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IN LATE JUNE, AN INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION OF JEWS MET WITH POPE FRANCIS AS PART OF ONGOING CATHOLIC-JEWISH DIALOGUE. AT THE SAME TIME, HERE IN OAKLAND, WE HOSTED A SIMILAR DIALOGUE FEATURING JESUIT PRIESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, ALL SPECIALISTS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BAY AREA JEWISH COMMUNITY.

One of the highlights of our meeting was a Mass in our Cathedral where Rabbi Mark Bloom of Temple Beth Abraham in Oakland was our special guest, and Father Dennis McManus, from our Cathedral staff, was the invited homilist. Father McManus has been the leader for the U.S. Bishops in Jewish-Catholic dialogue for the past 15 years.

His homily was shocking, direct, electrifying and thoroughly Catholic. Rabbi Bloom, addressing our parishioners at the end of Mass said, "I wish every member of my congregation could have heard your homily today, Father McManus."

Indeed. For that reason we have transcribed and edited the homily so you all can appreciate the great strides made in Catholic-Jewish relations since the Second Vatican Council. Enjoy the read, and if you want to experience the homily "live" and Rabbi Bloom's response, the whole Mass is posted on our Cathedral website: Ctlcathedral.org, under Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time.



**BY BISHOP
MICHAEL C.
BARBER, SJ**

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ has been bishop of the Diocese of Oakland since May 2013.



The relationship of Catholics and Jews

Good Sunday to you! Today is a beautiful day here in Oakland, and like most Sundays in California, it reminds us of both the first day of creation – filled with light and the glories of nature – and also of the final day when our hope is that all of us will be gathered together in God's eternal presence. We call that day the "Eighth Day," marking the first day of eternity. Sunday is our Eighth Day!

**BY FATHER
DENNIS
MCMANUS**

Moreover, today is made even fuller for us by the presence of so many honored guests at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Bishop Barber, we thank you for inviting your brother Jesuits to this, our house of prayer. Dear friends, the Jesuit Fathers you see in front of you are, in a way, "the brain trust" of the Society of Jesus. These are the men – professors, researchers, activists – who have spent much of their lives helping to build friendship between ourselves as Christians and the people of Jesus' own family, the Jews.

These are the men who, first in the Society of Jesus and then in the Church, advise, work for, teach, and encourage Catholics and Jews to relate to each other as brothers and sisters. Reverend Fathers, we thank you for your work in Catholic-Jewish relations. What you do is a great gift to the whole Church and to the whole world. We are honored by your presence and, as your colleague of many years, I thank you for your being here with us today and for the efforts you are about to make in strengthening Catholic-Jewish relations in the Bay Area.

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Just as surely as we are privileged to have the Jesuit Fathers with us today, we are delighted to welcome Rabbi Mark Bloom, whom the Bishop has just introduced. Rabbi Bloom comes to us from Temple Beth Abraham right here in Oakland. Rabbi, you are not just our neighbor, you are not just a believer in the God who loves and saves us, you are also our brother. We stand with you in the public square against injustice of every kind, especially when aimed at Jews. We are grateful that you have joined us today and we look forward after Communion to hearing you break open the Word of God for us. Rabbi, help us to hear this Word with new ears. Feed us with this word. You are most welcome in our midst!

This kind of meeting between Jews and Catholics in a Cathedral could never have happened 30, 40 or 50 years ago. It represents a revolution in the Catholic Church to have a rabbi in the pulpit of a Cathedral on a Sunday morning, teaching us about the Word of God. What has happened to make this possible? What has changed in the world?

Today, with Elijah and Alisha in our first reading at Mass, and then again with Jesus in the Gospel passage, we hear of the image of the plow and those who work it through the soil. When you put your hand to the plow and you begin to till that field, to turn that soil, to put seed in the ground, you must not turn back. If you do, your work will never be finished. There will be no growth, no crop, no harvest. If the farmer who plows is forever saying, "I forgot, I need to go do this; wait I should have done that," then no seed is planted.

The truth is that the quiet revolution I mentioned above is the seed that has been sown in our day, and its harvest will affect every single one of us. By it, we will grow to understand the Judaism of Jesus

and how to regard the Jewish people as those belonging to his very own family.

You and I know how the world can treat Jews – with exclusion, derision, as the butt of jokes and the target of violence and suspicion. Is it any wonder that anti-Semitism is so alive in our society when basic dignity is denied to many people on the basis of race and religious bias?

Jesus is never anywhere if not at the margins where centuries of abuse have pushed his own people. With great shame, we have to admit that some in the Church by their preaching, teaching and disciplinary laws have been responsible for this. Many past practices, Church laws, and mistakes have caused Jews terrible suffering.

And for what reason? Because of a singular lie that carries with it a cascade of punishments. It is this: All Jews are responsible for the killing of Christ – Jews from the Second Temple period and those who have lived since – all Jews bear responsibility for the killing of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Jews of today have nothing to do with the death of Jesus 2,000 years ago. Surely Jesus had his enemies, but the form of his death was that of a Roman crucifixion. Jews even

then had no authority to execute anyone by crucifixion. That was a Roman punishment, jealously guarded by Roman authorities. Instead, it is likely that Jesus' enemies and the Roman government of Jerusalem colluded in his trial and execution.

And blaming Jews for the death of Jesus still echoes in many Christian conversations, Protestant and Orthodox. I have often heard the anti-Semitic jokes and the anti-Jewish slurs made by followers of Jesus. Do we forget that Jesus was Jewish, as was Mary, his mother, Joseph, his foster father, the apostles, and that nearly all in the nascent Church were Jews? They saw themselves as members of a movement within Judaism, a movement where Christ was acknowledged as the Messiah, the promised one who had come. They never foreswore their Jewish identity, even after Christ had risen from the dead, still filling their days with worship in the Temple, the baptism of Jewish friends and the care of Jewish families in Jerusalem – along with addition of the unique prayers of Jesus to end their evening meals.

