

CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

From Our Development

Council Chairman

Phillip R. Houchin

Goal Setting

I am sure that you have heard the old saying “if you don’t know where you are going, any road will lead you there.” With this in mind our CTKC Development Council spent this summer in strategic planning sessions developing goals or if you will, building a road map for our parish. During this process, we needed to study past membership, attendance and financial data of CTKC. During our process about two dozen development council and sub-committee members worked on the development of these goals. Information about what we are doing well was reviewed as well as constructive criticism of what we can do better.

Our stated goals are as follows:

- Increase active Parish membership by the Feast of Christ the King (11-22-20) by:
 - Increasing our weekly average Mass attendance from 1,490 to 2,300.
 - Increasing our number of average weekly identifiable donors from 307 to 550.
 - Increasing our number of registered families in the parish from 1,365 to 1,925.
 - Increasing the number of registered parishioners who participate in at least one organization or ministry.
 - Achieve a substantial number of individuals participating in “ARISE Together in Christ” small groups by Advent 2013.
 - Increasing the number of families with children enrolled in CTK School from 100 to 145 by school year 2019-2020.
 - Increasing CTK School enrollment from 335 to 435 by the school year 2019-2020.
- Burn the mortgage by the Feast of Christ the King (November 22, 2020) by:
 - Increasing average weekly collections from \$16,291 to \$25,000.
 - Implementing an annual renewal of commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure beginning this fall 2013.
 - Increase commitments to the PrAY IT OFF debt reduction campaign through a mid-campaign “refresh” and educational effort targeting parish newcomers, non-pledging parishioners and those who have completed their pledge payment but may wish to continue contributing to this campaign.
 - Create a strategy for the development of endowed funds, legacy gifts and memorial gifts for the parish and school.

As you can see we have a lot to do. Please prayerfully consider your time, talent and treasure as we embark upon this journey!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mercy Sister Lalemant “Lale” Pelikan who was this year's recipient of the 2013 Christian Stewardship Award! Sister Lale is known for her commitment to stewardship and has spent the last 16 years as a coordinator of catechetics and as a lay ecclesial ministry instructor for the Diocese of Lubbock, Texas. Sister Lale was recently honored by the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) which recognizes individuals for their “unique and extraordinary witness to Christian stewardship as a way of life.” We are so proud of her and her dedicated ministry to the people of the diocese!

Please read more about Sister Lale in the South Plains Catholic.



BLESSINGS!!!

FATHER JOY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION



Associate Pastor Father Joy Anthony Thachil, SAC, recently received his Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis commending him for 25 years of priesthood. In honor of his lifelong dedication and priestly ministry to the Church, Christ the King Cathedral held a reception for him at the Family Activity Center on Sunday, May 26, 2013. Father Bill Anton, Deacon Benny Phillips and Knights of Columbus Post President Francisco Sotelo warmly spoke on his behalf. More than 150 parishioners attended the special occasion, which included Indian food, drinks and music.

Father Joy was born and raised in the cities of Cochin and Trichur, India, which are situated on the southwest coast of the Indian peninsula, in the state of Kerala, known as “God’s own country.” His parents named him “Joy” after his birth on Easter Sunday. As a young man, he attended St. Ephraim’s Church where he was active as an altar server and member of the youth choir. In eighth grade he felt his first calling to become a priest. But, despite his strong desire to enter the priesthood, he admits that it was not easy to enter into a minor seminary as a young man. He was an only child and most religious orders had a policy against accepting an only child. He initially tried to join the Carmelites (Congregation of Mary Immaculate or CMI), and was denied. He then tried entering the Salasians (Society of Don Bosco or SDB) and was denied. Finally, because of his dogged persistence, he was accepted by the Pallottines (Society of the Catholic Apostolate or SAC), who made an exception to their policy against taking an only-child into their congregation – he was the first “exception” ever made to their general policy.

What led him to enter the priesthood? He admits that it was the influence of his parish priest and the Carmelite priests who were mostly involved with education and mission work.

By Judy Simmons

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Our committee would like to thank our generous parishioners for their contributions to memorialize and honor their loved ones and friends. What a blessing you have been!

