelet, CSJ
Sisters of St. Joseph, Orange, CSJ
School Sisters of St. Francis, OSF
Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart, SDSH

Women Religious

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, OLVM
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Newest Women Religious community in the Diocese of San Bernardino:

Misioneras Guadalupeanas del Espirtu Santos for Purepechas of Coachella Valley, September 2018

El Carmelo

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waiting to be written, but it all began with a thought that came from the back seat of a car on the way home from a retreat, an idea that became a vision in the mind of a man, materially poor but with a wealth of friends and with God's blessing on a project undertaken in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The El Carmelo Retreat Center has grown dramatically over the years. With accommodations for 80 retreatants, weekend retreats draws nearly 3,000 participants annually. In addition, some 2,000 people attend weekday activities per year. This includes day, evening and week retreats.

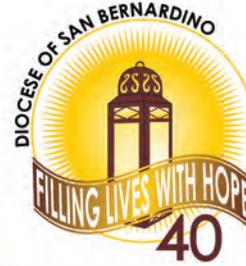


We, the family of Christ the Redeemer Church, Grand Terrace extend our Congratulatory and Goodwill message to our Diocese of San Bernardino, our Bishop, Most Rev. Gerald R. Barnes, the clergy and entire laity on her 40th Anniversary. May God's blessings and favors continue to overflow in the lives of people as you spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to all.

Rev. Anthony C. Waturucha
Administrator



May the Lord continue to bless our Diocese and prosper the work of our hands **From Here to Eternity** through Collaboration, Faith Sharing, Hospitality & Reconciliation



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Celebrating 40 Years Of Service

Catholic Charities' major accomplishments:

- 1980:** Casework Services & Refugee Resettlement
- 1983:** Emergency Food & Shelter Program
- 1984:** USDA Commodities Program; USDA Brown Bag Program
- 1985:** Nightengale Manor Family Shelter; Desert Manna Shelter
- 1986:** Immigration Services – Amnesty Program
- 1987:** Project Home Run Housing Construction
- 1991:** Caritas Counseling Services
- 1992:** HIV/AIDS Services
- 1993:** Senior Employment Program
- 1994:** Heigh-Ho Day Care Center
- 1995:** Guasti Medical Clinic
- 1996:** Al's Café
- 2003:** Disaster Relief Services
- 2004:** "Hope In The City" Family Resource Center
- 2005:** Eastern Coachella Valley Food Distribution; Hurricane Katrina Family Relocation
- 2006:** Family Tragedy Assistance Fund
- 2007:** San Bernardino Wildfire Response
- 2008:** Tent City Services
- 2009:** Non-Profit Social Work Fellowship Program
- 2010:** Poverty Simulations
- 2011:** Life Skills & Nutrition Education Programs
- 2012:** DACA Education & Assistance
- 2013:** Outreach Programs (Cal-Fresh/Medi-Cal)
- 2014:** Accompanied Minors Intervention; Neighbor to Neighbor Homeless Outreach
- 2015:** Opening of Center of Hope – Riverside
- 2016:** Immigration Services Expansion
- 2017:** National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Inland Empire Community Agency of the Year

Catholic Charities hears the cry of the poor

By Ken F. Sawa,
Executive Director

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me...' 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:35-36,40)

Founded in 1978 and incorporated as a non-profit charitable organization in 1980, Catholic Charities is the Official Social Outreach Ministry of the Diocese of San Bernardino, founded to carry out the work of the Social Gospel on behalf of our local Church. For the next 40 years, Catholic Charities' staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors have been voraciously committed to increasing the stability, safety, and health of poor families and those in crisis throughout the Diocese.

Though Catholic Charities is a separate 501(c) public benefit corporation of the Diocese of San Bernardino, it is intrinsically linked. The Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino is the President of the corporation of Catholic Charities San Bernardino & Riverside Counties. With the full support of Bishop Phillip Straling and Bishop Gerald Barnes over the years, the heart of the work of Catholic Charities is described by the motto, "Providing Help, Creating Hope." It is overwhelming to consider the number of staff, volunteers, Directors on our Board, community partners, donors, and others that have supported this motto in one way or another over the past four decades. As a result, hundreds of thousands of children, adults, and seniors have benefited from the efforts of the countless persons who played an important role in reaching out to families in need in our local communities year after year.

