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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Entrance is located at the North end of the Rectory

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 12 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: 8:00a.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 Annette (English) at: (707) 542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: (707) 710-5094

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary takes place Monday – Saturday at 7:25 a.m. in the Cathedral

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

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30 am-4:30pm & Sun 8:30am-1:30pm, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: (707)542-0250

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon,
1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
RCIA – PLC Hope Rm. – 10:30 am
Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC – 9:00 am
Parish School of Religion – 3:45 pm – Becker Ctr.
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Outdoor Rosary – Fatima Grotto – 6:00 pm
Baptism Class – PLC – 5:00 pm

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Bible Study – Parish Life Center (Hope Rm) – 9:00 am

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession – Cathedral 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm Spanish

2nd COLLECTION INFORMATION

~NO SECOND COLLECTION~

This weekend, September 23 & 24, there will be no Second Collection. Next weekend, Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, the Second Collection will be for our Religious Education Program. As always, thank you for your generosity!

~PARKING LOT REMINDERS~

The parking lot is very busy. Please be safe when using it!

- Observe all parking lot rules – directional signs, **no parking in reserved spaces**, fire lanes (red zones) and driving lanes.
- Drive slowly & carefully and watch for pedestrians – especially young children
- Hold conversations in safe areas rather than in the parking lot.
- Lock your vehicle and keep valuables out of plain sight.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 9/10/23

Sunday Donations Received:	\$10, 658.
Second Collection: Mission Co-Op	\$12,158.

~ CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS ~

The month of September is the month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. In honor of Mary's sorrow over her Son's suffering and death, our Special of the Month is 25% off all wall and standing crucifixes. All Catholic homes should have at least one crucifix hanging on the wall! Please stop in and see what we have to offer! 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: 707-542-0250.

~ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT~

The St. Eugene's Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year of 2022-2023 is now available in the Parish Office. Please stop by and take one if you are interested.

~NOTICE OF DEADLINE~

Deadline for filing abuse or other claims against the Diocese of Santa Rosa in regard to: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa, Case No. 23-10113. On March 13, 2023, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa aka Diocese of Santa Rosa ("Debtor") filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. **If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by October 20, 2023, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.** Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before March 13, 2023, **must be filed on or before October 20, 2023**, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before March 13, 2023. For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsr, or contact Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via e-mail at rcbsantarosainfo@drc.equiniti.com or toll free at 1-800-236-1551, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), Monday through Friday. **If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Diocese of Santa Rosa, please also visit the website at <https://srdiocese.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Reorganization.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 23
8:00 am	Esmeralda Lopez, deceased
4:30 pm	Kathy Wable, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Ricardo Olvera Galvan, deceased
Sunday	September 24
7:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
9:00 am	George Skikos, deceased
10:30 am	Eleuteria M. Marapao, deceased
12:00 pm	Michelle & Jason Royer, deceased
1:30 pm (EF)	Mary Jane McCall, deceased
5:30 pm	Santa Rosa Fijian Catholic Community, living & deceased
6:00pm Newman Ctr.	Huy Pham, living
Monday	September 25
6:45 am	Humberto Ordonez, deceased
8:00 am	Michael Russell, Jr., deceased
Tuesday	September 26
6:45 am	Maria Lira, deceased
8:00 am	Rabaka Family, living & deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Hugo Sanchez-Barba, living
Wednesday	September 27
6:45 am	Briana Ponce, living
8:00 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
Thursday	September 28
6:45 am	Petra Banuelos, deceased
8:00 am	Briseida Liani Monterroso, living
Friday	September 29
6:45 am	Respect Life
8:00 am	Michael Taylor Shaklik, living
12:00 pm (Hosp)	Caroline De Souza, deceased
Saturday	September 30
8:00 am	Esmeralda Lopez, deceased
4:30 pm	Alfonsina Masi, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Elin Vasquez, living

~PRAY THE ROSARY~

Just a reminder that every morning, Monday-Saturday, the Rosary is prayed in the Cathedral at 7:25 am. We also gather every Wednesday, at 6:00 pm, at our Fatima Grotto to pray this most powerful of prayers. Please join us!