You and I know where discrimination and the targeting of people leads.

When we single out others for their race, their language, religion, politics, immigrant status, sexuality or looks, discrimination is already at hand. But when we lend the power of religion to "otherizing" those who are different, we appear to invoke God's authority to mistreat or diminish them. Remember: It was the Nazi project to eliminate Jews, homosexuals, Sinti, Roma and disabled people that demonstrated where bias, threat and religious justification can lead. The Holocaust is a wound from which both victims and perpetrators are still recovering.

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Save the Week!

September 24 + October 2, 2022



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE

– events and activities for all the family –



To participate, please call the Office of Marriage & Family Life 510-267-8392



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SewFest: Dress A Girl Around the World



Consider this an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in Third World countries. We meet once a month, and our next Sew-Fest is Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore

We need all kinds of help, sewing, ironing, cutting; bring your sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with your helping hands, and we will put you to work!

You can come for as long as you want – an hour or all day! Please bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay all day! We are always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations! If you can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please contact us for kits that you can sew from home. If you can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please contact us for kits that you can sew from home.

OTHER SEW-FEST DATES: SEPT. 17 AND OCT. 29, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT DRESSAGIRLSFBAYAREA.COM
OR CONTACT SUZANNE, 925-352-8447 OR SUZBECK@YAHOO.COM. †

Marian Conference 2022

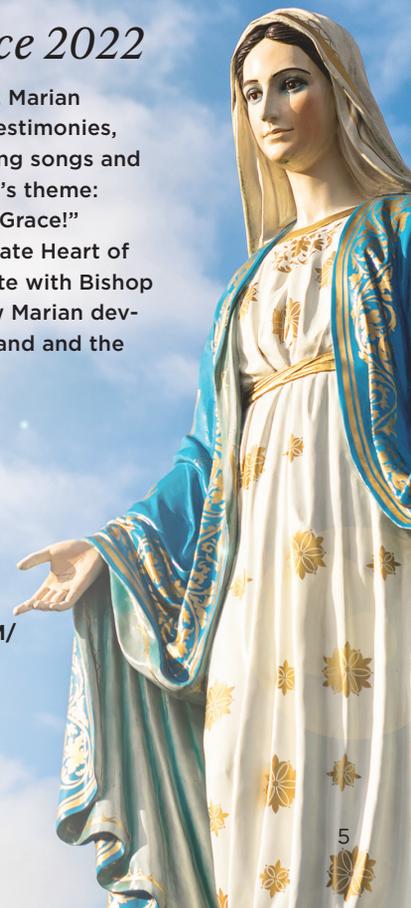
Now in its fifth year, the 2022 Marian Conference features powerful testimonies, time-honored devotions, uplifting songs and sacred liturgy echoing this year's theme: "With, Mary, We Receive God's Grace!"

Join us on Oct. 15 at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Brentwood and celebrate with Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ and fellow Marian devotees from the Diocese of Oakland and the greater Bay Area. †

MORE INFORMATION

DETAILS AND SCHEDULE ARE FORTHCOMING.

TO REGISTER, VISIT WWW.IHMBRENTWOOD.COM/MARIANCONFERENCE.





RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE UPDATE

On Sept. 9, 2020, The Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of the Diocese of Oakland, announced the formation of the Diocese of Oakland Task Force for Racial Justice, which he charged with addressing the issues raised by systematic oppression and racism, with an initial focus on the African American People of God in the diocese.

The Task Force was formed shortly after the violent killings of African American men and women during that previous year. After prayer, study, interviews and discussion, the Task Force offered some initial recommendations to Bishop Barber and continues to work with diocesan leadership regarding these issues. The Task Force is led by Father Leo Edgerly Jr., pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Piedmont. The Task Force has met regularly since 2020 and has made strides in several areas. Recognizing that racial and social justice requires work toward tangible results, the group identified specific areas of concentration and established committees aligned with those goals and purpose.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee of the Task Force has worked with the superintendent and assistant superintendent of Catholic schools of the Diocese of Oakland to develop programs and changes in curricula that reflect the historical reality of racism in our country and our Church.

JustFaith activities have been present in the diocese for 20 years and link parish conversations with school conversations based on Catholic Social Teaching.

The Committee has divided up the task of educating the diocese regarding the sin of racism into four parts:

1. Adult parishioners of the diocese:

A small pilot of seven to 10 parishes is preparing to take the JustFaith series of programs regarding racism.

2. Students of the diocese:

Several meetings have been held with the superintendent of the schools of the Oakland diocese to develop a training plan for both the staff and the students. A small pilot project has been done with the students at Our Lady of Grace School in Castro Valley. The program is based on JustFaith materials.

3. Young adults and College Students:

Plans are to develop the JustFaith programs at Saint Mary's College and Holy Names University.

4. Introduction of the JustFaith programs

at the local theological graduate schools and St. Patrick's Seminary is taking place and is being supported and assisted by Bishop Barber.

PASTORAL CARE

Reestablishment of an African American Catholic Pastoral Center remains a primary focus of the work of the Task Force, and the Pastoral Care Committee continues to work with Bishop Barber towards that end by laying the groundwork with events and outreach efforts of awareness throughout the diocese.

In March 2021, with the support of Bishop Barber, members of the Task Force collaborated with the Office of Continuing Education for Priests in bringing two all-day workshops for the priests of the diocese showcasing the presence and ramifications of systemic racism within the Church, followed by introductory educational workshop on how to identify and combat normalized actions of racism.

Eighty-eight priests participated to hear witness presentations by Bishop Gordon Bennett, SJ and Bishop Roy Edward Campbell Jr., who shared their personal experiences of racism within the Church and how we might approach methods of healing and restoration.

Over the past year, the Task Force facilitated listening sessions during which African Americans in the diocese shared with Bishop Barber their personal experiences of racism within the Church.

