



MAY IS THE MONTH DEVOTED TO OUR LADY. THIS IMAGE IS OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



THIS IS AN IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS, A COMPANION FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING.



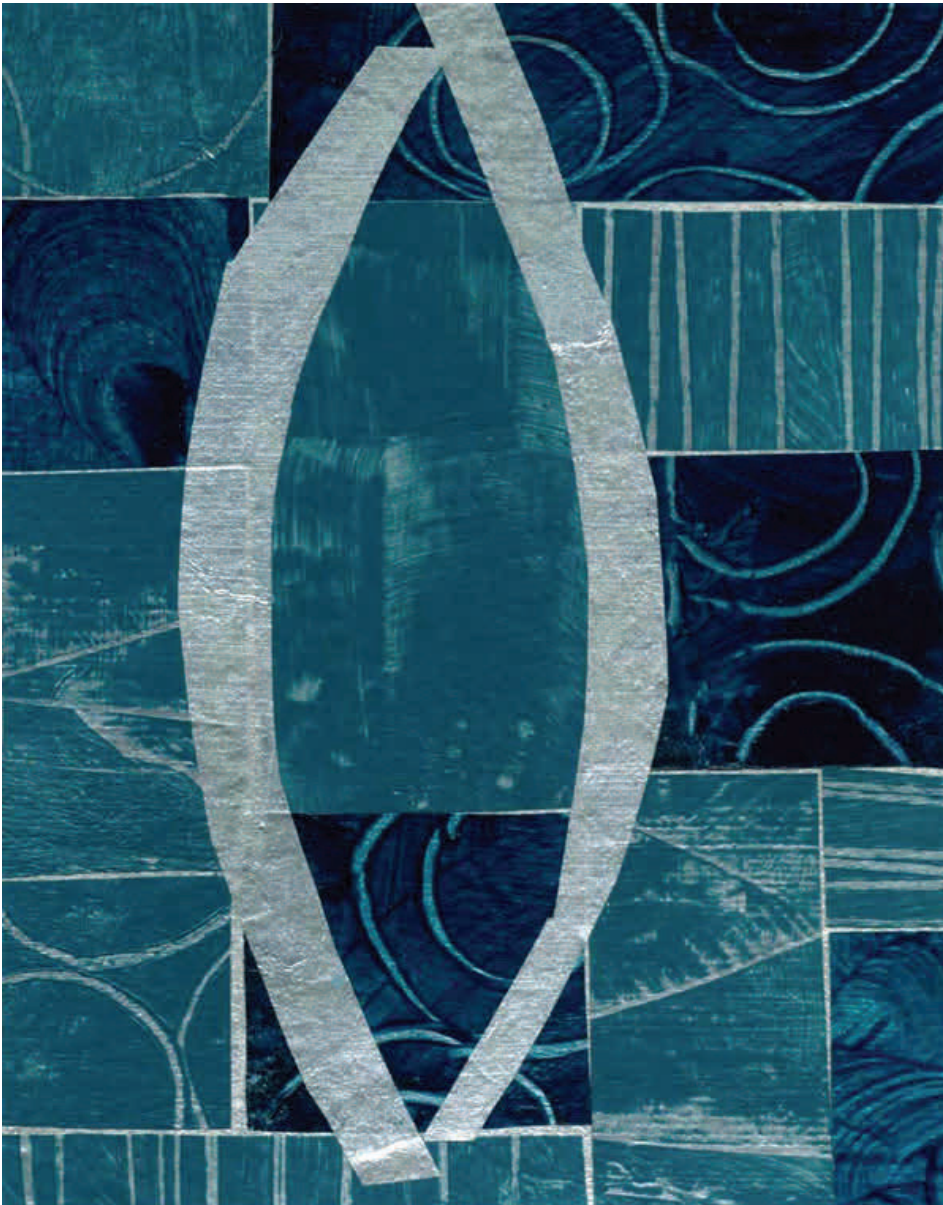
THIS IMAGE IS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, WHO IS THE PATRONESS OF OUR DIOCESE.

