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Sacramento Celebrates the Works Of Bishop Weigand and Welcomes His successor, Bishop Soto



Bishop Jaime Soto, left, and retired Bishop William K. Weigand stand outside the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento after a Mass of thanksgiving Nov. 30. At the end of the Mass, Bishop Soto, 52, received his crosier from Archbishop George Niederauer of San Francisco as the ninth bishop of Sacramento. His episcopal motto is "Gozo y Esperanza" ("Joy and Hope"). *Luis Gris Elizarrarás/Herald photo*

FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Worthy Brother Sir Knights:

As we start the New Year in this season following Christmas, we continue to celebrate the miracle of life during this time of dormancy, hibernation, and the cold chill of winter. Even though it is several months till Spring, the New Year brings us contemplation of what is

to come. A new President, an uncertain economy, and our Holy Land in the midst of an all out war give us pause and cause contemplation on what is to come in our lives. It is easy for us to forget that we have the luxury and fortune of experiencing the miracle of life during this period of contemplation. As an expectant father, I am both eager and anxious on the kind of world my child will be born in. I sometimes forget that the miracle of life should never be assumed as other babies may never see and experience life with the sad and artificial termination of life. When aspiring for the things we live for, please let us not forget the unborn during our Faith's month of dedicating to the protection of life this January. Some of you may march in unity in the walk for life later in the month in San Francisco. Others may simply pray in church. Others still may pray in front of an abortion clinic in an effort to allow the Holy Spirit to persuade a mother into saving the life of her baby.

Please come and support the children that are waiting to join our lives in prayer during our Pro Life Mass on January 26th at 7:30PM at the 953 Hall. The only things that are ok to have way too much of and can never get enough of are prayers and love.

Fraternally Yours in Christ

Mark P. Montemayor

Navigator

FAITHFUL FRIARS MESSAGE



Praying with the Pope

We invite you to join the Pope and Christians throughout the world in his prayer intentions for this month:

That in the face of a spreading culture of violence the Church may promote with courage the culture of life.

and

That especially in mission countries, the actions of Christians confirm that the Child born in the stable of Bethlehem is the luminous hope of the world.

Apostleship of Prayer

In the Apostleship of Prayer millions of people around the world unite together each day in an approach to prayer that is both simple and profound. It is centred on the Daily Offering. By making this Offering slowly each morning you turn your attention to God in prayer for a short time, in that

way making him the centre of the day ahead.

Daily Offering

Lord Jesus Christ, your life was a model of love and service to the Father. You were always open to his call, faithful to the end. In the Eucharist, you join us with yourself in your offering to the Father. May the Eucharist inspire me today to be ready and open as you were. And may I, like your mother, Mary, bring your love to those I meet.

I pray with Mary and the whole Church
For the Pope's intentions this month.

Reflection for the month - Love in service

We invite you to join the Pope and Christians throughout the world in reflecting on his prayer intentions for this month:

When I was a young student of philosophy I befriended a Tanzanian convert to Christianity who later went on to study for the priesthood. I was curious as to how conversions worked! What, in the final analysis, convinced people of the truth of the Christian claim? My new friend explained: 'It's the way the missionaries lived their lives. We witnessed them giving of themselves unselfishly every day to better our lot through education, medical care and other pastoral initiatives. They did not seem to ask anything in return. That impressed us and eventually led us to ask why? Why they lived like this, why they loved like this, why they seemed cheerful and at peace with themselves and with the world. It was then, and only

then, that they told us about Jesus and his love, and how they tried to show forth that same love in the way they lived their lives.' Jesus, from the very beginning, as a new born child in Bethlehem, entered our world quietly, gently, unobtrusively, with no agenda other than to show love in service. This is the secret of missionary success. By this all will know that you are my disciples, by the love you have for one another (John 13:35).

Color Corps

Happy New Year to all Bishop Manogue Color Corps members! Thank you to all for your wonderful participation efforts in 2008. The Color Corps was very active in approximately 17 events the team participated in during the past year. Last month the Color Corps participated in two activities:

First, at Our Lady of Guadalupe the Color Corps was present for an annual special Mass that was broadcast all over the world on EWTN in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday December 12th. There were 16 Color corps led by our current District Marshall SK JC Greco and former Marshall Bill Hancock. Also, included in the Color Corps was SK Joe Fischer from Marysville.

Second, there was the Our Lady of Guadalupe procession and Mass held on Sunday afternoon December 14th. Although it rained that morning causing the Color Corps to remain behind for the procession, the weather did not deter the parishioners from participating in it. Thank you to all Color Corps from both Council 9799 (OLG host council) and Richard Schultz from Christ the King Assembly who participated with me in the Mass following the parade.

Next, the 2009 Confirmation schedule has been made available by the Diocese. I have a copy of it for anyone who wishes to obtain a copy from me. The schedule begins in March 2009 and wraps up in late May 2009. More on the schedule in future articles.

Finally, this is my one call out only to the Bishop Manogue Color Corps who would be interested in participating in the annual Color Corps competition scheduled for Saturday morning April 25th at the Sacramento Double Tree Hotel. *I need six participants who are willing and dedicated to practice on a weekly basis.* If I get more than six participants then everyone will be eligible to participate and the top six participants would be selected and others would be alternates. If I do not receive any feedback in forming a team, then I will again participate with Christ the King Assembly #2797. The decision to have a competition team is up to all active Color Corps members within the assembly.

Any questions, please contact me either via email (mlanger14@hotmail.com) or by telephone at 916-834-0914. Take care...