Following these poignantly moving moments, a statement of recognition and support regarding these and similar experiences was developed jointly by Bishop Barber and the Task Force. It was read by Bishop Barber at St. Columba Church during Black History Month in 2021. The Task Force will continue to work with Bishop Barber to develop a more comprehensive Pastoral Letter on Racism in the Diocese of Oakland.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

A Social Justice Committee of the Task Force was formed to identify and partner with other diocesan ministries and parish leaders and Bay Area equity and inclusion organizations toward creating broader sustainable community change in the East Bay. The Task Force welcomes the input of anyone interested in this work, including joining the Task Force as a member. †

PAGE 6: Father Leo Ederly Jr. and Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ discuss Bishop Barber's apology, as a representative of the Catholic Church, for racism faced by Father Augustus Tolton and his family, and for racism faced by people in the Diocese of Oakland. This is a screenshot from the video, which can be seen at <https://vimeo.com/718859873>.

PAGE 7: After the performance of "Tolton: From Slave to Priest" at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, Bishop Michael C. Barber, apologized for racism faced by Father Augustus Tolton and his family. "I also apologize to anyone here who has suffered any form of racism from members or official representatives of the Catholic Church in your lifetime. Some of you have shared your experiences at listening sessions with me," he told the audience. "Amen" could be heard in the cathedral at the conclusion of his statement. This is a screenshot from statement; the stage lighting and cathedral lighting affect the quality of the image.



OAKLAND DIOCESE CELEBRATES CONCLUSION OF SYNOD PROCESS

11,624. That's how many people participated in our diocesan synodal process. Which was the most of any diocese in California, with the exception of Los Angeles, which has 5 million Catholics. We have 300,000.



Excerpts from the homily of Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ at the Diocese of Oakland's closing Mass for the Synod

Our experience in Oakland was that it was lay-led, lay-inspired and had a lot of lay participation. It shows there's a vibrant, involved local Church in Oakland and that people are thirsty for more of the faith, not less. It showed the importance of prayer in the synodal process.

People want more

People want more help in understanding the church's teaching on controversial issues, LGBTQ issues, women in the Church. People want more help in their personal spiritual growth.

People want more help with mental health, stress, depression, criticism, relationships, all the things young people deal with.

People want more community life, more support for families, increased liturgical and sacramental life, Latin liturgy, more opportunities for social justice, stewardship and inclusion opportunities, support for youth and young adults and support for the aging.

Lessons learned

There's a thirst out there in our diocese and other dioceses to know more about Christ and his teachings. People want to know how to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Another lesson learned: Catholic Lite is no longer sufficient to support us or to attract people or keep people in the Church. Catholic Lite just doesn't do it.

Youth ministry has to be more than pizza and a movie. It has to have some content or you're not learning anything about the faith.

The lesson is from the first reading in which St. Paul says, "Living the truth in love we should grow in every way into Him that is the head." We need to put Christ at the center. Christianity is a revealed religion. Christ in his first ministry said, "Repent and believe in the Gospel," which means I need to try and change myself before I try to change the world, with Christ at the center, not me at the center. †



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My overall takeaway is:
Our people want
MORE. They want more
instruction in the faith,
more understanding of
their faith – *Why does the
church teach this or that?*

BISHOP MICHAEL C. BARBER, SJ



Mission Accomplished

On 225th anniversary Mission San José dedicates main altar

The Dedication of an Altar

The original 1809 Mission Church was destroyed in the earthquake of 1868. More than a century later, efforts to rebuild the Mission Church were set in motion. In 1985, construction was completed and the church was dedicated. The project of reconstructing and restoring is continuously in motion. There are plans to eventually build the missing link between the church and museum, and the passage of time has brought about the need to repair the aging buildings.

Restoration and renewal happen in other ways as well. Mission San José is the most recent mission church to be replicated and was constructed with two new altars: the main altar (or “high altar”) and the freestanding, movable altar. During the Mass of Dedication on June 11, 1985, only the moveable altar was dedicated.

Now, 37 years later, we witness the dedication of the church’s main altar, reaffirming that the Mission Church is truly a living house of worship and not a museum. The main altar was constructed by Sir Richard Joseph Menn using an elegantly restored and gilded 17th-century overdoor that was salvaged from the Palace of Versailles in France.

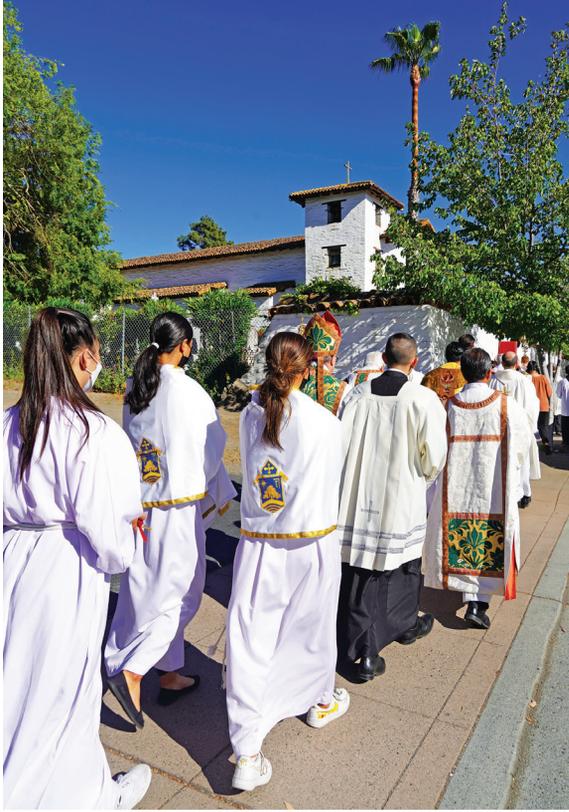
During the Rite of the Dedication of an Altar that will take place during this Mass, relics of Saints Junipero Serra and Kateri Tekakwitha will be placed within the altar, the Bishop will pray the Prayer of Dedication and anoint the altar with the sacred Chrism, and then it is incensed and prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Indeed, “Eucharist,” or thanksgiving, is our word today and every day. We give thanks to almighty God for the many blessings of the past, present, and future; those told and untold, seen and unseen. Let us give thanks as we go up to the altar of God, the God of our gladness and joy!