Catholic Charities is guided by the core values of Catholic Social Teaching. These values are rooted in the belief of the dignity and worth of all people and the understanding that all people have the right to access all that they need in order to achieve fulfillment. While society may disregard some people because they are poor or in crisis or considered unworthy, Catholic Charities reaches out to those who are most often ignored and unfairly

judged with profound respect for their human dignity. By virtue of our name, values, and presence, Catholic Charities represents "faith in action" on behalf of the Diocese of San Bernardino.

The early years of establishing Catholic Charities to provide services to the poor throughout the vast area of the diocese were quite difficult. Acknowledgement is due to these early visionary pioneers. Then in 1990 Bishop Straling appointed as Executive Director Father Alfred LoPinto, who established the stability, structure, and needed financial resources to set Catholic Charities on the path to becoming one of the most significant non-profit organizations in the two-county region. He was joined in these efforts in the early 1990s by notable lay leadership that included Ms. Beverly Earl, Ms. Bridget Helmer, Ms. MyHanh Luu, Ms. Catherine McMillian, and Ms. Susan Kleszewski.

Pope Francis said, "To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us." His words describe perfectly the work of Catholic Charities over the past 40 years.

Catholic Charities' mission is to "carry the burdens" of the poor, the elderly, the homeless, the ill, the anxious, the isolated, traumatized children, the unemployed and low wage worker, the emotionally troubled parent, stressed, hurting and broken families, immigrants, veterans, and so many others - that need attention. For these, Catholic Charities lives our motto of "Providing Help, Creating Hope" for thousands families each year throughout our two-county region. Catholic Charities is a Catholic presence in the community serving all in need regardless of religious affiliation.

Families come to Catholic Charities when they find themselves at their weakest and need others to carry their burdens with them. Staff and volunteers have the holy and precious opportunity to show them God's love through service. Catholic Charities' caseworkers, therapists, immigration specialists and others, offer compassionate care for suffering families, so they can receive the help they need in order to move forward with their lives.

Catholic Charities is a public witness of our Church that does care for the most vulnerable, forgotten, misunderstood, and often disregarded. For it is in the pub-

lic arena, most often outside of parish life, that Catholic Charities shines and is seen by the world as the compassionate face of the Catholic Church in our two-county region. Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year for 40 years, Catholic Charities' staff and volunteers have doggedly practiced the Corporal Works of Mercy with incredible passion and determination on behalf of the Catholic Community. Our mission and work is clear. But what is clear for the future?

As we honor our past, give witness to our present, we must also look to the future. The harsh reality is that government resources for the poor are absolutely diminishing and will continue to do so into the future. Private resources to fill that gap are needed more now than ever - particularly as we look toward the future. Today, 750,000 residents in our Diocese are destitute and up to 1.5 million residents are poor by most anyone's standards. Such a pressing reality presents a direct challenge to people of faith to dramatically expand their support for ministries in service to the poor in our parishes and the community.

The only option is for Catholic Charities and others tending to the poor is to dramatically increase our plea to the Catholic Community and other concerned citizens and entities for their financial support of our efforts. Those that fight poverty need resources, so others can receive the help they desperately need. Over the past 40 years, Catholic Charities has developed the heart, expertise, and courage to dare to fight against poverty. Now, generosity from our communities is required to insure our love of neighbor continues for the next 40 years and beyond.

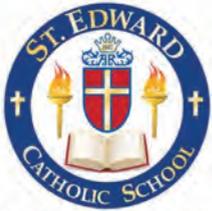
As Catholics, we have a rich tradition of acting on the Social Gospel to care for our brothers and sisters in need. The life of Christ has shown us the way. We are nourished by Catholic Social Teaching that inspires and compels us to affirm that each person (regardless of circumstances) is made in the image of God and possesses inherent dignity and worth. On this 40th anniversary, Catholics are reminded of our solidarity with the poor that requires not just caring about the poor but our responsibility to do the heavy lifting and whatever is necessary to love and serve the poor now and into the future.

