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Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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WEBSITES

Parish: www.steugenes.com
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REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. & Sp. 6:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call 539-2772.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass.

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop is open Tues & Wed 9:30 – 2:30
Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30
& Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 19, 2020

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY JANUARY 19

Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00
Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30
pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
RCIA/RCIF Classes – Becker Center – 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY JANUARY 20

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Rosary for Life – Chapel - 9:00 am
Baptism Class – PLC – 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY JANUARY 21

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am
Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
School Mass – Cathedral – 9:20 a.m.
Legion of Mary – PLC – 5:30 pm

THURSDAY JANUARY 23

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Knights of Columbus Bible Study – PLC – 6:00 pm

FRIDAY JANUARY 24

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Bible Study – PLC – 9:30 am – 11:30 am

SATURDAY JANUARY 25

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession - Cathedral -3:00 – 4:30 pm
Mass – Cathedral -4:30 pm; 6:30 pm (Spanish)

~THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY~

What does it mean to worship God? How ought we to understand the Liturgy? If Jesus came to bring "worship in Spirit and Truth", why do so many Christians worship in a particular place (church), at a particular time (Sundays), following a particular pattern of worship (liturgy and ritual)? Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI answers these and other important questions in his classic work, *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. Explore his answers as Mark Brumley, Catholic convert and president of Ignatius Press, leads a nine session course based on *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. Classes began on Thursday, January 16, but please join as they continue **January 23, 30; Feb. 6,13,27; Mar. 5, 12 & 19.** Sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. and will take place at Kolbe Academy-Trinity Prep, 2055 Redwood Rd. in Napa.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Weeks of: 12/29/19

Sunday Donations Received:	\$ 13,293
Collection Revenue Received for: <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 4,829

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

During the month of January, we have a great sale! The book, "Soul of the Apostolate" is 25% off. According to the publisher, "Author Dom Chartraud demonstrates that the very foundation of all apostolic work must be the Interior Life. When one is involved in works of spiritual or corporal charity, his work can only be efficacious when he anchors his Interior Life to Christ. Without Christ we can do nothing." Please stop in and see us! The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at 542-0250.

~2019 CHARITABLE DONATION LIST~

St. Eugene's greatly appreciates your donations to the Sunday collections. A year-end list of donations suitable for tax purposes are provided to parishioners who use offertory envelopes, credit cards or online banking direct pay for Sunday collections. **NOTE:** Tax statements are sent to envelope users **upon request only**. If you wish to receive a tax statement, email office@steugenes.com or call 542-6984 ext. 13. Be sure to include your envelope number.

~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS ~

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? Have new family members since you registered in the parish? Have your children grown up and left home? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. You can Email changes to maria@steugenes.com, or call 542-6984 ext. 10,

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

~ICF SCHOLARSHIPS~

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) will be awarding scholarships to high school graduates. If the candidate is Catholic, has a GPA of at least 3.2 and any Italian ancestry, s/he is eligible to apply! See your high school counselor for an application or contact Robert Acquistapace at 545-7376 before Jan. 31, 2020.

~SECOND COLLECTION~

Our second collection this weekend, January 18 & 19, is for the school Tuition Assistance Program. Our second collection next weekend, January 25 & 26, will be for the Church in Latin America.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 18
8:00 am	McShane & Stronge Families, living & deceased
4:30 pm	Oralia Martinez Guzman de Salinas, deceased
6:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	January 19
7:30 am	Henry and Regina Arend, deceased
9:00 am	Robert Covella, deceased
10:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	Deirdre McCormick, deceased
1:30 pm	Lucille Mahoney, deceased
5:30 pm	Rochelle Kelso, living
6:00 pm (SSU Newman Center)	For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.
Monday	January 20
6:45 am	Graham Mann, deceased
8:00 am	Robert Cook Family, living and deceased
Tuesday	January 21
6:45 am	All Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Lisa Tran, living
Wednesday	January 22
6:45 am	Jovencio Sanchez, deceased
8:00 am	Respect Life, Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children
9:20 am (Sch)	John Baptist, deceased
Thursday	January 23
6:45 am	People of St. Eugene's
8:00 am	Paul Palanos, deceased
Friday	January 24
6:45 am	Maria Mullen, living
8:00 am	George Skikos, deceased
12:00 pm Hosp.	Anita and Bill Boyko, deceased
Saturday	January 25
8:00 am	William E. Douglas, deceased
4:30 pm	Meghan McCurry, living
6:30 pm (Sp)	Margarita Avina Patino, deceased