– From the worship aid for the Mass on the 225th anniversary of the founding of Mission San José, June 11, 2022



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Relics of Saints Junipero Serra and Kateri Tekakwitha were brought to the altar by Andrew Galvan and Desiree Vigil, Ohlone people. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ places the relics in the altar, assisted by Ryan Lee, who serves as Master of Ceremonies. The bishop pours sacred Chrism on the altar. The oil in the Chrism comes from the olive trees at the neighboring Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. †



Bringing Jesus to the Skies

A SACRED STORY FROM ST. MICHAEL PARISH

STACEY PIPER
KUPSKI
INTERVIEWED
BY TINA
GREGORY

Stacey Piper Kupski has been wearing a Monstrance pin on her flight attendant's uniform for 16 years.

She sees it as a gleaming reminder of Jesus' peace, protecting our human fragility. Over the years, she has experienced moments of grace by bringing Jesus to the skies. Here's her Sacred Story:

Tell us about this pin.

The Monstrance is the gilded frame that holds the consecrated Host for people to adore Jesus' presence. My pin is a little depiction of a Monstrance, and the image of the host has JHS, the traditional monogram of Jesus. My husband, John, bought it for me when I became an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. I would wear it to Mass, but then started thinking, what if I just put it on my uniform at work?

Did it feel strange at first?

Not at all. I wear it because I find it comforting and a beautiful sign of my faith. If there's any spreading of the Word beyond that, of course, I'm thrilled. But I just wear it humbly because I find on good days and bad days it reminds me of God's presence. We've all been through so much lately with the pandemic, civil unrest, economic craziness. Now more than ever, we're being reminded of our fragility. I find myself touching the pin throughout the day, and it reminds me that God is in charge.

Have you ever had a negative response to it?

Never. Not even once. I wear it quietly and with humility. Actually, I'm amazed by how many people recognize it. Sometimes someone will look at it and then look again and pause. They usually say something like, "Wait a minute, that looks familiar. I was an altar boy long ago."

Or sometimes they say, "That's something really special, isn't it?" Every now and then passengers will notice it, and we make a knowing eye contact. I think in those moments of grace, they feel comforted too. It's a nice little connection ... and then I bring them extra treats!

What was it like as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

I haven't been able to serve for some time, due to work, but it's very clear in my mind. I remember being so humbly honored. I remember standing there with the Body of Christ, which can be just breathtaking. Then looking into people's eyes and just imagining what our Lord would be thinking right now looking into their eyes. Sometimes I would be overcome with a feeling of magnificent grace. While my Monstrance pin obviously does not have a consecrated Host in it, it does bring me back to those moments.

Were you always this solid in your faith?

I've always been a Christian but became a fully initiated Catholic in April 2001. When I met John and we were ultimately discussing marriage, our spirituality was extremely important to us. The timing was right, as I'd wanted to become Catholic. It was very cool that my parents were also initiated into the church at the same time! Looking back, I think that the grace I received then is what got me through so much. September 11 was just five months after that.

You were in the air on September 11?

I flew out of Manhattan, New York on 9/11, very early in the morning. I was "deadheading" which means I was a passenger going back to my base in Los Angeles. We were in the air for about 45 minutes when the first tower fell. I could just tell by the way the flight attendants were acting, that something was up. We didn't know what was happening. We were forced to land in Indianapolis. We stayed there three days as all air traffic was grounded. It was terrifying. It was awful.



I wear [the pin] because I find it comforting and a beautiful sign of my faith. If there's any spreading of the Word beyond that, of course, I'm thrilled. But I just wear it humbly because I find on good days and bad days it reminds me of God's presence.



I can see how bringing the Peace of Christ to the skies makes sense, given that.

Yes. I started wearing the pin a few years after 9/11, especially as my faith grew. With everything we've gone through as a society and not to mention our own personal challenges, it's nice to have a touchstone. It reinforces my faith and love of God and brings me back to the present moment.

Do you pray on flights?

I have a special prayer for takeoffs. "I trust in you Jesus. I adore you, Jesus. I will follow you. Please bless our aircraft and keep us safe from harm." It's just a small, simple prayer, but it's become my habit. Oh, and I'm not crazy about turbulence, so when it gets kind of rough and tumble, I'll say the St. Michael prayer. He's an incredible saint, and what could be better than to fly with an angel!

I bet you're not the only one who prays!

I've seen pilots with bumper stickers on their flight cases that say, "God is my pilot." I love that! It just reminds me that I'm the co-pilot of my life. God really is in charge.

When we change crew, it's customary to introduce ourselves to the pilots. I've had several pilots notice the pin when I go into the cockpit. "Hey, isn't that a Monstrance?" It makes me smile.

And you'd be surprised how many passengers pray on flights! It's very encouraging when I see passengers on my plane praying the rosary in their seats. I just give them a thumbs up. It's these little holy moments that are gifts, you know?

Your Monstrance pin is seen by hundreds each day!

Oh at least! Airplanes hold hundreds of people, and I often have several flights a day. Then there are all the people I see in the terminals, then I'm in the hotel van and everything in between. It's a lot of people every day. I try to keep the Lord in my present moment, and I hope those prayers reach others that I encounter. I give all the credit to Jesus, of course. But I like to think that Jesus, who is so much a part of me, just overflows out!

You make quiet evangelization sound so easy.

Well, it is! I think the important thing, if you're going to wear a religious piece of jewelry, is that it comes from an authentic place. If it helps you recall Jesus and your relationship with Him, it will bring you peace. It's not a magic charm, but a reminder. And that peace can't stay only in you. It radiates out like perfume!

