



To the CCOP community:

Father Padraig asked us to write a reflection on our years in our Intergenerational Faith Community (IFC) named Holy Chaos. This month, our group of seven diverse families celebrated its tenth anniversary.

Our group comes together twice a month in each other's homes to explore matters of faith. We choose topics at the beginning of each year and our topics are as diverse as the people that make up our group. We've covered a broad spectrum of issues including faith in school and the workplace, meditation, the Dead Sea scrolls, and heaven. After ten years, it's sometimes impressive that we can still come up with new and interesting topics to focus on.

Often, we will learn or discuss a topic in nontraditional ways. We compose songs, create skits, make crafts, and play games. We end each meeting with prayer intentions and a hearty meal. In addition to learning, we have also developed a prayer life that accentuates the "holy" in our name and extends beyond our gathering time. Peter Schlachte (11 years old and the youngest member of our group) emphasizes that "we have fun no matter what we're doing."

Ten years ago, when Holy Chaos was founded, several of our members were under the age of five. For them, remembering a time before Holy Chaos is difficult because this group has always

been a major part of their lives. For all 30 of us, the members of Holy Chaos have become a second extended family.

Marie Mc-Coy Thompson (13) characterized this in saying that "the best thing about Holy Chaos is having a strong foundation of people of faith made up of some of the most wonderful people I know. It is such a good feeling to know I have Holy Chaos to turn to if I ever feel lost." We've bonded very strongly together and always look forward to upcoming meetings.

It is the natural result of this bonding that has allowed us to learn so much from each other. Sarah Coblentz (14) described it as "being able to explain and understand everything." The children in our group have grown tremendously in their faith over the past ten years. They have learned a lot from the adults and the adults, in turn, have learned a lot from the children.

In keeping with Holy Chaos's nontraditional reputation, we've written a Haiku to express our ten years together and our hope for the next ten:

Holy Chaos Lives  
Where Community Matters  
Fun, Faith, Family

Blessings,  
The Holy Chaos families: Coblentz, Fiore, McCoy-Thompson, Schlachte, Silva/Lenord, Sluss, Tichenor

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



This weekend, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting clean usable clothing, most household goods and furniture, and e-waste, to raise money to help the needy people in our diocese. Drop-off bins are located in **the parking lots at both St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton Churches**. Society members are available to assist you in unloading your items. Thank you for your generosity.

### OFFICE HOURS

In observance of **Independence Day**, St. Augustine's Rectory and the office at St. Elizabeth Seton will be closed on **Friday, July 4th**.



### ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES



The children's Faith Formation Office will close Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and re-open Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please get your registration forms for the 2008/2009 school year in soon! You may download the forms at CCOP's website: [www.catholicsofpleasanton.org](http://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org) or pick up hard copies in the office. If you have any questions, please call us at (925) 846-3531.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Team 1B – Scheduled for July 5 & 6  
Team 2B – Scheduled for July 12 & 13

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**Bishop Appeal.** As of June 19, 209 donors have contributed to the Bishop Appeal reaching 94% of goal. Thank you for your generosity.

**Picnic.** Alameda Fairgrounds Bernal Greens on **September 21, 2008 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.** The day will start with a **special mass at 10:00 AM** in the amphitheater -- the picnic will follow.

**The Cathedral of Christ the Light.** Dedication and consecration of the Cathedral will be held on **Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 2:00 PM.**

**John Paul II Activity Center Dedication.** The dedication is scheduled for **November 23, 2008 at 2:00 PM.**

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**Did you know that there is a Pre-School program available to our 3 year olds and 4 year olds?** Classes are held at St. Augustine's during the 10:00 AM mass and at St. Elizabeth Seton during the 11:00 AM mass. This year the program will be on a co-op basis. Every parent with a child enrolled in the program will be required to serve as a class aide several times during the year. We are also in need of volunteers willing to be catechists for this age group. For information, please call the Faith Formation Office at (925) 846-3531, check out the materials on the parish website or contact Martha Zeyen at [mzeyen@catholicofpleasanton.org](mailto:mzeyen@catholicofpleasanton.org).

## ATTENTION CCOP WOMEN

### *Ladies Night Out*

Monday, June 30

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

St Elizabeth Seton



Come meet other women from our community.

Questions - [tonihume@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tonihume@sbcglobal.net)

## CCOP PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We want to honor our parishioners serving in the military in our pictorial directory. Please send a picture in **dress uniform** and attach a note with name and instructions where we can return the picture to: Marcia Berardi P.O. Box 10926, Pleasanton, CA 94588. We need to receive these photos by **July 14, 2008.**

Over **900 families** have signed up to have their picture taken for the upcoming CCOP Church Directory. Thanks to all the families that have signed up via the online schedule or visited our sign-up tables following last weekend's masses. **The next sign-up weekend is July 12 & 13 at both St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton.** Please note the on-line schedule page is down during weekend sign-ups. We do not want to double book a time slot!

We need **you** to make our upcoming 2008 Parish Pictorial Directory complete! You will be photographed, view your images, and select your directory pose in **one** trip. Every family receives a **complimentary** 8 x 10 portrait and a free directory for participating. There is no sitting fee and there is no cost to the church. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at competitive prices if you choose.

Portrait location and dates are as follows:

### **St. Augustine Parish Hall**

June 30 – July 2 ♦ July 17 – 19 ♦ July 21 – 26

July 28 – August 2 ♦ August 4 – 9

Go online [www.catholicofpleasanton.org](http://www.catholicofpleasanton.org) and click the Portrait Sign Up link, email our Directory Coordinator at [esther@edirectories.biz](mailto:esther@edirectories.biz) or call Esther at (510) 381-0168.

## WORKPLACE GIVING

If you contribute to a company payroll deduction plan which provides you the opportunity to designate a portion of your contribution to a particular charitable or religious organization, please consider directing part of your donation to the Catholic Community of Pleasanton or the Capital Campaign Building Fund.



**Summer Vacation**