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

~IN NEED OF PRAYERS~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Luigi Fabiano, Leo Del Santo, Daniel Velasquez, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Thomas Patrick, Aida Catapang, Hike Kazarian, John Bugbee, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport,

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~WALK FOR LIFE~

The Knights of Columbus is organizing a bus trip to the 2020 "Walk for Life" in San Francisco on Saturday, January 25th. The Bus will leave St. Eugene's at 8:00am and drop us off at St. Mary's Cathedral for 9:30am Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone. After Mass we will walk to the SF Civic Center for the rally. There are restaurants along the way. The Rally begins at 12:30pm, followed by "The Walk for Life" down Market Street at 1:30pm. We will board our bus at the end of "The Walk" around 3:30pm and we will arrive back at St. Eugene's before 5pm. Bus Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office and will be sold on a first come/first served basis. The cost is \$25.

~CELEBRATING MARRIAGE MASS~

Bishop Vasa and the Marriage and Family Life Office will be sponsoring a "Celebrating Marriage Mass" for married couples within the Diocese of Santa Rosa. The Mass and reception will be held on **Sunday, February 9th, 2020** at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa. The Mass will begin at **3:00 PM** with a reception to follow at 4:30 PM in the Msgr. Becker Center. Special recognition will be offered to those married couples reaching "milestone" anniversaries (5, 10, 25, etc.). Special guest at the reception will be **Patrick Coffin**, Catholic speaker and author and host of *The Patrick Coffin Show*, a podcast on faith and culture. So married couples, mark your calendar and plan on attending the "Celebrating Marriage Mass" on World Marriage Day, Feb. 9, 2020! For the reception, please RSVP to the Marriage and Family Life Office by Monday, February 3rd, at www.familylife@srdiocese.org or call (707) 566-3305.

SAVE THE DATE

~UPCOMING ORDINATION~

On Saturday, March 7, at 10:00 am, His Excellency, Bishop Robert Vasa, will ordain Deacons Thomas Stuart and John Plass to the Holy Priesthood here at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. A reception will follow in the Msgr. Becker Center. All are invited to attend this most joyous and holy occasion.

IN MEMORIAM

†CARMELLA HANSON†

Please remember Carmella Hanson and her family and friends in your prayers and Masses. She passed away on 12-27-19 "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace.*

†COLEEN JOHNSON†

Please remember Coleen Johnson and her family and friends in your prayers and Masses. She passed away on 01-04-20. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace.*

The bulletin item deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. E-mail items to: office@steuigenes.com. We reserve the right to edit or omit items.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY

~FROM THE PASTOR~

In our Gospel reading today, John the Baptist said, in regard to the baptism of Jesus, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.” This dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, leads us to explore a bit more, the role of the Holy Spirit, including an answer to “what is the unforgiveable sin against the Holy Spirit? We will also take a look at some of the lesser

THE HOLY SPIRIT

~COMMON MYTHS~

The Holy Spirit is probably the most misunderstood of the three persons of the Trinity. Don’t believe any of these myths, and help spread the truth!

Myth 1: The Holy Spirit is a “force.” **Truth:** The Holy Spirit is actually a *person*, just like the Father and the Son. The fact he is called “Spirit,” rather than a term we’re used to using for people (like Father and Son), might make this confusing, but he is a person nonetheless.

Myth 2: The Holy Spirit didn’t exist in the Old Testament. **Truth:** The Holy Spirit has *always* been the third person of the Trinity from all eternity, including during the Old Testament. Whenever God does something in the Old Testament, that’s the Holy Spirit at work!

Myth 3: The Holy Spirit is of a lesser status than the Father and the Son. **Truth:** Yes, we call the Holy Spirit the *third* person of the Trinity. But this refers to relations between the divine persons and does not indicate any lesser status. All three persons are co-equal, as is confessed in the Athanasian Creed.

Myth 4: The Holy Spirit is just a part of God. **Truth:** Actually all three persons of the Trinity are *all* of God. This might be confusing, but God has no parts. Anything God does, all three persons do, including the Holy Spirit.

Myth 5: A true Christian with the Holy Spirit will “speak in tongues.”