Thank you, Stacey, for sharing your story. Maybe you'll start a Monstrance pin trend!

You're welcome. And wouldn't that be amazing! †



JOURNEY TO THE DIACONATE

BY MICHELE
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*Richard Denoix's call to prison ministry
leads to ordination*



As Richard Denoix tells it: I really felt the calling. It did not happen many times in my life. But this was one.

One day, I don't know why, but I really felt compelled to go visit prisoners.

I didn't know anybody who had been incarcerated. I have never been incarcerated myself. I have no connection whatsoever with anybody in jail or prison, even remotely.

I felt compelled to visit prisoners.

The next day, I called my pastor, Father Dan Danielson. 'Is there a jail in the area and is there a group of people that go visit prison?'

He put me in touch with George Fargis. He was my predecessor as coordinator.

I called George and I said, 'I'm Richard and I know nothing about prison but I'm interested. And that's how it started.'

It came out of nowhere. Quote end quote.

That which "came out of nowhere" grew into a vocation to the diaconate, 20 years in the making, the last five in formal formation.

Amid a supportive and joyous congregation at St. Augustine Church in Pleasanton, Richard Denoix was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Oakland on May 31, The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, acknowledged the unusual path in his homily at the ordination Mass.

Most aspirants to the diaconate, he noted, learn their assignments after ordination.

"With you, it's the opposite," Bishop Barber said. "You were already doing the ministry for 20 years." The bishop had noticed that Richard was not only doing ministry, but enabling lay people to participate in the ministry.

"It was then that I was moved to ask you would you please consider a vocation to the diaconate."

For that I am very, very grateful."

At the beginning, Richard said, "I don't want to be a deacon. After discernment, I came to realize the calling was there."

He and his wife, Lenore, discerned together.

"Lenore and I had talked about it. We were happy Carmelites. We are both secular Carmelites, Third Order. Our spirituality was great. We were involved at church, Lenore cantoring and me doing prison ministry. And having the Carmelite spirituality, that includes the Liturgy of the Hours every day, morning prayer, evening prayer, monthly meetings with the community."

He had been under spiritual direction for more than 15 years; his spiritual director is a Dominican Sister. Her advice, "If it comes from the bishop, you need to listen."

Richard's decision to accept the bishop's offer came after a class of deacons had already begun its formation for the Diocese of Oakland.

"Father Paul Minnihan, my pastor at the time and my friend, said let me look around and find



a program that is best suited for you, substantial and geared toward theology," Richard said.

Richard had an overarching concern. "I made clear to Father Paul that I wanted to do prison ministry," he said. "We realized, Lenore and I, that the bishop could decide otherwise. We assumed he would consider that strongly."

At the time, Richard was serving as Catholic chaplain at Santa Rita Jail, one of the largest county jails in the state of California.

The program at the Diocese of San Jose, which enrolls a class of deacons each year, proved to be the best fit. "I did all my classes at

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Santa Clara. Amazing classes and curriculum there. Twelve quarters, four years of formation there on various topics by amazing teachers,” Richard said. “I am very grateful for the opportunity.”

Bishop Barber met Richard at Santa Rita Jail in 2013, in the bishop’s first year in Oakland. It was then that he began what has become his tradition, to celebrate Mass at the jail near Christmas. At the time, Richard was the volunteer coordinator of the Catholic detention ministry.

Richard’s philosophy engenders respect for both inmates and the prison staff.

“If you want to have to access to inmates, you need to start with the deputies,” he said. “You can’t go to head to head with the deputies but look at them as partners.” He acknowledges the bigger issues of

the criminal justice system, but his approach to his ministry is rooted in the practical.

“On a practical level, to minister to inmates, you’ve got to start with the deputies. They appreciate it, and they, too, can receive our services.

“Just last week I was in one of the housing units, doing Bible study, about 10 guys there, a deputy was standing back. But I could see that he was listening. At the end he asked to receive a blessing.

“This is what we’re all about.”

He stresses respect for the deputies and jail personnel. “Don’t look at them as the enemies,” he said, advocating a willingness to work together for on behalf of the inmates.

Some deputies are more receptive than others; some more cooperative than others. “You never

know who can benefit from our services. It’s God’s work. We’re just instruments.”

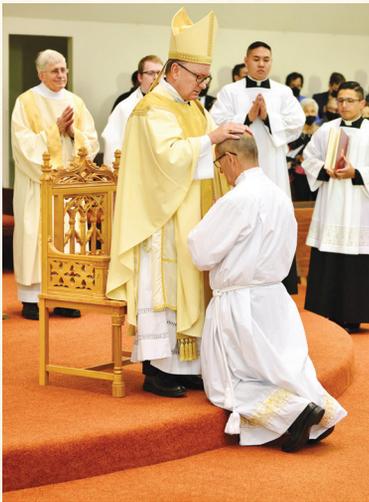
How might his ministry change with ordination?

“One thing that will be easier is to tell people I am a deacon. A lot of time, the staff asks, ‘How shall we call you?’

“Now it will be, ‘If you want to call me something, you can choose between Chaplain and Deacon. How is that?’”

It is not about ego or recognition, he said. “We need to realize people want to recognize a religious figure. It’s important for people to say, ‘Hi,’ whether its pastor, deacon, chaplain. It’s not just a matter of paying respect,” he said. “It brings them peace.”

Re-energizing the volunteer corps of ministers is going to take some time.



“Covid has changed a lot of things,” he said. “The jails are different, the organization, what has happened on the outside, the police, how it’s perceived. A lot of things have changed that have an impact on how the jail is run.

“I anticipate in reengaging with existing volunteers and see who is still interested and who is not, bringing everybody back into the system.”

Then next year, think about recruiting.

“It’s not going to be as simple as bringing volunteers back,” he said. There will be training and learning new policies and procedures, including Covid protocols.

“We at Santa Rita Jail are thinking of a soft start, with limited volunteers, to test the new schedule and way of doing things then allow more people.”