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

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~40 DAYS FOR LIFE~

The "40 Days for Life" Fall Campaign starts Wednesday, Sept. 27 and ends on Sunday, Nov. 5. Join us as we kick-off the campaign on Tuesday, Sept. 26, beginning with Holy (Latin) Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a pot-luck dinner in the PLC. If your last name begins with: A - G bring a main dish; H- P bring salads; Q-V bring refreshments and W-Z bring desserts. Our opening prayer on Sept. 27 will take place at 11:00 am at the Planned Parenthood located at 1140 Sonoma Ave. in Santa Rosa. For more information, please call Judy @ 707-477-8937, Mary @ 707-321-8948 & (Español) Theresa @ 707-795-8890.

~BLUE MASS~

In two weeks, on Sunday, October 8, Bishop Vasa will celebrate a "Blue" Mass at 10:30 am. A Blue Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the church for those employed in the field of public safety, which includes police officers, firefighters, corrections officers and paramedics. In the United States, the Blue Mass tradition began in September 1934, when Father Thomas Dade of the Archdiocese of Baltimore formed the Catholic Police and Fireman's Society. That year, the first Blue Mass was celebrated for police officers and firefighters. The name comes from the traditional uniform color associated with law enforcement. If you or a family member is in the field of Public Safety, please mark this date on your calendar and join us at the Cathedral for Holy Mass!

~SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL~

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul District Council of Sonoma County is hosting a Retreat: "Journey Together Toward Holiness" on Tuesday, September 26th, from 10:00 am-2:00pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1244 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa. Call 650-274-9941 for more information.

~HELPING HANDS NEEDED~

We are in need of some "helping hands" to help clean the Cathedral for one hour after the 8:00 am Saturday Mass and prayers (8:45 am). Those who volunteer are requested to commit to each (or every other) Saturday. Please call Nancy Nakai if you'd like to help! 707-328-0426.

~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales, Nick Sidjakov, Sandi Picconi, Joan Cosgrove, Denise Ealy, Becky Harber, Ernest Lanford, Daniel Bruce Moore, Megan Ingrassia, Art Haake, Rosalie Elliott and Eric Oser.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

MY WAYS ARE NOT YOUR WAYS

~FROM THE PASTOR~

In our first reading today from Isaiah, we read, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways," says the LORD. This sentiment fits nicely with the Gospel reading today from St. Mathew, where we read the parable of the landowner and those he hires throughout the day for the same wage. Both of these readings remind us of the many, many times in our lives when we scratch our heads and say, "That is not fair! ... "I don't understand." "I don't agree with that teaching because it does not make sense to me." We become so used to seeing life through our own lens, that we forget that God's lens is generally vastly different than our own. So, what do most of us do? We shrug our shoulders and say, "that doesn't make sense, so I will do what seems right to me." What we should be saying is, "I don't understand this teaching/dogma/cross at this point in my life, but I will trust in God, who has given me this teaching/lesson/cross for a reason and I will do my best to follow His will. With this in mind, let's take a look at the mystery of suffering in the article below. It often seems so unfair to us that some people have so much to suffer while others seem to just skate through life. How should we deal with this seeming injustice? Let's read on ...

ON SUFFERING

~SUFFERING~

"Suffering is the great problem of human life. We all have to suffer. Sometimes small sorrows, sometimes greater ones befall us.. We shall now tell our readers how to avoid much of this suffering, how to lessen all suffering and how to derive great benefits from every suffering we may have to bear. The reason why suffering appears so hard is that, first of all, we are not taught what suffering is. Secondly, we are not taught how to bear it. Thirdly, we are not taught the priceless value of suffering. This is due to the incomprehensible neglect on the part of our teachers. It is surprising how easily some people bear great sufferings; whereas, others get excited even at the smallest trouble. The simple reason

is that some have been taught all about suffering; others have not."