Truth: First, there is a great deal of controversy over what “speaking in tongues” even means. Though many modern Christians believe it refers to a Christian speaking what sounds like gibberish, traditionally it was understood as the gift to speak in multiple real human languages, as the Apostles did at Pentecost. In any case, the Church teaches that a person receives the Holy Spirit and becomes a Christian at Baptism, and is strengthened in the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, regardless of whether one evidences “speaking in tongues.” <https://churchpop.com/2017/06/03/5-myths-about-the-holy-spirit-that-too-many-people-still-believe-maybe-even-you/>



BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY

~WHAT IS THIS?~

“The Church is crystal clear that there are “no limits to the mercy of God.” (CCC 1864) Jesus Christ died for everyone’s sins, and anyone who repents of his sins and follows Christ can receive forgiveness and new life. So then, why does Jesus say in the Gospels that “whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”? (Mark 3.29) Is this some sort of exception that we must be wary of? Yes, but not in the way you might expect. And here’s why. But first, let’s look at what Christ says exactly. Our Lord’s teaching on “blasphemy of the Holy Spirit” is recorded in all three of the Synoptic Gospels. In Mark, Jesus says: “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but **whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.**” (Mark 3.28-29) Matthew and Luke have something similar. How are Christians to understand this? Thankfully, the *Catechism* addresses this teaching directly:

“There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit. Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss.” (CCC 1864)

~A REJECTION OF FORGIVENESS~

“In other words, the *Catechism* says that “blasphemy of the Holy Spirit” is **rejecting the forgiveness of God all the way to the end of one’s life**. It’s blasphemy of the Holy Spirit because salvation is offered to every person by the Holy Spirit. (But don’t all three persons of the Trinity offer salvation? See the Principle of Appropriation.) Pope St. John Paul II explains this in his encyclical on the Holy Spirit, *Dominum et vivificantem*: “Why is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit unforgivable? [...] St. Thomas Aquinas replies that it is a question of a sin that is ‘unforgivable by its very nature, insofar as it excludes the elements through which the forgiveness of sin takes place.’”

~HUMILITY, REPENTENCE, ACCEPTANCE~

“According to such an exegesis, “blasphemy” does not properly consist in offending against the Holy Spirit in words; it consists rather in the refusal to accept the salvation which God offers to man through the Holy Spirit, working through the power of the Cross.” So should we all be wary of committing the sin of blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? Not in the sense that we should be worried about committing a sin so bad that God can’t forgive it *if we repent*. No such sin exists. But we should be wary about refusing God’s forgiveness. After we die, there will be no second chances. In his loving kindness, God has offered us a chance for salvation. We should humbly, and speedily, repent of our sins and accept God’s gratuitous gift of grace.”
<https://churchpop.com/2016/08/23/the-eternal-sin-the-true-meaning-of-blasphemy-against-the-holy-spirit/>

SAINTS OF JANUARY

~ST. BERARD & COMPANIONS~

Preaching the gospel is often dangerous work. Leaving one’s homeland and adjusting to new cultures, governments and languages is difficult enough; but martyrdom caps all the other sacrifices. In 1219, with the blessing of Saint Francis, Berard left Italy with Peter, Adjute, Accurs, Odo and Vitalis to preach in Morocco. En route in Spain, Vitalis became sick and commanded the other friars to

continue their mission without him. They tried preaching in Seville, then in Muslim hands, but made no converts. They went on to Morocco where they preached in the marketplace. The friars were immediately apprehended and ordered to leave the country; they refused. When they began preaching again, an exasperated sultan ordered them executed. After enduring severe beatings and declining various bribes to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ, the friars were beheaded by the sultan himself on January 16, 1220. These were the first Franciscan martyrs. When Francis heard of their deaths, he exclaimed, “Now I can truly say that I have five Friars Minor!” Their relics were brought to Portugal where they prompted a young Augustinian canon to join the Franciscans and set off for Morocco the next year. That young man was Anthony of Padua. These five martyrs were canonized in 1481.” Their feast day is January 16.