After a visit with his brothers and sisters in France, Deacon Richard will return to his apostolate at the jail and take up his role at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

“I hope my example will inspire people and possibly create vocations to the diaconate or make people think or possibly consider the diaconate.”

He is grateful for his call to the diaconate, even if it didn’t seem to be his call. †

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“ A calling is not something one day you say. ‘It would be cool for me to get that title.’ A calling needs to be something that grows in you; something you get to experience. In a way, I got to be a deacon before becoming a deacon. That’s how you know you have it in you. It’s not about getting a degree or a title. It’s about God’s work. I feel really blessed it worked out this way for me and Lenore. ”

When you bring rosaries to the Cherry Parade . . .

When San Leandro was celebrating its 150th Anniversary Cherry Parade, Church of the Assumption did not let it pass by. The parish and school each prepared a float. Father John Carillo had the idea for the “Popemobile” – a life-size cardboard cutout of Pope Francis in the back of a pickup truck – and to hand out rosaries along the parade route.

More than 200 blessed rosaries, made by the parish’s dedicated Rosary Makers, were given to the spectators. This allowed the parishioners to share their devotion to our Blessed Mother. Walkers represented the parish, Cursillo, YAG, PPC, parish staff and Knights of Columbus. The Assumption School float, led by junior high students, won the award for best school float in the parade. †



“

During the parade we distributed rosaries. God surprises us in such amazing ways. People were asking for it, asking for their rosaries, kissing the rosaries, making the sign of the cross. They were so grateful. It’s amazing how the Holy Spirit works mysteriously. All 200 rosaries were gone; next year we will distribute 1,000. It’s amazing, my dear friend, how people are reminded that there is a God. Not only that there is a God that exists but a God that cares.”

– Father John Carillo, to parishioners on Pentecost Sunday

Viva Las Casas

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES IN OAKLAND

By Michele
Jurich

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After a full day of teaching in Contra Costa County, Oscar Barreto found the energy to enter a night school classroom of English-learners in Oakland's Fruitvale District.

He has no doubt as to what motivated him: The students in front of him, all seeking a new life in the United States. The skills they would learn in the classroom would help them find better-paying work to support their families.

And he knew, too, why he was there.

"I see a great need for this service. There are not too many ESL programs in this area," he said.

“

You are serving these people and you are getting more than you are giving. This is what I feel good doing. As a Catholic, I am following Jesus' words, 'Serve the one in need.'"

But that was not the only reason. "You are serving these people and you are getting more than you are giving," he said. "This is what I feel good doing. As a Catholic, I am following Jesus' words, 'Serve the one in need.'"

Las Casas was founded, one might say, humbly.

Sister Ann Ronin, OP, a Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose, was living in the St. Elizabeth Convent in 2002 when she began with two or three students, using a classroom at the neighboring elementary school.

Then it just kept growing, -said Sister Rose Marie Hennessy, OP, who now volunteers in the classroom twice a week.

Sister Rose Marie, who has served as superintendent of the Diocese of Oakland schools and as principal of St. Elizabeth Elementary, has praise for the students.

The students, she noted, work all day in Spanish and come into a classroom in the evening where they speak English.

Las Casas celebrated 20 years of teaching and learning English as a Second Language, and so much

more, at an April outdoor gathering, complete with cake, at Cristo Rey De La Salle High School, St. Elizabeth Campus, where the classes are conducted three evenings a week during the school year.

The program is celebrating, too, the retirement of Phyllis Martinez as program director and the appointment of Dana Neufeld.



The students in the program are an educator's dream.

"Once they understand they can speak well, they can continue to make great progress," Oscar said. "They say now they were able to find a better job. They can see how the doors open when they speak."

All classes are taught in English. There are five levels of classes; Oscar had been working in the



middle levels. He had worked at level one as well.

“I like to be in front of the class, so this is easy for me,” he said.

He teaches art and geography in Contra Costa County. “I am able to teach all the subjects.”

Like his students, Oscar is an immigrant.

“I came in 1980,” he said. “I took formal classes in college and came to California as an international student. You will hear my accent.

“I try my best for them. I’m also very lucky to have so many volunteers. That offers the opportunity for everyone to work with a native English speaker.”

Las Casas’ strength lies beyond the textbooks.

“What a difference this is making in the community,” Oscar said. “It’s a place where they have an outlet, one of the few in a daily life that is 99 percent work and home.



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“In the classroom, they share their life. How to live in this new country. How to grocery shop.”

Las Casas enriches the lives not only the lives of the students, but their teachers, he said.

“Whoever joins Las Casas says, ‘I come here to teach.’ Soon they will realize it’s much more than that. You’re opening doors,” he said.

Without an experience like this he said, “You don’t understand whatever you give, you will get more in return.”



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Oscar, too, said he, too, thought it was a cliché. But he found he did.

“But, my God, yes!”

Oscar Barreto’s time at Las Casas has come to an end. He retired from his teaching position in June and is moving to Mexico.

“I will miss this place,” he said. “It’s in good hands.”

He will be volunteering in Mexico, working with at-risk students, or those with learning differences.

Helping others, he said, is part of his faith. “I follow Him. This is one way that I do. This is what I’m supposed to be doing,” he said. “And I’m happy.”

The Dominican Sisters have a school in his destination city.

One imagines they are happy, too. †



ESL Teachers Wanted

Las Casas English as a Second Language seeks volunteer teachers and assistants for the adult ESL program. Located in the Fruitvale district of Oakland, classes run from September to May. We meet Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. at Cristo Rey de la Salle High School. We are looking for a commitment of at least one evening a week and can provide subs when you have an occasional conflict.

More information: lascasasoakland.org

Student Demographics

(2021-2022 School Year)

60%
Men

40%
Women

65%
Guatemala

18%
Mexico

11%
El Salvador

3%
Afghanistan

31

Average age
in years

1

Average years
in U.S.