~GOD AND SUFFERING~

"First of all, then, suffering is not simply an evil, for no one suffered more than the Son of God Himself, more than His Blessed Mother or more than the Saints. Why does God allow us to suffer? Simply because He is asking us to take a little share in His Passion. What appears to come by chance or from someone else always comes because God allows it. Every act in Our Lord's Life was a lesson for us. The greatest act in His life was His Passion. This, then, is the greatest lesson for us. It teaches us that we too must suffer. God suffered all the dreadful pains of His Passion for each one of us. How can we refuse to suffer a little for love of Him?"

~PUT IT TO GOOD USE~

"Secondly, if we accept the suffering He sends us and offer it in union with His sufferings, we receive the greatest rewards. Five minutes' suffering borne for love of Jesus is of greater value to us than years and years of pleasure and joy. The Saints tell us that if we patiently bear our sufferings, we merit the crown of martyrdom. "

~ASK FOR STRENGTH~

"Thirdly, when God gives us any suffering, He always gives us strength to bear it, if we only ask Him. Many, instead of asking for His help, get excited and revolt. It is this excitement and impatience that really make suffering hard to bear. Consider that we are now speaking of all suffering, even the most trifling ones. All of us have little troubles, pains, disappointments, every day of our lives. All these, if done for love of God, obtain for us, as we have said, the greatest rewards."

~BEAR YOUR SUFFERING~

"Even the greater sufferings that may fall to our share from time to time become easy to bear if we accept them with serenity and patience. What really makes suffering difficult to bear is our own impatience, our revolt, our refusal to accept it. This irritation increases our sufferings a hundred-fold and, besides, robs us of all the merit we could have

DEATHBED CONVERSIONS

~DON'T TEMPT PROVIDENCE~

In today's parable, the landowner paid those who came very late to the fields, the same wage as those who had labored all day. The lesson one learns from this is that it is never too late to convert! In the book, "Deathbed Conversions; finding Faith at the Finish Line" by Karen Edmisten, published by Our Sunday Visitor last year, we see that notables such as Oscar Wilde, Aubrey Beardsley, Kenneth Clark, King Charles II, John Wayne, Buffalo Bill and Gary Cooper were all deathbed converts. As Edmisten emphasizes, a dramatic turning towards faith at the end is not a cop-out; as she says, the dying person has to recognize "the tragedy of a wasted lifetime" in the light of what he now knows. So such a conversion, though full of joy, will be accompanied by remorse for neglected opportunities in the past. She also writes that all such conversions are the result of another person's prayers: "Each had someone in his life who was a beacon of Christ's life... Their example encourages us to never give up on the people we love." Parents especially, who see their children lapse from the Faith, can draw comfort from this. St Monica springs to mind. St Ambrose told her that her prayers and tears for her son, the wayward Augustine, would not be wasted. Fortunately for the Church, his was not a deathbed conversion. The art historian Kenneth Clark is an interesting modern study. The author writes that he "had intuited... that truth and beauty are inextricably linked, and that one may lead us to the other. In the end he realized that our yearning for beauty is our yearning for God." Mind you, such an intuition requires grace – the intervention of divine help. The link between beauty and truth is not a leap that humans make by themselves; otherwise many more atheist-leaning aesthetes would not find faith such an enormous hurdle. The underlying moral of Karen Edmisten's book is, seize the time; don't tempt Providence. <http://www.catholicerald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2014/03/07/a-deathbed-conversion-is-not-a-cop-out/>

gained thereby. We see some people pass through a tempest of suffering with the greatest calm and serenity; whereas, others get irritated at the slightest annoyance or disappointment. We can all learn this calm and patience. It is the secret of happiness."

