NEW - Archbishop Cordileone Supports Pope's Message to World Popular Movements

*Papal Letter*

On Easter Sunday, Pope Francis released a Letter to World Popular Movements thanking them for their work among the world's most vulnerable people. The Holy Father noted, "You do not resign yourselves to complaining: you roll up your sleeves and keep working for your families, your communities, and the common good. Your resilience helps me, challenges me, and teaches me a great deal." Read the full document at the link above.

In response to the letter, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone released this short bilingual statement:

"I join my voice to that of Pope Francis in thanking our brothers and sisters of popular movements and organizations for being the face of the compassionate Christ to the face of the suffering Christ. Even with government-sponsored programs, in times of crisis it is always the poor who suffer the most, especially those living in the shadows of society. Thank you for being the “invisible army, fighting in the most dangerous trenches,” bringing light, sustenance and hope to those who are most dear to our loving God."

"Uno mi voz a la del Papa Francisco al agradecer a nuestros hermanos y hermanas de los movimientos y organizaciones populares por ser el rostro del Cristo compasivo ante el rostro del Cristo sufriente. Incluso con programas patrocinados por el gobierno, en tiempos de crisis siempre son los pobres quienes más sufren, especialmente aquellos que viven en las sombras de la sociedad. Gracias por ser el "ejército invisible que pelea en las más peligrosas trincheras," trayendo luz, sustento y esperanza a aquellos que son más queridos a nuestro Dios amoroso."
NEW – Parishes: An Update on Making Donations Easy
Rod Linhares, Development Director  415-614-5581  linharesr@sfarch.org
sfarch.org/lifeline

Pastors and parish staffs are very appreciative of everyone who is continuing their weekly financial support during this time. Weekly collections are critical to maintaining buildings, grounds, and other components of parish life.

There are multiple ways for a parishioner to make their gift to the weekly collection – mailing in or dropping off their envelope, calling in their gift to the parish office, and giving online.

An online gift can be made directly through a parish’s web site (if the parish has online giving) or through the Lifeline giving page on the Archdiocesan web site.

While most parishes offer online giving, several do not. It is very easy and inexpensive to set up online giving in your parish. Most companies are currently waiving the set-up fee, so the cost is usually around $25/month plus a small fee of about $.35 per transaction. Stripe, Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), and eCatholic are the recommended companies. You can be receiving online gifts within one week, and just a handful of people signing up will cover the cost.

The new Lifeline giving page (above) is proving to be very popular. Nearly 300 gifts have been made via Lifeline in just its first two weeks. It is very simple to make a gift via Lifeline – just go to sfarch.org, hit the donate button in the upper right corner, and you will be taken directly to the giving page. Note:

- A donor does not have to set up an account to make gift.
- Funds are transferred to the parishes twice/month via ACH, and the parishes receive gift reports at those times.
- The Archdiocese is currently covering the 2.5% merchant’s processing fee, so there is no cost to the parish.

If you would like more information on online giving, parishes that currently provide it, the recommended companies, or if you have any other questions, please contact Rod Linhares, above.

NEW – V Encuentro Offers Webinars and Facebook Livestreams
Friday, April 24, 11:00 am
contact@vencuentro.org
vencuentro.org/nfcym-webinar-v-encuentro-consultation-reduced

La nueva evangelización y la misión durante COVID-19: Viernes, 24 de abril, 11:00 am PT.

Este seminario web está diseñado para líderes pastorales que sirven a la comunidad católica hispana / latina. Abordará cómo el trabajo de la evangelización en medio de la pandemia de COVID-19 sigue adelante en la Iglesia en los espacios digitales. Los panelistas reflexionarán sobre cómo podemos ser creativos para mantener unida a la comunidad a pesar de las restricciones de distanciamiento social y formas prácticas de traer a Jesús a nuestra comunidad.

New Evangelization and Mission during COVID-19 (Spanish): Friday, April 24, 11:00 am PT.