8

Average years
of prior schooling

50%

Full-time employment down from prior years

65%

Percentage of students with yearly earnings of \$15,000 or less, across full- and part-time

**Las Casas, 2021-22 school year*



Registration, Assessment and Orientation Nights

2022-2023 classes will be in person at Cristo Rey De LaSalle East Bay High School, 1530 34th Ave. St., Oakland. Students and teachers must be fully vaccinated and boosted to attend.

NEW STUDENT ASSESSMENT - FALL 2022

- Monday, Aug. 22 6:30-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 23 6:30-8 p.m.

Our assessment will tell us your level so that you are placed in the correct class. Full COVID Vaccination is REQUIRED.

If you have questions or would like more information, please email lascasasoakland@gmail.com or call or text (510) 842-3070.

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION - FALL 2022

Registration Nights for returning students:

- Monday, Aug. 22 - Last names A - L - 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 23 - Last names M - Z - 6:30 - 8 p.m.

The registration fee for Fall 2022 is \$30.



Noches de Inscripción, Evaluación y Orientación

Las clases 2022-2023 serán presenciales en la Escuela Secundaria Cristo Rey. Para su seguridad y la de los demás, requerimos que los estudiantes y maestros estén completamente vacunados y preparados para asistir.

EVALUACIÓN DE NUEVOS ESTUDIANTES: OTOÑO DE 2022

Las próximas Noches de Evaluación para nuevos estudiantes:

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Noches de Inscripción para Estudiantes que Regresan:

- Lunes 22 de Agosto - Apellidos A - L - 6:30- 8pm
- Martes 23 de Agosto - Apellidos M - Z - 6:30-8 pm

La cuota de inscripción para el Otoño de 2022 es de \$30.



+ MORE INFORMATION

NEW STUDENTS

To register for classes with Las Casas, students must complete an oral and written Assessment to determine their class level. There are 2 or 3 Assessment nights each semester (Fall and Spring). Once a student has been assessed, they are placed in one of five class levels. If space is available, a postcard is mailed asking the student to come and register.

Orientation and registration are required for all new students before starting class (see below for the next available Assessment and Orientation dates). The registration fee varies by semester - the Fall semester is \$30. The registration fees include the textbook and all classroom materials.

RETURNING STUDENTS

Students continuing from the prior semester can register for classes at a Registration night.

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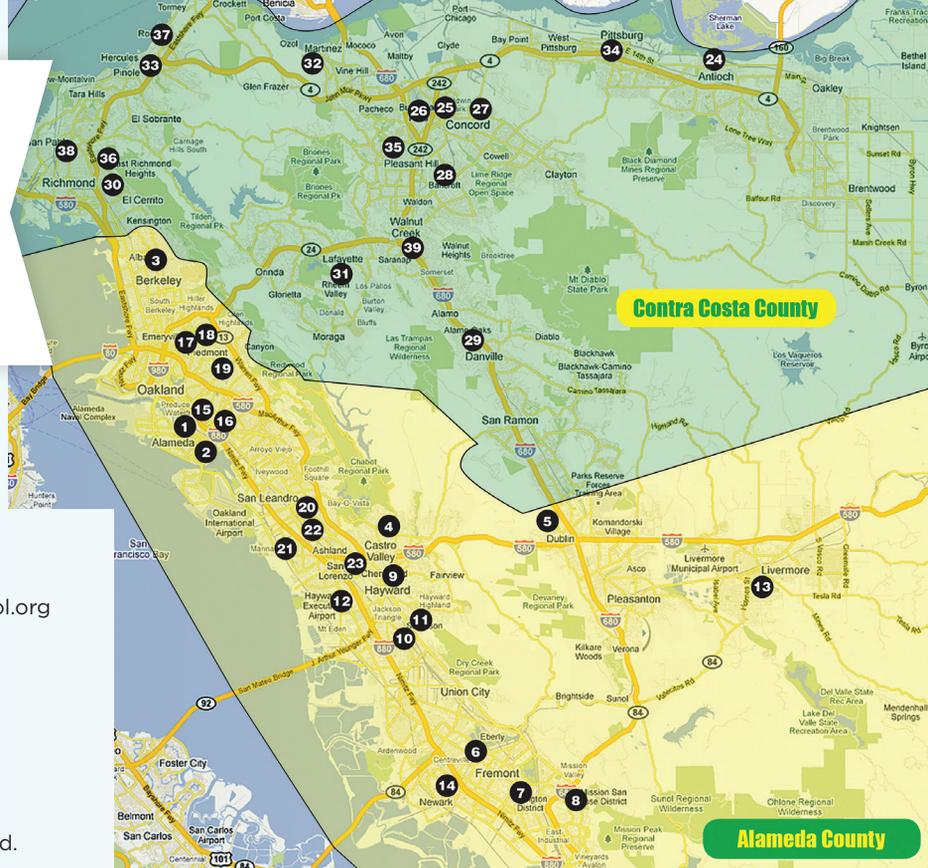
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SISTER ELISABETH TRANSFERS HER VOWS TO ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS

At Catholic Charities East Bay, she resettled refugees for 40 years



Sister Elisabeth Nguyen, OP, professes her vows to Prioress Patricia Siemen, OP, while her witnesses – Sister Mary Priniski, OP, left, Chapter Prioress, and Mary Jane Lubinski, OP, Mission Prioress – offer encouragement.

BY SISTER BARBARA KELLEY, OP

Sister Barbara Kelley, OP is the communications specialist for the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

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The fire and exuberance of the Holy Spirit – combined with the joy of welcoming a Sister home to the community – brought a special celebration of praise to St. Catherine Chapel in Adrian, Michigan, on June 5. The assembly of Adrian Dominican Sisters, Associates and friends was celebrating both the Feast of Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Church – and the Transfer of Vows of Sister Elisabeth Nguyen, OP, from the Vietnamese Dominican Sisters of Phu Cuong in BienHoa, to the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Sister Elisabeth was known as Sister Elisabeth Lang, OP, during her more than 40 years in the Diocese of Oakland

Sister Elisabeth has been connected in various ways to the Adrian Dominican Sisters since she arrived in Adrian in 1968 to study at Siena Heights College (now University). While still a member of her Dominican congregation in Vietnam, she became an Associate of the Adrian Dominican Sisters in 1991.