~PENANCE~

"We must all do penance for our sins. If we do not, we shall have long years of suffering in the awful fires of Purgatory. This fire is just the same as the fire of Hell. Now, if we offer our sufferings– The very little ones as well as the greater ones– in union with the sufferings of Jesus Christ, we are doing the easiest and best penance we can perform. We may thus deliver ourselves entirely from Purgatory, while at the same time gaining the greatest graces and blessings. Let us remember clearly that:

1. When we are in the state of grace, we derive immense merit from every suffering borne patiently, even the little sufferings of our daily lives.
2. God will give us abundant strength to bear our sufferings if we only ask Him.
3. If we bear our sufferings patiently, they lose their sting and bitterness.
4. Above all, every suffering is a share in the Passion of Our Lord.
5. By our sufferings, we can free ourselves in great part, or entirely, from the pains of Purgatory. Of



course, we may do all in our power to avoid or lessen our sufferings, but we cannot avoid all suffering. Therefore, it is clearly necessary for us to learn how to bear them." By Fr. Paul O'Sullivan, OP. How to Bear Suffering. For complete article go to: <http://www.catholic-pages.com/life/suffering.asp>

~SAINTLY QUOTES ON SUFFERING~

"All the science of the Saints is included in these two things: To do, and to suffer. And whoever had done these two things best, has made himself most saintly." -- St Francis de Sales

"There is no better wood for feeding the fire of God's love than the wood of the Cross." – St. Ignatius of Loyola

~ANOINTING OF THE SICK~

A word to the wise: if you or a loved one is sick, especially with an illness that could lead to death, don't put off calling a priest! Being anointed while still conscious and able to respond offers many graces. Often people hesitate to call a priest to the bedside of a loved one for fear of making their loved one nervous or scared. Remember, one's immortal soul could be at stake! Seize the time!

MIS CAMINOS NO SON TUS CAMINOS

~DEL PASTOR~

En nuestra primera lectura de hoy, de Isaías, leemos: "Porque mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos mis caminos", dice Yahveh. Este sentimiento encaja muy bien con la lectura del Evangelio de hoy de San Mateo, donde leemos la parábola del terrateniente y los que contrata a lo largo del día por el mismo salario. Ambas lecturas nos recuerdan las muchas, muchas veces en nuestra vida en que nos rascamos la cabeza y decimos: "¡No es justo! ... "No lo entiendo". "No estoy de acuerdo con esa enseñanza porque no tiene sentido para mí". Nos acostumbramos tanto a ver la vida a través de nuestra propia lente, que olvidamos que la lente de Dios es generalmente muy diferente a la nuestra. Entonces, ¿qué hacemos la mayoría de nosotros? Nos encogemos de hombros y decimos: "eso no tiene sentido, así que haré lo que me parezca correcto". Lo que deberíamos decir es: "No entiendo esta enseñanza/dogma/cruz en este momento de mi vida, pero confiaré en Dios, que me ha dado esta enseñanza/lección/cruz por una razón y haré lo mejor que pueda para seguir Su voluntad". Con esto en mente, echemos un vistazo al misterio del sufrimiento en el siguiente artículo. A menudo nos parece injusto que algunas personas tengan tanto que sufrir mientras que otras parecen patinar por la vida. ¿Cómo debemos afrontar esta aparente injusticia? Sigamos leyendo...

SOBRE EL SUFRIMIENTO

~SUFRIMIENTO~

"El sufrimiento es el gran problema de la vida humana. Todos tenemos que sufrir. A veces nos sobrevienen pequeñas penas, a veces penas mayores.. Ahora diremos a nuestros lectores cómo evitar gran parte de este sufrimiento, cómo disminuir todos los sufrimientos y cómo obtener grandes beneficios de cada sufrimiento que tengamos que soportar. La razón por la que el sufrimiento parece tan duro es que, en primer lugar, no se nos enseña lo que es el sufrimiento. En segundo lugar, no se nos enseña cómo soportarlo. En tercer lugar, no se nos enseña el valor inestimable del sufrimiento. Esto se debe a la incomprensible negligencia de nuestros maestros. Es sorprendente la facilidad con la que algunas personas soportan grandes sufrimientos, mientras que otras se excitan incluso ante el menor problema. La sencilla razones que a unos se les ha enseñado todo sobre el sufrimiento; a otros, no".

