



Diocesan Events

- 1) **Catechetical Sunday** – September 21, 2008.
- 2) **Personnel Board Meeting** – September 24, 2008 -1:30 PM – Chancery Conference Room.
- 3) **Catholic Charities Board Meeting** – September 24, 2008 – 4:00 PM – Center for Ministry.

Informational Items

- 1) **Election 2008: Faithful Citizenship and Proposition 8** Every four years since 1976 the U.S. Bishops have issued a document on **Faithful Citizenship**. They encourage Catholics to participate in the political process, but with a twist: “By this we mean more than people who consistently participate in public life, but disciples who view these responsibilities through the eyes of faith and bring their moral convictions to their civic tasks and duties.” The Bishops of California have taken a strong position of support for Proposition 8 that would define marriage as valid only when it is between one man and one woman. Over the next few weeks you will find the rationale for this support for Prop 8 in this bulletin.
- 2) **Prayers of the Faithful for Sunday, September 28, 2008**
(These have been sent to all parish secretaries and one for the subsequent weeks will be sent each week.)

English:

Let us pray for all married people and their children. May they be blessed by the shared life of holiness, stability and love, and enjoy all the blessing bestowed on them as they live their marital commitment as established by God for their own good and that of society, we pray to the Lord.

Spanish:

Oremos por todas las personas casadas y por sus hijos. Que reciben la bendición de una vida compartida de santidad, estabilidad y amor y que gocen de todas las bendiciones derramadas sobre ellas al vivir su compromiso matrimonial ya que Dios lo estableció por su propio bien y por el bien de la sociedad, oremos al Señor.

- 3) Due to the Church’s stand on **Proposition 8**, parishes are subject to the guidelines established by the Fair Political Practices Commission. To avoid unexpected consequences, it is necessary for each parish to complete a “Parish Expenditure Form” for

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all efforts and expenditures associated with Proposition 8 activities. Expenditures, such as copying costs, in-kind volunteer hours, *et cetera*, above \$1,000 must be reported to the FPPC. Prop 8 parish partners are to complete this form and submit to Dave Corder within twelve hours of any activity.

- 5) Deacons who have not yet made reservations for the **Deacons' Retreat** must RSVP to Jo Anne Garcia-Jones as soon as possible.
- 6) The **Annual Retreat Day for Parish Catechetical Ministers** will be held tomorrow at Saint Patrick's Parish in Sonora. Bishop Blaire will speak on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church."
- 7) An in-service day for **Spanish speaking catechists** will be held at Saint Mary of the Assumption in Oakdale. Preregistration is required. Call the Office for Religious Education at 466.0636, extension 622, for more information.
- 8) A reminder to all priests: Father James Hanley, SJ, is available for **spiritual direction** and **confessions** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Jo Anne Garcia-Jones at 466.0636 to schedule an appointment.

IMPORTANT

Only information concerning Proposition 8 that is provided by the Diocese, the California Catholic Conference, or the Faithful Citizenship Office of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops can be used or distributed.