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To Religious of the Monterey Diocese from Sheila Novak SDS, Vicar for Religious – published bi-monthly

Our diocese is some 300 miles long and this has stretched the planning committee to try a new way of structuring our gatherings. This fall, we are hosting two “Conversations with Bishop Garcia”, one in the “north” and one in the “south”. This will hopefully cut down on long drives for folks on either end of the diocese. Many of you expressed reluctance to drive at night, so the “conversations” will be held on Saturday afternoons, with daylight left for the return home. We are hoping this encourages many to attend this wonderful chance for qualitative exchange with our Bishop. It will be an opportunity to get to know each other and enhance our ministries. You will receive further information along with a special invitation. Your RSVP will assist our planning.

Comings and Goings :

We are grateful for the service of these religious who recently moved from the diocese.

Carol Deshane SNJM to Seattle, WA
Eleanor Maloney SNJM to Los Gatos, CA
John Itzaina FMA to San Francisco, CA
Margaret Ann Reardon OP to Adrian, MI
Theresa Sironi FMA to Los Angeles, CA

A very warm welcome to newcomers to our diocese. We are glad to have you with us!

Carmen Bottello FMA - to Corralitos
Lena Pinto FMA - to Corralitos
Theresa Randolph RSM – to San Luis Obispo

Good News: Congratulations to Jubilarians from our diocese who, this year, celebrate decades of service!

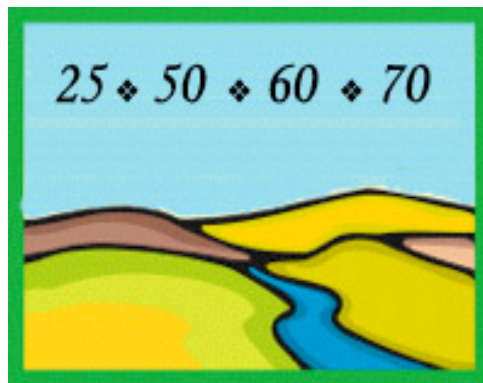
70 years - Cathryn Deutsch OP

60 years – Helen O’Sullivan SNJM
Jeanne Burns OP
Shirley Thielk OP

50 years – David Geraets OSB
Judith Ann Seefeld OP
Marie-Cécile OCD
Molly Neville SNJM
Noella McLeod OP

25 years – Charlotte Greer FMA

May you be blessed as abundantly as you have blessed others!



Prayer Requests: For Annamarie Marcalus OSF, who continues her healing from recent cancer surgery.
For Rose Franci SND, who will have hip surgery later this month.

Death Notice: Sister Andree Fries CPPS , the executive Director of the National Religious Retirement Office, died suddenly on July 14, 2007. Her efforts to help retired religious brought revenues to many communities who had limited funds for retired members. Condolences can be sent to the congregational leader, Mary Whited CPPS / Sisters of the Most Precious Blood / 204 North Main Street / O’Fallon, MO 63366.

Opportunities:

Spiritual Direction/Liturgy

Fr. Ray Roh OSB of San Luis Obispo is available for spiritual direction and to celebrate liturgy. Travel expenses and stipend negotiable. Abbot David Geraets, Fr Steve Coffey, Connie Mayrhofer, OSBOBL are additional spiritual directors on call at 805-544-1810 at the Monastery.

Faith Formation Conference - "Prophetic People Speak Truth"

On September 21-22, 2007, the Diocese of Monterey will be joining with the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and the dioceses of San Jose, Oakland, and Stockton for the annual Faith Formation Conference at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Join over 2,000 attendees coming from all over Northern California. A variety of workshops will be offered in English, Spanish and Vietnamese Information and registration is available online by clicking on this link: http://sitekreator.com/faithformation/main_page.html or call your parish office.

Series: - "The Universal Call to Contemplation"

Cyprian Consiglio OSBCam will do a four part series at Holy Cross Parish Hall in Santa Cruz on Sept. 19 / Oct. 10 / Oct. 24 / Nov. 14. Song, prayer and practice will be included. Call the Faith Formation office at 831-458-3041 for information.

Calendar Dates: -Saturday, **November 17th**, 1:00 – 3:30 PM –Northern Conversation with Bishop Garcia – Watsonville Community Hospital Community Room.
-Saturday, **December 1st**, 1:00 to 3:30 PM – Southern Conversation with Bishop Garcia – Nativity Parish, San Luis Obispo.

Ongoing Request: Please help in alerting me to developing news for religious as noted in the July 2007 issue of ***R-Mail***. Just email any information to: domvicrel@aol.com or send to: Sheila Novak SDS / 2030 Pajaro Lane #3202 / Freedom, CA 95019 or call 831-724-9678.

If there is someone in your house without email, please share ***R-Mail*** with them.

Chuckle Footnote: Resourceful People

A woman calls the FBI and tells them, “My neighbor keeps large amounts of drugs inside his firewood stacked outside his house.” The FBI thanks her very much for the information and the next day the FBI descends upon the neighbor’s house. They chop up all the firewood and find nothing. Later that day, the woman calls her neighbor back and says, “Did it work?” The neighbor replies, “Yes, it worked great!” She exclaims cheerfully, “Wonderful! Now be sure to call them tomorrow. I need my garden plowed.”

