



Guardian Angel Cathedral

JANUARY 2010

Volunteer and Staff Newsletter

Las Vegas, Nevada

Meetings and Committees

- **Television**
Wed Feb 3 – 6:30pm
Michael La Rocca
GAC Ofc: 735-5241
- **Senior Club**
Tues. Jan 5 – 1:30pm
Call: 363-6820
- **Oktoberfest**
Edgar Velazquez/Chair
Call: 813-2657
Barbara Burke/Crafts
Call: 871-9065
Theresa Gagliano/
Bake Sale
Call: 658-3211
- **St. Joseph's Table**
Julie Andriaccio/Chair
Call: 735-1065
- **Meetings held in
Anderson Hall**

Music

- **Cantors, Holiday &
Men's Chorus**
Debbie Cenna/GAC
Music Dir.
Call: 612-4466
- **Diocesan/Cathedral
Choir**
Mondays 7pm
Marek Rachelski/Dir.
Call: 565-5060

GAC Office Closed

Jan 1, New Year's Day
Jan 18, Martin Luther
King Day

Liturgy: "Full, Conscious & Active Participation of the Faithful"



The title of this month's article comes from the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council (Ch. 2, #14). Number 11 of the document states that we must, "...ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects." So how do we as ministers in the Church engage the faithful?

A few things to keep in mind. We are all one in the Body of Christ. No individual sits higher or lower than the other. We, the people of God are the Church. We respect the Hierarchy, and the ordained, but remember we are all part of the same Body with different callings to make that Body function properly.

"Servers, readers, commentators, and members of the choir also exercise a genuine liturgical function. They ought to discharge their office, therefore, with the sincere devotion and decorum demanded by so exalted a ministry and rightly expected of them by God's people." (CSL #29) That is a pretty powerful statement.

Simply it means we have a responsibility to engage the people fully through our particular ministries, always remembering the center of our faith is the Eucharist.

When we greet as an Usher... welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ. When we Lector... proclaim the Word of God with gusto and feeling. When we Cantor or Sing... keep in mind that it is more important for the faithful to sing out with joy. When we serve Holy Communion... make that "communion" with the individual before you. When we serve... let the people see your devotion to the Mass and the Eucharist.

"The Bishop is looked on as the high priest of his flock, the faithful's life in Christ in some way deriving from and depending on him.

Therefore, all should hold in great esteem the liturgical life of the diocese centered around the Bishop, especially in his Cathedral Church; they must be convinced that the preeminent manifestation of the Church is present in the full, active participation of all God's holy people in these liturgical celebrations, especially in the same Eucharist, in a single prayer, at one altar at which the Bishop presides, surrounded by his college of priests and by his ministers." (CSL #41)

This is our responsibility and our life in Christ Jesus.

2010 GAC Events

- **St. Joseph's Table**
Sat March 20, 2010
- **Our Lady/Fatima Day**
Thurs May 13, 2010
12:10 Mass
- **6th Annual 2010 Oktoberfest Craft & Bake Sale**
Sat & Sun Oct 2 & 3
- **Christmas Midnight Mass LIVE Telecast**
Sat Dec 25, 2010
12mid to 1:30am on
KLAS TV Channel 8

2010 Workshops

- **Liturgical Ministries**
EM's Tues Jan 19, May 18 & Sept 21 @ 6:30pm
Lectors Wed Jan 20, May 19 & Sept 22 @ 6:30pm
Servers Sat Jan 23 @ 9:00am / Thurs May 20 & Sept 23 @ 6:30pm
- You must attend a workshop once a year for each ministry in which you are involved.
All workshops in the Church & will not exceed 3hrs.

- The Monthly Schedule & Newsletter can be found online at:
lasvegas-diocese.org
Go to Parishes, and click on the GAC page.
- Deadline for schedule conflicts 15th of the month.
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May our Lord Jesus send you abundant blessings, good health and good fortune for this New Year!!!

My New Year's Resolution... I Will Read the Monthly Newsletter!!!

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It has been said that if you say something three times it becomes part of you. I hope this new year all of our staff and volunteers will take the few minutes each month to read the Newsletter. This is our only form of communication to you on a regular basis. Some months it may only be a date change for a workshop or meeting, and some months there may be important information such as filling out Directory information forms or Holy Day schedules. Let us all make 2010 the year we promise to ourselves that we will read the GAC Newsletter every month.

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU... You are actually reading this Newsletter before Christmas has happened, but I did not want to wait until the February Newsletter to be able to say thank you. All of you work so very hard at Christmastime, especially this year with Christmas and regular weekend Masses coming back to back. Just remember to take some time for yourself and loved ones, so that you may truly feel the Spirit of Christmas. I want to thank each and every one of you for your service to our Cathedral, parishioners and visitors from around the world. I especially want to thank our Television Ministry Committee and Music Department for working so hard this year for the Midnight Mass LIVE Telecast. I love, respect and appreciate all of you so very much. May God shine His abundant blessings upon you and your loved ones this New Year... Michael

FIRST FRIDAY JANUARY 1, 2010 New Year's Day 2010 is also First Friday this year and the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. However, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation in our Region. Our first Mass will be at 8 am with one collection, and our second Mass will be at 12:10 pm and will include Cantor and Organ with one collection and the balcony will be open. The 12:10 pm Mass will be followed by our regular Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER Our Annual GAC Appreciation Dinner hosted by Fr. Larry Lentz, CSV will be held on Friday January 8th beginning with cocktails at 6:00 pm in Anderson Hall. All of you should have received your invitations and need to RSVP to Kathy Keaton in the Cathedral office.

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL CONFERENCE Rick Minch and Michael La Rocca will be attending the National Cathedral Ministry Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin January 11th to January 14th. Please pray for them to have a safe journey, to learn much and to stay warm. Milwaukee... in January???

JANUARY WORKSHOPS We begin our 2010 Ministry Workshops this month. Please look at the schedule in the left panel to find dates and times. Remember you must attend a workshop once a year for each ministry in which you are involved. A note to Altar Servers: Many of the Deacon Candidates for the Diocese will be attending the January Altar Server Workshop before being Instituted as Acolyte this September. Regular GAC Altar Servers may wish to consider attending the May or September Workshop for this ministry.

RIGHT TO LIFE MASS The Annual Diocese of Las Vegas Rite to Life Mass will be held at GAC on Sunday January 24th at 12:30 pm. Bishop Pepe will be the principal celebrant for the Mass and concelebrating with our Bishop will be Fr. Phil Audet, Chaplain for the Rite to Life Ministry in Las Vegas and other Priests from our Diocese. Music will be provided by the Diocesan/Cathedral Choir under the Direction of Marek Rachelski.