~ST. EMERENTIANA~

“In the account of the martyrdom of St. Emerentiana we find confirmed the Church’s constant teaching on the Baptism of Blood. Raised to the altar and included in the Liturgical Calendar, this Roman girl (circa 304 A.D.), daughter of a slave of the wealthy noble family of Agnes, was still a catechumen and not yet baptized when Agnes was martyred. Emerentiana’s mother was the wet nurse and nanny of St. Agnes. The influence of the Christian patrician parents and the example of their virtuous daughter, Agnes, had a profound effect on the servant and her daughter, Emerentiana. A slave by birth but a “milk-sibling” [to Agnes], Emerentiana was inspired by her mistress Agnes, who was teaching her the holy Faith so that she might be baptized a Christian. The prefect ordered St. Agnes’ throat be slit before a large crowd. Her course of study was abruptly ended with the glorious death of Agnes. Several days after Agnes was publicly martyred, which Emerentiana probably witnessed, she went to the tomb to pray. Mocked by a group of pagans who saw her there grieving, she courageously defended her mistress. This brave rebuttal raised the fury of a group of pagans and they stoned Emerentiana to death on the very tomb of her dear mistress Agnes. The tomb of the teacher became the throne of martyrdom for the disciple.” St. Emerentiana’s feast day is on January 23rd.
<http://www.catholictradition.org/Saints/feast-days.htm>

CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 19 de Enero del 2020

ORACION A SAN MIGUEL ARCANGEL

SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímele Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tu príncipe de la milicia celestial arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amen.



Nota:

Por recomendación de nuestro Obispo R. Vasa aprender de memoria esta oración y hacerla después de que termina la Santa Misa. (claro que usted puede rezarla lo mas seguido posible)

~ CAMINATA POR LA VIDA ~

Los Caballeros de Colón están organizando un viaje en autobús al "Walk for Life" o caminata por la vida del 2019 en San Francisco que se llevara acabo el Sábado 25 de Enero.

El autobús saldrá de St. Eugene's a las 8:00 am y nos dejará en la Catedral de St. Mary's para la Santa Misa de 9:30 am celebrada por el Arzobispo Cordileone.

Después de la Santa Misa caminaremos hacia el Centro Cívico de San Francisco para el rally. Hay restaurantes en el camino por si necesitas comer o puedes llevar tu propia comida y comer antes de que comience el rally. El rally comienza a las 12:30 pm, seguido de 'The Walk' o caminata por la vida por Market Street a la 1:30 pm.

Abordaremos nuestro autobús al final de 'The Walk' alrededor de las 3:30 pm y regresaremos a St. Eugene's antes de las 5pm.

Los boletos de autobús se pueden comprar en la oficina parroquial y se venderán por orden de llegada. El costo es de \$ 25.

CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL

Lunes -Legión de María: Nuestra Señora del Carmen Presídium PLC 5:00pm.

Legión de María: Nuestra Señora de Fátima Presídium en el PLC 7:00pm.

Cursillos: Ultreya PLC 7:00pm.

Martes -Grupo de Oración Shalom en el salón del Brinker a las 7:00pm.

Viernes -Grupo de Oración Carismática Familias Unidas en el Espíritu Santo, en el salón del Brinker a las 7:00pm.

-Armada Blanca 7:00pm.

Sábado -Confesiones de 3:00pm a 4:30pm

Santo Rosario 6:00pm.

Santa Misa 6:30pm.

Confesiones después de Misa

PLANIFICACION FAMILIAR

Quieres Mejorar tu matrimonio!

Curso de Planificación Natural de la Familia

Para Parejas Casadas o Comprometidas

Parish Life Center en la Catedral de St. Eugene, 2323 Montgomery Drive

Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Sábados en 2020: 8 de Febrero, 7 de Marzo, 18 de Abril 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hay cuidado para niños y bocadillo

Para registrar, llama a Maria Sanchez al:

542-6984 x0

Hemos invitado a unos instructores de Alameda a venir para darnos la oportunidad de tener clases en español. Es un gran oportunidad para crecimiento

CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

Preparación Pre-Bautismal en Español, Para Padres y Padrinos. Cada Primer Jueves de cada mes en el Salón Parroquial (PLC) La próxima será: el 6 de Febrero a las 7:00pm.

NO NIÑOS.

Antes de hacer preparativos tienen que hablar a la oficina mínimo 2 meses antes de la Ceremonia.

Si los padrinos son una pareja (matrimonio) necesitamos copia del certificado de Matrimonio a la Iglesia. (La Iglesia nos pide a una persona para que sea el padrino o madrina, no precisamente una pareja, siempre y cuando esta tenga la moral católica es decir que practique la Fe)

Beata Laura Vicuña. (Parte I)

Laura del Carmen Vicuña Pino, conocida como Laura Vicuña, nació en Santiago, Chile, el 5 de abril de 1891, hija legítima de José Domingo Vicuña y Mercedes Pino, fue bautizada el mismo año de su nacimiento en la parroquia Santa Ana en Santiago.

