

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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*AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER*

*AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE.*

*(1 PT 4:10)*

Dear Parishioner:

We have great news to tell you about our community. Bishop Soto has strategic plan for the Diocese this year. Here are his words in a recent article in the Catholic Herald:

“Faith is the essence of Catholicism and our good works flow from that faith. Jesus personified this by dedicating his life to serving, building and bettering his community, surrounded by those who were equally committed.”

With an eye toward revitalizing the Diocese of Sacramento, Bishop Jaime Soto solicited input from laity, clergy, religious and his diocesan staff and advisors to create and then announce his strategic plan to address the ever-changing needs Catholics face as a faith community.

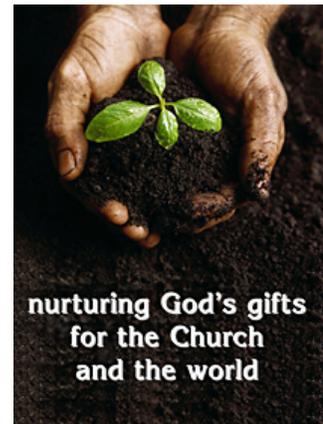
In that plan, the bishop says because Catholics have been immersed in the baptism of Jesus, they take upon themselves this same mission. “Ours is an evangelizing mission. We perform this work most effectively when we ourselves become ‘el Sacramento,’ the sacrament of the Lord’s joy and hope for the whole of the Sacramento Valley.”

The bishop calls upon the Catholic people of the diocese to revitalize Catholic education, invigorate the formation of the laity, encourage youth and young adults and challenge them to serve Christ and his church, announce the Gospel in the public square of social media, serve the poor and marginalized more effectively, and harness the resources so this can be done.

The plan calls for Bishop Soto and the diocese to launch the ONE Campaign, a capital campaign aiming to revive these foundational ideas of service and community. This campaign simultaneously serves two purposes. First, it seeks to strengthen and improve our community in tangible ways, such as ensuring that Catholic education is accessible for all and bolstering vocation recruitment. Second, the campaign will enhance the church in more intangible ways: by unifying and strengthening us as one faith community as we work together to achieve common goals supported by the bishop's strategic plan.

We hope you are having a blessed summer.

A special ministry we would like to share with you is the B'Frienders. They are the group that exemplifies the Saint John's welcoming and responsive faith community for families and friends of a member of Christ's body who has died. They assist a parish family with house-sitting during funeral services and setup/serve at the family gathering after the funeral service. Members of the B'Frienders feel they receive more than what they give when they assist the family of a parish member. They return the gifts of service a parish member gave while they were in our community. The B'Frienders have a special need for parishioners to perform in their ministry on Saturdays when many funerals are held. Please contact Beverly Haebacker for information on how you can assist our community.



We have some news on one of our parishioners, Frank Redondo. Frank has given our parish an amazing 51 years of service to the Music Ministry. At the 10 a.m. Mass on June 9, Frank shared with us an original composition entitled, "This is your Song, O Lord." Frank has also been very active in the community singing for countless weddings and parties, and being the lead singer in a Latin American Big Band. Once again, thank you Frank for your lifetime of service to our Lord and His people! Please also wish Frank a Happy Birthday as he turned 90 years old on June 3.

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