



January 2013

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church--Fernley, Nv.

COME & SEE!

Pastor's Message



Stewardship is a misunderstood word in our Catholic vocabulary. That is mostly (if not all) the fault of the institution that connected it money.

Stewardship is SO MUCH MORE. It is our participation in the mission of the church.

Stewardship is rooted in our belief in Jesus Christ. That belief is demonstrated through our actions, our way of life.

Stewardship is being compassionate to those who are in crisis.

Stewardship is being generous with our time and blessings.

Stewardship is an attitude of gratitude to God for the gift of life itself.

The Church cannot thrive without **Stewardship**. My hope is that through these newsletters, more fellow parishioners will participate in the life of the parish and church, and by doing so, experience a deeper level of faith.

Please join with me and be Stewards of the Catholic Church.



RCIA

How does an adult become a Catholic? It is through a process called RCIA, which means the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults. It is an ancient practice through which adults are introduced to Christ and his teachings, and incorporate those teachings into their lives.

The first phase of this process is called the Inquiry or Pre-Catechumenate Period, during which people explore the essential beliefs of the Catholic Faith. After this period, they determine whether to continue with the RCIA process. The second, third, and fourth phases are Catechumenate Period, Purification & Enlightenment, and Mystagogia.

During the Catechumenate Period, people learn more about the Sacraments, the Eucharist, and Scripture. The period of Purification & Enlightenment coincides with Lent. This is a more reflective and prayerful season. During this time, people examine their lives and see how they can grow closer to God and serve Him to the best of their ability.

Adults are Baptized, Confirmed and celebrate First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. This is a THE most Holy Night for the Church.

The final RCIA period is Mystagogia. This occurs after the celebration of the Sacraments. During this period you become aware of what you have been called to do in your life to reveal God's presence to the world.

RCIA is not a program or a "class". Rather, it is an ongoing faith formation process. During our time together, people will learn what the Catholic Church teaches and how to begin living life as a Catholic.

The RCIA Team members are Jerry Crandall, Rudy Forster, Sharon Holley, Jan Howell, Tim Kearney, Tina Kostrzeski, and Jackie LaVoie.



List of our Ministries & Groups

- Knights of Columbus
- St. Rob's Belles
- Boy Scout & Cub Scout 494
- Girl Scouts
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Religious Ed. Catechists
- Family Ministry
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Communion Ministers
- Altar Servers
- Food Pantry
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- English Choir
- Spanish Choir
- RCIA

Important Dates

Diocesan Conference	Jan. 11-12
Baptism of the Lord	Jan. 13
Vocations Awareness	Jan 13-19
CSA Pledge week	Jan. 26-27

We have 5 men in Seminary now, being formed as Priests. It costs around \$30,000 per person per year to cover their seminary costs. We also need to cover incidental expenses for them, and the travel for the Directors of Vocations.

We also have a number of young men discerning the possibility of entering the seminary. This is GREAT news, but it means we will need the help of all to support our future priests.

The Formational process requires 5

Vocations

Eduardo Gutierrez is in the college seminary program at Seminary Hispano de Guadalupe in Mexico City,



DF, Mx. Eduardo is happy to be back in studies and looks forward to transferring to a US seminary program, once he has completed his philosophy degree.

Pray for Vocations!

A Vocation is the call to be holy. Every person has this call. Holiness is expressed in our vocations (small "v"); as religious, married or a dedicated life. So we all have a vocation. Hearing the call to marry is fairly easy, but hearing the call to a religious life or a life dedicated to service is a bit more difficult.

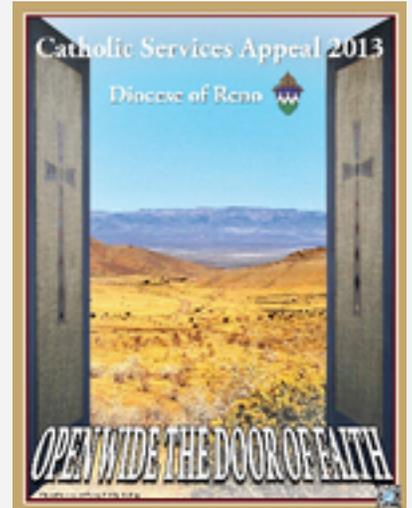
The Office of Vocations for the Diocese is set up to help those people discerning a call to the religious life or a dedicated life.

If you have any questions, email us at Vocations@Catholicreno.org.

National Vocations Awareness Week is January 13-19, 2013. This is an excellent time to pray for Vocations, and to discuss Vocations with your children.

Current Seminarians

Joey Walsh



CSA-2013

This annual Diocesan Appeal begins in January. The **Catholic Services Appeal** is the way in which our diocese funds the many vital ministries of the Church.

We Catholics have a mission to help in the transformation of the World; to spread the Good News. We can do this very effectively through our works, such as Religious Education, Catholic Charities, Vocations. These are just some of our ministries, our acts, of the diocese. There are other ministries that are also impacted by the CSA.

Our parish has benefitted greatly from CSA. These funds helped support us in our operations, funded the loans for the construction of the new church, and helped to fund the training of Deacon Ruben and Martha. As well, through the work of Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada, David and Janine adopted little Cora.

So as an act of Stewardship; an act of compassion, generosity and gratitude please consider a pledge to the CSA, in whatever amount you can make.

Our diocese also rebates back to the parish 100% of all funds beyond the goal. This helps us in our operational

years of Theological Studies, along with intensive spiritual and personal development, and prayer, and including 1 year of internship, It is not an easy process.

Support our men with prayers.

Chris Kanowitz
Lucio Zuniga
Patrick Klekas
Eduardo Guterrez

expenses.

Please Be Generous as you can.
Participate in any amount that you are able to.