~DIOS Y EL SUFRIMIENTO~

"Ante todo, pues, el sufrimiento no es simplemente un mal, ya que nadie sufrió más que el mismo Hijo de Dios, más que Su Santísima Madre o más que los Santos. ¿Por qué permite Dios que suframos? Simplemente porque nos pide que participemos un poco en Su Pasión. Lo que parece venir por casualidad o de alguien más, siempre viene porque Dios lo permite. Cada acto en la Vida de Nuestro Señor fue una lección para nosotros. El acto más grande de Su vida fue Su Pasión. Ésta es, pues, la mayor lección para nosotros. Nos enseña que también nosotros debemos sufrir. Dios sufrió todos los terribles dolores de su Pasión por cada uno de nosotros. ¿Cómo podemos negarnos a sufrir un poco por amor a Él?".

~HAZ BUEN USO~

"En segundo lugar, si aceptamos el sufrimiento que Él nos envía y lo ofrecemos en unión con Sus sufrimientos, recibimos las mayores recompensas. Cinco minutos de sufrimiento soportados por amor a Jesús tienen más valor para nosotros que años y años de placer y alegría. Los Santos nos dicen que si soportamos pacientemente nuestros sufrimientos, merecemos la corona del martirio. "

~PIDE FUERZA~

"En tercer lugar, cuando Dios nos da algún sufrimiento, siempre nos da fuerzas para soportarlo, si tan sólo se lo pedimos. Muchos, en lugar de pedir Su ayuda, se excitan y se rebelan. Es esta excitación e impaciencia lo que realmente hace que el sufrimiento sea difícil de soportar. Considera que ahora estamos hablando de todos los sufrimientos, incluso de los más insignificantes. Todos tenemos pequeños problemas, dolores, decepciones, todos los días de nuestra vida. Todos ellos, si se hacen por amor a Dios, nos obtienen, como hemos dicho, las mayores recompensas."

~SOPORTA TU SUFRIMIENTO~

"Incluso los sufrimientos más grandes que nos pueden tocar de vez en cuando se vuelven fáciles de soportar si los aceptamos con serenidad y paciencia. Lo que realmente hace que el sufrimiento sea difícil de soportar es nuestra propia impaciencia, nuestra rebeldía, nuestra negativa a aceptarlo. Esta irritación multiplica nuestros sufrimientos y, además, nos roba todo el mérito que podríamos haber con ello. Vemos a algunas personas atravesar una tempestad de sufrimiento con la mayor calma y serenidad; mientras que otras se irritan ante la menor molestia o decepción. Todos podemos aprender esta calma y paciencia. Es el secreto de la felicidad".

~PENITENCIA~

"Todos debemos hacer penitencia por nuestros pecados. Si no lo hacemos, tendremos largos años de sufrimiento en los horribles fuegos del Purgatorio. Este fuego es igual al fuego del Infierno. Ahora bien, si ofrecemos nuestros sufrimientos -tanto los más pequeños como los más grandes- en unión con los sufrimientos de Jesucristo, estamos haciendo la penitencia más fácil y mejor que podemos hacer. Así podremos librarnos enteramente del Purgatorio, al mismo tiempo que obtendremos las mayores gracias y bendiciones. Recordémoslo claramente:

1. Cuando estamos en estado de gracia, obtenemos un mérito inmenso de cada sufrimiento soportado con paciencia, incluso de los pequeños sufrimientos de nuestra vida cotidiana.
2. Dios nos dará abundante fuerza para soportar nuestros sufrimientos si se lo pedimos.
3. Si soportamos nuestros sufrimientos con paciencia, pierden su aguijón y su amargura.
4. Por encima de todo, todo sufrimiento es una participación en la Pasión de Nuestro Señor.
5. Por nuestros sufrimientos, podemos librarnos en gran parte, o enteramente, de las penas del Purgatorio. Por supuesto, podemos hacer todo lo posible para evitar o disminuir nuestros sufrimientos, pero no podemos evitar todos los sufrimientos. Por tanto, es claramente necesario que aprendamos a soportarlos". Por Fr. Paul O'Sullivan, OP. Cómo soportar el sufrimiento.