En 1891 año de la guerra civil en Chile, Claudio Vicuña pariente lejano del padre de Laura, se postulaba como sucesor del presidente José Manuel Balmaceda, pero este no pudo acceder al cargo, comenzando una persecución contra todos los que llevaban el apellido Vicuña. Por este motivo, el papá de Laura tuvo que buscar refugio en el exilio, estableciéndose en Temuco.

Encontrándose en el exilio el 22 de mayo de 1894, le nace al matrimonio su segunda hija Julia Amanda y a los pocos meses muere el padre, dejando a su esposa y a sus hijas sin fondos, sin un futuro claro y con el riesgo que implicaba llevar el apellido. La Madre se dedicó al oficio de costurera y estableció un pequeño negocio de paquetería, siendo luego desvalijada por ladrones, a lo que Doña Mercedes, atraída por la posibilidad de prosperar más, tomó la decisión de emigrar atravesando la cordillera, así fue que emprendieron el viaje dirigiéndose a Neuquén a la localidad llamada Ñorquín, luego se detuvo en Las Lajas para posteriormente establecerse en la localidad de Chapelco, en la estancia de Quilquihué de Junin de los Andes en Argentina.

La madre de Laura conoce a Manuel Mora un gaucho prepotente, perverso y grosero, que pretendía que todos hicieran su voluntad, este le ofrece trabajo en su hacienda, como dueña de casa. Esta pobre mujer motivada por la miseria en que vivía ella y sus hijas acepta convivir en unión libre con este hombre que no tenía ninguna intención de casarse con ella.

Enterada doña Mercedes de la existencia de un colegio para niñas las llevo a inscribirse en el año de 1900, siendo internadas. Laura que contaba con la edad de 9 años y Julia 6 años, ingresan al colegio de María Auxiliadora, a pesar de la separación con su madre, la entrada al colegio fue para la niña mayor una gran alegría. Laura era de carácter suave y de temperamento inclinado a la virtud, su directora se refiere a que su inocente corazón no hallaba la paz y descanso, sino en las cosas de Dios. Estando en el colegio Laura adquiere conciencia de la situación de su madre, en un curso que impartía la Hermana Azocar sobre los sacramentos en especial sobre el matrimonio, dedujo que su mamá estaba en pecado, desde entonces Laura comenzó a multiplicar sus oraciones y penitencia para obtener la vuelta de su madre a Dios y su separación del hombre con el que convivía. Experimentaba un hondo sufrimiento de saber a su madre alejada de Dios.

A la edad de 10 años recibe la Primera Comunión, para ella fue una gran fiesta, derramando lágrimas de alegría, lo único que ensombreció el gozo de ese día fue observar que su madre no se acercaba a la Comunión con ella. Ese mismo año de su primera comunión, Laura fue admitida entre las Hijas de María, su hermana Julia Amanda afirma que: fue uno de los días más felices para ella. Vestida de Blanco, con una franja azul la aspirante se acercaba al sacerdote que le entregaba la cinta celeste con la medalla y el manual de Hija de María. Donde les decía Recibe esta cinta y esta medalla como insignia de María Inmaculada y señal externa de tu consagración a esta dulce Madre, recuérdate que llevándola debes demostrarte como digna hija en la inocencia y la santidad de vida.

Lejos del colegio y encontrándose de vacaciones en la estancia, le causaba horror a Laura ya que lo veía como un lugar ajeno a Dios y donde su misma madre se veía envuelta en el pecado mortal y la condenación eterna. Manuel Mora trata de irrespetarla, pero ella no lo permite, un día llegó borracho y dio rienda suelta a sus bajos sentimientos, arrojando fuera de la casa a la madre de Laura, para quedarse a solas con la niña pero ésta lo resistió y logró librarse de la emboscada. Poco tiempo después durante la fiesta de la marcadora a hierro de los animales nacidos en el año, volvió con sus malas intenciones. Pretendiendo abrir el baile de la fiesta, la invita a bailar y al ser nuevamente rechazado la arrojó fuera de la casa, en represalia Manuel Mora se negó a seguir pagando el colegio de las niñas para que permanecieran en la estancia trabajando. Al enterarse de lo sucedido la directora le ofreció a la madre recibir a las niñas gratuitamente. Laura volvió al colegio, pero su hermana se quedó con su mamá y ya no volvió a la escuela.