An Associate is a woman or man, at least 18 years of age, who is called to the Dominican charism, or spirit and makes a non-vowed commitment to partner with the Adrian Dominican Sisters. The Transfer of Vows brought Sister Elisabeth full circle, to vowed membership with the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

“I feel great,” Sister Elisabeth said. “My journey is finally coming home to Adrian, and I feel complete. It’s time to be part of this wonderful congregation.”

Prioress Patricia Siemen, OP, welcomed Sister Elisabeth with “great joy” and with gratitude to her Dominican congregation in Vietnam. Sister Elisabeth formally professed her vows to Sister Patricia, using the traditional Dominican formula. “To the honor of Almighty God, I, Sister Elisabeth Nguyen, reaffirm my commitment and promise obedience to God, to our Blessed Mother Mary, to our Holy Father St. Dominic, and to you, Sister Patricia Siemen, Prioress of the Congregation, and to your lawful successors, according to the Rule of St. Augustine and the Constitution of the Sisters of St. Dominic of the Congregation of the Holy Rosary, until death.”

“

I went to Oakland for temporary ministry . . . I never thought I'd spend my whole life out here, but I love the work I'm doing.”

Sister Patricia presented Sister Elisabeth with the logo of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, signifying her vowed membership to the Congregation. The transfer was completed with the signing of official Vatican documents by Sister Patricia; Sister Elisabeth; and two formal witnesses, Sister Mary Priniski, OP, Chapter Prioress, and Sister Mary Jane Lubinski, OP, Mission Prioress of the Catherine of Siena Mission Chapter.

Sister Elisabeth was one of four Vietnamese Dominican Sisters who received scholarships to study at Siena Heights College in Adrian. They arrived in August 1968.



Sister Patricia Dulka, OP, participates in the procession into St. Catherine Chapel for the Pentecost Liturgy, waving a red and white banner to signify the fire of the Holy Spirit.



The assembly affirms Sister Elisabeth's Transfer of Vows by singing the Dominican Blessing.

With the fall of the South Vietnamese government in April 1975, Sister Elisabeth began her lifelong ministry: helping with the resettlement of refugees to the United States through Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Oakland.

"I went to Oakland for temporary ministry," she recalled in a 2016 interview on the occasion of her Lifetime Achievement Award for 40 years of refugee resettlement work. "I never thought I'd spend my whole life out here, but I love the work I'm doing."

In 1991, Sister Elisabeth visited her Dominican community in Vietnam and decided to remain a member of that community and an Associate of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. During a summer 2019 gathering of Adrian Dominican Sisters, Associates, co-workers, and other partners in ministry, Sister Patricia invited Sister Elisabeth to consider transferring her vows to the Adrian Dominican Congregation.

"Thank you, Elisabeth, for reminding us of our own love story and to fall in love with the God of light, of, fire and warmth, our Comforter, who alone is our inheritance and joy," said Sister Patricia Harvat, OP, General Council Liaison to Formation.†

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It is crucially important for us to know that through the voices of St. Paul VI, St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and now Pope Francis, the Church has apologized for any participation of her members in the mistreatment of Jews at any time and any place. We have a revolution here, expressed most clearly in the teaching of Vatican Council II that gave us four points from which we can never turn back:

1

We must never blame Jews collectively for the death of Jesus;

2

God did not abandon the Jews in punishment;

3

No one has the right to treat Jews with contempt as if this followed from the lessons of Sacred Scripture

4

There is no place in Christianity for anti-Semitism. To say it as John Paul did: Anti-Semitism is a sin.

So today, Rabbi Bloom, your presence with us is a sign of the bridge-building of a quiet revolution that's gone on for the last 60 years. We here at the Cathedral of Christ the Light are also very pleased that by your friendship with us you acknowledge that we have changed. We are eager to hear from you about the very same Word of God that we both share. We look forward to learning together with you.

Bishop Barber, we thank you again for the strength that you give us by welcoming your Jesuit brothers to help us know and face the past with its mistakes, all the while building new bridges with those once considered "outsiders." Perhaps now we can understand the plow that our Lord describes in today's Gospel: that by our faith and good will we now till the fertile soil of friendship, especially with our Jewish brothers and sisters who are the very family of Jesus himself. †

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

Aug. 1-5

Leading retreat for the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius, Wisconsin

Aug. 6-22

Vacation

Aug. 19

Eucharistic Revival Bishops Meeting

Aug. 23

Priest Personnel Board
Presbyteral Council

Aug. 28

Dedication and Blessing of Bishop Cummins Center at Bishop O'Dowd High School, Oakland

Aug. 29-Sept. 2

Retreats with the priests of the Diocese of Oakland †



STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE MOST REV. MICHAEL C. BARBER, SJ, DIOCESE OF OAKLAND, JUNE 24, 2022:

Days ago we celebrated the joy of Juneteenth and the Emancipation Proclamation. June 24, 2022 likewise will go down in history when the right to life was restored to children in their mother's womb.

We Catholics support the Supreme Court decision. We call on our state government to pass laws to help mothers in need to bring their children to birth and care for them, and not just support the abortion industry. Abortion causes pain, regret and a lifetime of psychological and spiritual harm to women and the fathers of their children.

The Catholic Church is the largest private provider of social services in the United States. We have always been there to support women with unplanned pregnancies, and we will be there for them in the future. Women deserve better than abortion. †

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John 21:15-17 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' Peter said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs'.

John 21:15

He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep'. *John 21:16*

Jesus said to Peter the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep'. *John 21:17*

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