This webinar is designed for pastoral leaders serving the Hispanic/Latino Catholic community. It will address how the Church’s evangelization efforts in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic continue in digital spaces. Panelists will reflect on how we can be creative in maintaining community despite the restrictions of social distancing, and practical ways of bringing Jesus to our community. The webinar can be joined at the link above.
**UPDATE – Daily Rosary by Phone Continues through May**

*Daily at 7:00 pm*

sfarchdiocese.org/rosary

Please participate with fellow Catholics in prayer for protection from and defeat of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Restorative Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of San Francisco offers a Daily Rosary Rally and Community Prayer, in which we can join together through our phones. The prayer session at 7:00 pm each evening is planned to extend through the end of May. For a complete schedule, and instructions on how to join the community in prayer, visit the Rosary Rally page (above).

**UPDATE – Crisis Grocery Ministry Is Growing, with Your Help**

LifeandDignity@sfarch.org
Information: 415-614-5571  **Hotline: 888-237-7807**

sfarch.org/loveyourneighbor
sfarch.org/amautuprojimo

The Archdiocese of San Francisco’s grocery delivery hotline for those confined at home by health or age during the coronavirus pandemic has started off strong. In just two weeks, 14 parishes in three counties have committed volunteers to deliver groceries to those who call the *Love Your Neighbor* hotline.

Hotline (888-237-7807) calls are answered in Spanish and in English from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Calls received outside of those hours go to the program’s voicemail. For complete information and instructions on how to participate, visit the English webpage or Spanish webpage, above.

The Archdiocese is offering $1,000 grants to each parish which commits to supporting the program, with the funds to be used to purchase groceries. These are monies returned to the Archdiocese from the annual Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl campaign and are designated to be used for alleviation of poverty.

Parishes which have joined the effort to date include:

- St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francisco
- Our Lady of Angels Parish, Burlingame
- St. Anselm Parish, San Anselmo
- St. Brendan Parish, San Francisco
- St. Patrick Parish, San Francisco
- St. Rita Parish, Fairfax
- St. Vincent De Paul Parish, San Francisco
- Most Holy Redeemer Parish, San Francisco
- Our Lady of Mercy, Daly City
- St. Benedict Parish, San Francisco
- St. Hilary Parish, Tiburon
- St. Raphael Parish, San Rafael
- St. Timothy Parish, San Mateo
- Star of the Sea Parish, San Francisco

**NEW – Who Are the Patron Saints of Mental Health?**

Ed Hopfner  415-614-5547  hopfneresfarch.org

sfarch.org/mental-health

A new, specifically Catholic addition to the mental health resources on the archdiocesan website is this article: “Are You Feeling Depressed or Anxious? Five Patron Saints to Invoke.” There are patron saints for almost everything – but to what spiritual support can we look in this difficulty? As one sufferer puts it, “When mental illness crept into my life, I slowly stopped turning to the saints for help.” Read the article to learn that spiritual comfort does not have to drain away in depression. The Mental Health Ministry webpage can help with stress and anxiety during this unprecedented time of pandemic, with many resources both Catholic and secular. Visit the webpage, above.
NEW – Rosary and Novena for Vocations April 24 to May 3 Online

Friday, April 24 – Sunday, May 3, 5:00 pm
Fr. Cameron Faller, Office of Vocations  415-614-5683  faller.cameron@sfarch.org
youtube.com/starparish
facebook.com/starparishsf

The Office of Vocations invites all Catholics to pray for our current seminarians and those being called to enter the seminary, and for an end to the pandemic. Pray the Rosary and Novena Prayer each evening with others (the prayer is livestreamed on both YouTube and Facebook, above) in a Novena to St. Charles Borromeo. The Novena will culminate in the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 3. St. Charles Borromeo was a priest who helped to care for the sick in a plague during the 1600s in Milan. He also is the patron saint of seminarians. Click here for the St. Charles Borromeo Novena Prayer in PDF format. Questions? Please contact Fr. Cameron Faller, above.

NEW – Adult Confirmation Classes: Register by April 22
St. Celeste Arbuckle  arbucklec@sfarch.org  415-614-5652.

Adult Confirmation Classes for April 24 and 25 in English and Spanish offered by the Office of Faith Formation will be continuing. These class modules will be offered online or hard copy depending on needs. Candidates must be registered by April 22. Once the modules and work have been completed the parish representative will be contacted to say the work has been completed. Please contact Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, above, with any questions. For the flyer and registration form, both English and Spanish, click here.