If you wish to support Catholic Charities' mission and work to fight poverty in our diocese now and into the future:

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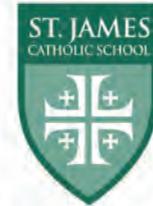
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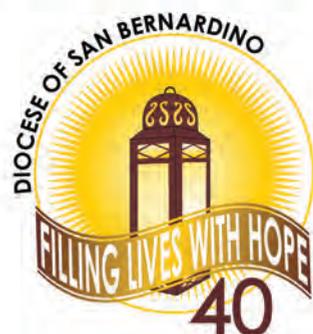
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Five key questions

As the Church of San Bernardino continues its journey of faith over the next 40 years and beyond we look at five pressing issues in our immediate future.



Who will be the next Bishop of San Bernardino?

The Diocese has had only two Ordinaries in its 40-year history and Bishop Gerald Barnes is 19 months away from submitting his mandatory letter of resignation to Pope Francis as he reaches the retirement age of 75. Bishop Barnes has asked parishes, schools and diocesan ministries to offer input on the qualities that will be needed in the next Bishop, and that information, along with the Bishop's own thoughts on his successor, will be submitted to Rome. But the ultimate decision rests with the Holy Father.



How will the Sacramental needs of the faithful be met?

The Diocese of San Bernardino is one of the largest and fastest growing in the nation. While this demonstrates life and vitality in the local Church it presents a great challenge in the area of vocations to the priesthood. We currently have one priest for every 6,072 Catholic laypersons, among the highest ratios in the United States. There are currently 34 Diocesan seminarians in formation. The local Church continues to call on the entire faith community to be more intentional in promoting vocations to the priesthood. The Diocese is also promoting the construction of larger new churches, which allow for fewer (and larger) weekend Masses. Parish governance has, in some places, been given to deacons, religious sisters and laypersons, in the form of the Pastoral Coordinator designation. While these measures all help in alleviating the ministerial burdens on priests in parish ministry in the Diocese, this remains a most difficult challenge.



How will the Hispanic Catholics of the Diocese respond to the call of the V Encuentro?

The Catholic population of the Diocese is more than 70 percent Hispanic. As such, the chief call of the V Encuentro process that began in 2017 and concludes next year, is for Hispanics to assume greater leadership in the Church and its future growth. V Encuentro invited all Catholics to reflect on this new reality. Discussions and plans of action that have emerged from the process show many different points of view within the Hispanic population of the Diocese, often based on generation and specific culture and country of origin.



What will be done to keep youth and young adults of the Diocese engaged in their faith?

Bishop Barnes has long identified the critical period after Confirmation and into young adulthood as a place where Catholic ministry must be strengthened. After three years of formalized catechetical programming, these new, fully initiated Catholics are expected to enter into and navigate the period of "Mystagogia" on their own. Many do not. It is estimated that about 10 percent of the total U.S. population is made up of former Catholics. Those who minister to youth are also challenged by the increasing influence of secular culture, which tends to emphasize individual importance over the common good. Many parishes in the Diocese have thriving youth ministries but a greater focus at the Diocesan level will be creating formation programs for the family level, so that parents can play a greater role in the teaching and sustaining of their children's faith.



Can the Catholic school system in the Diocese be sustained?

The Catholic schools of the Diocese must maintain enrollment at a level that allows for financial health and keeping up with changes in education. With mostly lay faculty and staff this has become more difficult. Overall enrollment in the Catholic schools has been flat during the last ten years, but the Diocese was forced to close three schools in that time period. Local Catholic schools in higher socioeconomic areas are faring well but many neighborhood parochial schools in the working class communities of the Diocese are struggling with enrollment. New Catholic Schools Superintendent Sam Torres has said that making Catholic education a viable option for Hispanic families, who are fueling current and future population growth, is a key to boosting enrollment in our schools.

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