



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All things work for good for those who love God.

-Romans 8:28a

July 24, 2005

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN APPEAL TODAY

Envelopes are in the pews—please give generously.
Because you are a missionary too!

ABOUT THE HOLY CROSS MISSIONARIES

Father Basil Anthony Moreau, a priest of the diocese of Le Mans in France, founded the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1837 through the union of two groups under his direction: an association of Auxiliary Priests that he had formed to assist diocesan clergy by preaching parish missions, and the Brothers of Saint Joseph, originally founded in 1820 by Father James Dujarie to serve as educators in village schools. A year later Father Moreau gave a rule of life to a small band of dedicated laywomen, the first sisters of Holy Cross.

REGARDING OUR WORK

Our mission sends us across borders of every sort. Often we must make ourselves at home among more than one people or culture, reminding us again that the farther we go in giving, the more we stand to receive. (Constitutions, Congregation of Holy Cross). There are now 1,670 Holy Cross Priests and Brothers and 1,710 Holy Cross Sisters that live and work in 16 countries on four continents. We have worked in schools, hospitals and parishes from the beginning and still serve everywhere as educators in the faith, wanting to reach out in a preferential way to the poor and the oppressed in a wide variety of ministerial contexts. Wherever we work, we try to help people develop their own gifts - and to discover the deepest longing in their lives. We come not just as servants, but also as neighbors, to be with the people and of them.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Each of us who participates in Mass by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is nourished and strengthened for our journey in life. Those who are ill or homebound also desire the Eucharistic presence in their lives. If you know someone who is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Sandi Balling 562.856.0806. The parish is grateful to Sandi and to the twenty-five ministers who provide this service.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

TREASURES

Today's parables highlight the kingdom of heaven as the only thing worth possessing and open for us the choice to take it or not. It is open to everyone, and we must follow Jesus or we will not make it. Like Solomon, we need discerning judgment of what is good and evil. God will grant this gift if we ask for it so that we may follow the way of the Lord. God's entire storeroom holds treasures to help us. Do you seek and use them?

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ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The schedule for September and October will be made up soon. Please let Sr. Dolores know what dates you are NOT available during September and October. She will be grateful to have this information no later than August 12. 562.439.0931 x 5 or barling@stmatthewlb.org

THIRSTY FOR CHRIST??

St. Bernard Catholic Church (Parish Hall)
9647 E. Beach St., Bellflower, CA 90706

Contemplate new ways of seeing God in your life and quench your spiritual thirst in a relaxing and fun environment!

July 26—*Men! Women! Can't live with them! Can't live without them: The Relationship Quest.* Speaker: Peter Canavan, MFT

"Theology on Tap" is designed for couples and singles in their 20s and 30s.

ST. MATTHEW'S PEACE AND JUSTICE

*What does the Lord require of you,
but to act justly, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with your God?"*

Micah 6

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

for making our White Elephant sale a big success! Thank you for all of your donations and your support on the days of the sale. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$722.12 for the Lesotho, Africa mission!

TODAY—JULY 23RD AND 24TH OFFERING OF LETTERS

Please stop by our tables today to sign letters in support of Bread for the World's "Make Hunger History" campaign.

JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY on Saturday mornings at 8:30a.m. in the church.