NEW – May Dinner for Pius X Awards Has Been Canceled
St. Celeste Arbuckle  arbucklec@sfarch.org  415-614-5652.

The annual Pius X Recognition Dinner scheduled for May has been canceled. The recognitions can be sent to the parishes for distribution there. Programs that want to give out the awards in the parish community should fill out the forms and return as soon as possible to the Office of Faith Formation. Please contact Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, above, with any questions.

NEW – Daily and Weekly Current Events Newsletters
catholic-sf.org

During the coronavirus crisis, the archdiocesan newspaper Catholic San Francisco offers a daily e-mail newsletter. “Coronavirus and the Catholic Response” is a brief message, sent each morning, with links to selected news ranging from local to global. Sign-up is free and entails no obligation. Visit the Catholic San Francisco website (above) or simply click here to sign up.

The archdiocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity (HLD) offers its weekly e-mailed “social action newsletter” titled Just 3 Things. Each Wednesday morning, the newsletter contains three selected items on issues relating to human dignity, respect for life, justice, ethics, and citizenship. Find unfailingly interesting news, ideas, and priorities in Just 3 Things. Subscription is free. To sign up, visit the HLD webpage here: sfarchdiocese.org/hld.

NEW — Mosaic TV: Years of Shows Are Available Online

KPIX television Channel 5, CBS Bay Area
sfarch.org/mosaic-tv

A fixture in the Archdiocesan communication effort for more than four decades is the first-Sunday-each-month broadcast of Mosaic TV. The half-hour talk show welcomes Catholic leaders, thinkers, teachers, and experts from the Bay Area and beyond, to discuss Catholic matters and to provide education, information, guidance, and
personal witness. Because of current public-health orders, KPIX has suspended taping new shows at this time. The good news is that you can view several years of past broadcasts on your computer or mobile device any time you want. Have you missed past episodes? Each 23-minute video is an opportunity to connect with your Archdiocesan community, to meet Catholic personalities, and to enjoy vital discussion of both what-is-the-latest and what-is-enduring in Catholic life. Visit the webpage, above.

NEW - Online Auction April 23 Funds Urgent Needs at St. Vincent de Paul Society

The 10th annual Hands & Hearts Making a Difference dinner will be an on-line auction event this year due to the shelter-in-place orders. From the comfort of your home, log in on April 23 to bid on items and packages that have been generously donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Sample items: Draeger's Cooking School for 12; St. Helena Getaway; Half Moon Bay golf package. There is also an option to make a direct donation. This event supports the Safety-Net Services, needed now more than ever as there is an unprecedented wave of need in our communities.

NEW – Phone Helpline from California Department of Aging
California Aging & Adults Information Line

The California Department of Aging (CDA) has partnered with The Institute on Aging to expand the Friendship Line’s ability to accept calls from older Californians from any county. The Friendship Line is the only accredited crisis line in the country for older adults, adults living with disabilities, and their caregivers.

The phone line is staffed with specialists who provide emotional support, grief support, active suicide intervention, information, and referrals. Sometimes the road to happiness begins by simply saying hello to someone who cares. If you, or a loved one, could benefit from a friendly conversation, the hotline is 1-888-670-1360.

For more information on adults and aging services, call California Aging & Adults Information Line at 1-800-510-2020 or go to aging.ca.gov. Parishes, please share this information with your community.

NEW – San Francisco Public Transit Help for Seniors
SFMTA.com/ETC

The city bus and train system, SFMTA, has made reductions in service during this crisis. Many people with disabilities and older adults do not have access to their regular transportation. The SFMTA is offering the Essential Trip Card to help older adults and people with disabilities take and pay for essential trips in taxis. An adult 65 or older or a person with a disability can apply for the Essential Trip Card by calling 311 and mentioning the Essential Trip Card. More information can be found at the website, above. Parishes, please share this information with your community.