We would like to remind you of our Memorial and Honorarium Plaques on the wall in the south entry to the Cathedral. All donations of \$250 or more in memory of or in honor of a loved one will be acknowledged by engraving the name of your loved one or friend on one of the plaques. What a loving and lasting tribute to those we cherish.

May God bless you as you continue to build up the Kingdom of God.

MEMORIALS

Allas, Marcelino
Dcn. Steve & Catherine Tjia
Allas, Lilia
Dcn. Steve & Catherine Tjia
Bennett, Dr. Samuel A.
Nancy Bryson
Brehm, Katherine
Renée Underwood
Doug & Valerie Hlavaty
Castle, Lillian
Gerry & Sharon Grant
Dcn. Steve & Catherine Tjia
Donaldson, Don
Dcn. Steve & Catherine Tjia
Dcn. Randy & Cindy Canale
Ehlers, Landon
Mary Lee Hoover
Fields, Richard & Rebecca
Doug & Valerie Hlavaty
Gene & Mary Nell King
Gabus, Carol
Bill & Jeanette Hardin

Marx, John N.
Dcn. Steve & Catherine Tjia
Memorial Fund
Juanita Enriquez
Moritz, Roy
James & Risalda Garza
Kathryn Grennell
Barbara Wille
Beryl Schumacher
Pauline Moreno
Gerry & Sharon Grant
Neil & Stacy Graff
Dcn. Steve & Catherine Tjia
Dcn. Randy & Cindy Canale
Mike & Vivian Murphy
Mullen, Thomas
Gerry & Sharon Grant
Dcn. Steve & Catherine Tjia
Phil Houchin (Howard,
Cunningham, Houchin &
Turner, LLP)
Gene & Mary Nell King

O'Shea, John
Rita M O'Shea
Pascua, Federico
Elmer & Dr. Elvira Lim
Rodriquez, Maria
Dcn. Steve & Catherine Tjia
Schwertner, Sr. Martha
Gerry & Sharon Grant
Smith, Elizabeth
Dcn. Steve & Catherine Tjia
Trelford, Mary Lou
Cheryl Schaeffer

HONORARIUMS

Marquez, Manuel
Anonymous
Canale, Deacon Randy
Paul & Mary Lou Mosser
Tjia, Deacon Steve
Paul & Mary Lou Mosser
Schumacher, Beryl
Monday Morning Friends

Christ the King Cathedral welcomes its newest parishioners from the last six months: Joe & Rosie Berumen, Juan & Loretta Chabarria, Juanita Arellano, Arturo & Maria Agustin, Edward & Dena Eady, Jennifer Fuentes, Uzoma & Ewa Anaele, Gary & Lisa Cason, Amber Nunez, Juan & Daniela Sanchez, Matt & Josie Wallerstedt, Darnel & Michelle Dabu, Jose & Elizabeth Fierro, Frankie Flores, Alfredo & Susanna Garcia, Raul & Hortencia Gonzalez, Joseph Navarro, Jacob & Vanessa Pesina, Michael & Laura Bishop, Zach & Lacie Burns, Greg & Eva Castillo, Marty & Erica Elmore, Christina Huerta, Manuel & Stephanie Jimenez, Charles & Lorena Montes, Donald & Melanie Burosh, Adrian Flores, Lanay Sappington, Matthew & Candace Whitaker, Ashli Wieck.



The Light of Faith

Don't forget to read it!!! It will enlighten your Advent, which begins on December 1st!!!!

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:16



2013 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Communal Penance Service - Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Masses

Children's Mass with Gospel Dramatization – 5:30 p.m.

Mass – 8 p.m.

Mass celebrated by Bishop Plácido Rodríguez, CMF – 11 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass

Mass celebrated by Bishop Plácido Rodríguez, CMF – 11 a.m.



" SWEETS WITH SANTA "



**The whole parish is invited to this
Free, Fun Holiday Event!**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
Noon – 2 p.m.**

**Family Activity Center
Bishop Plácido Rodríguez Hall**

Come visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and decorate cookies, as candid photos are taken. The Special Events Committee will provide sugar cookies, icing and sprinkles. So parents, make plans for the children to enjoy this free, fun holiday event!