CONVERSIONES DE UN MORIBUNDO

~NO TIENTES A LA PROVIDENCIA~

En la parábola de hoy, el terrateniente pagó a los que llegaron muy tarde a los campos, el mismo salario que a los que habían trabajado todo el día. La lección que uno aprende de esto es que ¡nunca es demasiado tarde para convertirse! En el libro "Deathbed Conversions; finding Faith at the Finish Line" de Karen Edmisten, publicado por Our Sunday Visitor el año pasado, vemos que personajes notables como Oscar Wilde, Aubrey Beardsley, Kenneth Clark, el rey Carlos II, John Wayne, Buffalo Bill y Gary Cooper se convirtieron en el lecho de muerte. Como subraya Edmisten, un giro dramático hacia la fe al final no es una excusa; como ella dice, el moribundo tiene que reconocer "la tragedia de una vida desperdiciada" a la luz de lo que ahora sabe. Por eso, una conversión así, aunque llena de alegría, irá acompañada de remordimientos por las oportunidades desaprovechadas en el pasado. También escribe que todas esas conversiones son el resultado de las oraciones de otra persona: "Cada uno tuvo a alguien en su vida que fue un faro de la vida de Cristo...

Su ejemplo nos anima a no renunciar nunca a las personas que amamos". Sobre todo los padres, que ven a sus hijos alejarse de la fe, pueden encontrar consuelo en esto. Me viene a la mente santa Mónica. San Ambrosio le dijo que sus oraciones y lágrimas por su hijo, el descarriado Agustín, no serían en vano. Afortunadamente para la Iglesia, la suya no fue una conversión en el lecho de muerte. El historiador del arte Kenneth Clark constituye un interesante estudio moderno. El autor escribe que "había intuido... que la verdad y la belleza están inextricablemente unidas, y que una puede llevarnos a la otra. Al final se dio cuenta de que nuestro anhelo de belleza es nuestro anhelo de Dios". Eso sí, una intuición así requiere la gracia, la intervención de la ayuda divina. El vínculo entre belleza y verdad no es un salto que los humanos den por sí solos; de lo contrario, muchos más nacientes de tendencia atea no encontrarían en la fe un obstáculo tan enorme. La moraleja subyacente del libro de Karen Edmisten es: aprovecha el tiempo; no tientes a la Providencia.

~AVISO DE FECHA LÍMITE~

Fecha límite para presentar reclamaciones por abuso u otras reclamaciones contra la Diócesis de Santa Rosa con respecto a: El Obispo Católico Romano de Santa Rosa, Caso No. 23-10113.

El 13 de marzo de 2023, el Obispo Católico de Santa Rosa, también conocido como Diócesis de Santa Rosa, ("Deudor") solicitó protección bajo el Capítulo 11 del Código de Bancarrota.

Si usted fue víctima de abuso sexual por parte de cualquier persona relacionada con el Deudor, debe presentar su reclamo para que se reciba antes del 20 de octubre de 2023, o de lo contrario el derecho de reclamo contra el Deudor se bloqueará, prohibirá, e impedirá para siempre.

Las reclamaciones basadas en actos u omisiones del Deudor que ocurrieron antes del 13 de marzo de 2023 deben presentarse antes del 20 de octubre de 2023, incluso si dichas reclamaciones no están fijadas, liquidadas o ciertas o no se fijaron, liquidaron, o vencieron antes del 13 de marzo de 2023. Para obtener más información sobre cómo obtener y presentar un formulario de prueba de reclamación y los documentos asociados, visite www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsr, o comuníquese con Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., agente de reclamaciones del Deudor por correo electrónico a rcbsantarosainfo@drcequiniti.com o al número gratuito 1-800-236-1551, de 9:00 a. m. y las 5:00 p.m. (Hora del Este) de lunes a viernes.

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