RCIA Initiations Move to May 30, Vigil of Pentecost
Laura Bertone, Office of Worship   415-614-5586   bertonel@sfarch.org

In the Archdiocese of San Francisco, initiation into the Catholic Church, traditionally done at the Easter Vigil, will occur this year on May 30, the vigil of Pentecost, because of the ongoing closure of public Masses. Archbishop Cordileone has selected the vigil of Pentecost as a replacement because of its close connection to the descent of the Holy Spirit, and because of the hope that restrictions on public gatherings will have been lifted then. For complete information on this matter, read the article in Catholic San Francisco newspaper.
St. Mary’s Cathedral Offers Crisis Prayer Helplines
Deacon R. Christoph Sandoval  Rcs7777@comcast.net

All are invited to e-mail prayer petitions to Deacon Sandoval at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. We will remember those who are suffering illness of spirit, mind, or body, those who are grieving, and those who are infected or affected by the coronavirus. Crisis Helpline Prayer Phone Support is also available. Please e-mail your request for an appointment by phone. We are available particularly for those who are sick, homebound, or in hospital, and those are infected and affected by the coronavirus.

The 12-Step Way in COVID Time: Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP
Saturday, April 25, 9:30 – 11:30 am
Richard at ollipops@comcast.net or Judy at 12StepEvent@gmail.com

All are welcome to join Fr. Terry Ryan online for reflections on The 12-Step Way in COVID Time. This is a Zoom virtual workshop. The 12 Steps and the 11th Step practice of prayer and meditation can open us to the experience of a higher power gazing upon us as we truly are. For reservations, use the e-mails above. A flyer is here.

CHANCERY ADMINISTRATION

NEW – Chancery Online Meetings and Reports by Staff
Communication Office  comms@sfarch.org

Chancery employees have been working from home in compliance with government shelter-in-place directives. Our usual communication and community are being accomplished via weekly Zoom meetings, with 90 or more people “face-to-face” with one another on computer and phone screens, making their reports, discussing issues, and praying together online. Know that we are working hard to support the parishes, schools, and faithful of the Archdiocese, and we remain available to you via the usual email channels. As some employees have remote access to their chancery phones and some do not, it is best to communicate initially via email rather than leave a voicemail on a chancery phone.

NEW – Oregon Catholic Press Requirements for Online Liturgies
Mary DiCamillo, OCP Parish Ministry Consultant  maryd@ocp.org  1-800-548-8749 (ext 5324)

Oregon Catholic Press (OCP) has released requirements for parishes in regard to livestreaming, podcasting, and the proper licenses and permissions required. Click here for the detailed OCP sheet of current information on these topics: Music Licensing Requirements for Livestream Masses, Use of Worship Aids and Projections, Correct Citation of Permissions to Podcast/Stream, Reporting Music Use Weekly, and OCP Parish Grant Applications.

Parish Livestreams of Liturgies and More
Jan Potts, Department of Communication 415-614-5638 potts@sfarch.org sfarch.org/livestreams

Archbishop Cordileone celebrates nonpublic Mass in St. Mary’s Cathedral daily (M-F) at 7:30 am; on Saturdays at 8:00 am; and on Sundays at 11:00 am or 1:00 pm (Spanish). All Masses from the Cathedral are livestreamed. Each Mass can be experienced live online or viewed later (youtube.org/archdioceseofsanfrancisco/watch) Audio of the Archbishop’s homilies is posted on the website (sfarch.org/homilies) and in our podcast (archdiocesesf.libsyn.com).
Many parishes are also livestreaming daily and weekend Masses, as well as talks, retreats, reflections, and more, in which the faithful are invited to participate in their homes. A growing list of those is found on the webpage sfarch.org/livestreams. Please check to see if yours is listed and accurate; contact J. A. Gray, grayj@sfarch.org, with any updates.

If you are not streaming, please be sure to make your parishioners aware of these opportunities (share the above link in website, emails, mailings, etc.). With the statewide shelter-in-place directives, livestreaming is one of the best ways to connect ‘personally’ and directly with our parishioners. Some recommendations for effective use of your time online with parishioners are at sfarch.org/streamtips.

Archdiocesan Website Is Information Source and Spiritual Resource
sfarch.org/health-alerts

The website also offers online Prayers (sfarch.org/prayers) and Devotionals (sfarch.org/devotionals), a guide for Keeping the Sabbath Holy at Home (sfarch.org/keeping-the-sabbath), and fresh resources and real-time links to important Catholic events. Visit frequently to learn the latest and to support your life of faith.

JOB LISTINGS

There are no job listings in The Bridge until further notice. To view current job listings, please visit the Archdiocesan website’s Employment Opportunities Page.