Michael Langer
Color Corps Commander
Bishop Manogue Assembly #50

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SK John Condon	Hospitality
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SK Joe Galipeau	VAVS
SK Gary Hansen	Helmsman Editor

Upcoming Events

January 5, 2008 7:30 pm Officers Meeting (S)

SK John Cox

January 24, 2008 **Walk for Life** San Francisco

January 26, 2008 **RBM/Right to Life Mass**
(S)(T)7:30 pm FN/Faithful Friar - Pot Luck following

January 31, 2008 PFN Dinner (S) (Tux or Suit for members) Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 pm
Vince's **Must Call to pre-register** Check with SK John Condon for more details

February 2, 2008 Officers Meeting (S) 7:30 pm
SK John Condon

February 7, 2008 **4th Degree Exemplification**
10:00 am Registration ---Rohnert Park

February 14, 2008 **Valentine/Ladies Night (S)**
953 Hall Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 pm
SK John Condon/Sentinals

February 23, 2008 **RBM (T)** 7:30 pm 953 Hall

RBM – Regular Business Meeting – On dates where there is a RBM and another event such as the FN Dinner, Right to Life Mass, etc., the meeting will be abbreviated. Officers may be requested to show up early for a quick "pay the bills" meeting.

FN – Faithful Navigator
(S) – The Ladies are invited.
(T) – Tuxedo for Officers

Editors Page:

More on Bishop Weigand's Retirement Dinner and Mass

The Knights of Columbus within the Sacramento Diocese were very active in the various activities honoring the retirement of Bishop William Weigand. Members from Bishop Manogue Assembly; Christ the King Assembly; and the Northern California Chapter sponsored four full tables of 10 at the dinner held at the Radisson hotel on November 24th. Table Captains were Chapter President Elbert D. Holmes, Past State Deputy Dick Cutting, Past State Deputy Young D. Stewart and State Insurance General Agent Don Krolak. A number of Knights and their ladies sat at other tables as well. Worthy State Advocate Charles Clark obtained a Certificate of Appreciation from the Supreme Office and a letter and check from the State Deputy Bob Villalobos for the Bishop. These items along with a separate check from the Anderson Council were presented to the Bishop at his office for his personal use. Along with the participation of the Color Corp, SK John Condon and PSD Dick Cutting recruited about ten members of the Bishop Manogue and Christ the King Assembly to hand out programs at the Mass in the Cathedral on November 30th honoring Bishop Weigand and incoming Bishop Jaime Soto. In relation to this celebration, checks from the Northern California Chapter, Sacramento Council 953 and individual Knights totaling \$500.00 had been sent to the Diocesan Office to allow them to hire caterers to handle the reception held in the basement of the Cathedral after the Mass. We should be proud of our participation in the celebrations honoring Most Rev. William Weigand and Most Rev. Jaime Soto and thank all Knights and their families for their efforts.

PSD Dick Cutting

Chairman

Meditation and Reflection for the Epiphany

by Fr. Tommy Lane

We imagine ourselves in the presence of baby Jesus, and Mary and Joseph. We are surprised to see men of eastern appearance come. They see baby Jesus and fall on their knees. They offer him homage and give him presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh, gold because Jesus is king, frankincense since Jesus is divine and myrrh prefiguring his Passion. They tell us about the star and about Herod who knew nothing about Jesus' birth. After their stay they set out on their return journey eastwards but not via Jerusalem since they want to avoid Herod. After their departure we spend time with baby Jesus. Baby Jesus, we do not have gold, frankincense and myrrh to give you but we can give you our love. Let our love be your manger. For a moment now let us love baby Jesus.....

Baby Jesus, even while you were only a little baby you experienced both acceptance from the wise men and rejection from Herod. The wise men and Herod had two opposing attitudes, searching for God and being closed to God. Baby Jesus, we see that the wise men were blessed in their search for you by finding you. We are searching for you too, we want to come ever closer to you. Help us to draw ever closer to you and if we are closed to you like Herod, help us to open so that we can find you. Let us ask Jesus to help us in drawing closer to him.....

Baby Jesus, not only had the wise men and Herod different attitudes to you, they also had different attitudes to life. The wise men were generous, Herod was selfish wanting to hold on to his throne. The magi gave you gifts; Herod killed all boys under two years of age. The wise men were willing to put energy and goodness into life, Herod wanted to get all he could from life. The magi who sacrificed to put into life were happy, Herod who took all he could from life was unhappy. Baby Jesus, help us to foster a healthy attitude towards life, giving and caring, instead of grasping, and being selfish and possessive. Let us pray now asking Jesus to help us develop ever more wholesome attitudes towards life.....

The magi were lucky. They were given the guidance of a star. In the darkness of this world we have all been given help on our journey to God; the beauty of nature, the Word of God in Sacred Scripture, Spirit-filled witnessing and preaching, the faith of others and our own faith. For a moment let us thank God for giving us stars to lead us to him.....

When the wise men arrived in Jerusalem, it seems they no longer had the guidance of the star, otherwise they would not have had to ask Herod for advice. Sometimes we too feel as if we're in the dark, like the magi. Sometimes what or whom we relied on is not there any more. Sometimes we see only darkness around us. But we know that you are there, Jesus, and that eternal life awaits us even if sometimes in this world there is no star for us. Lord, in our moments of darkness without a star, help us not to give up but to keep searching, hoping and praying because that would be the best way forward. Let us pray now for strength to remain steadfast when there is no guiding star

Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus



Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