20 MAY 2012 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF ORANGE



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MASSES

SATS: 5:00 pm;
SUNS: 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00
DAILY (incl. Sat.): 9:00 am
HOLY DAYS: as Announced

PENANCE

Weekdays: 8:30-8:50 a.m
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COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

The morning after a judge gave our Diocese the right to purchase the Crystal Cathedral campus out of bankruptcy court, the first person that called our Bishop to congratulate him was Rick Warren, the pastor of Saddleback Church and the author of numerous books including the best selling, *The Purpose Driven Life*, which has been translated into scores of languages. What made the call so surprising was that the two had never met. "I am so pleased you got the Crystal Cathedral," Warren told the Bishop. "I have been praying for months that you'd get it." He said that he had even told Dr. Schuller himself that he felt "the Catholics" should get it because it would then be kept for Christian usage, "and not turned into condos or classrooms."

From that phone call came an invitation to the Bishop to have lunch with the Pastor. As you can see from the photograph, I was able to tag along. (You'll also recognize one of our parishioners, Shirl Giacomi, who serves as the Bishop's Chancellor.)

Even in the parking lot, you knew you were at a different kind of place: the parking spaces for visitors were at near the entrance, not at the back of the lot. And everyone greets you with a gentle hello. Everyone. The Pastor's assistant looked like he was just out of college and everyone dressed casually, like the Pastor, who greeted us with the question, "Do you mind if I hug you? I'm a hugger."

The thing that is most noticeable about Rick Warren

is that he is very much himself. No pretense. Not the slightest hint of self-importance. No resonant voice of wise experience.

The second thing that is evident is his passion for the spread of the Gospel, and not in a preachy way that you might expect from an evangelical, but the genuine, focused way of a committed disciple. He is a missionary at heart. (In fact he originally wanted to go to China but that was impossible when he was coming

out of the seminary.) When asked what motivates him as a pastor, he answered without hesitation. "The people. I love the people here. I love working with these people."

We talked for about two hours, easily and with a lots of laughs and nods of recognition. All of us left feeling that we had met what you would call "the real

deal."

Some of us were born in a generation where the opposite of us Catholics was those Protestants. Vatican II changed that. We learned from Pope John XXIII, that these fellow Christians were our "separated brethren" and our disunity was a "scandal." We have so much more in common than our theological disagreements. And what we have most in common is the preaching of the good news to the thirsty souls we meet in life. Pastor Rick Warren has been doing that for more than thirty years; he is an example for Catholics as well as Protestants. And we are lucky to have such a good friend.

Msgr. Mike



Fr. Al Baca, Shirl Giacomi, Pastor Rick Warren, Bishop Tod, Msgr. Mike and Fr. Binh Nguyen

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MEMBERSHIP

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus invites every Catholic man in our Parish to join our Council. We generally meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is Monday, June 4th. Contact John Campbell at (310) 529-5713 for additional information.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting will be a Marian Meditation, held on May 21. Fr. David Robinson, S.J. will introduce us to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Fr. David will guide us through a reflection on a gospel passage which focuses on Mary's life, and demonstrate how we can improve our prayer time and grow in our faith. Meeting is at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, with refreshments beginning at 6:30. New members are always welcome!

CATHOLIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON 2012

You are invited to attend the annual Catholic Charities Auxiliary of the Diocese of Orange Benefit Luncheon. This luncheon will honor the Catholic Women-of-the-Year Volunteerism from every parish in the Diocese of Orange. St. Anne's Parish nominee is Barbara Wright. She is also a member of our Women's Guild. Bishop Tod D. Brown will present a commendation certificate to our Nominee honoring her volunteerism. The date is Thursday, May 24th, 10:00 a.m. at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Irvine. Cost is \$65.00 per person. For information, call 714-541-8971.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Robert Bell, Geoff Barnard, Claire Brunone, Sandy Plante, Lee Swearingen, Charles Castagna, Jodie Dietenbeck, Ron Flores, Esther Delgadillo, Madeline Watkins, Jim and Georgia Crowley, Fr. Sy Nguyen, Kathleen Kastner



8TH ANNUAL "HELPING THE FAMILIES OF OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS"

Please join me in providing funds for the needy families of our Military Wounded Warriors (Service Men & Women). Many families fly in from out of the area to be with their wounded loved one at the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton. The Pastoral Care Services need the funds and convenience of providing them with their needs during the duration of their stay, with food certificates, hotels, transportation, etc. This will ease the financial struggles and trying times that these families face. Your financial support will be much appreciated by them. Please be assured that it is tax deductible (their tax ID# is 330484411). If you have any questions, email me at dprogar@cox.net or call me 949-525-7092. Please make check payable to: Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton—Food Fund. Mail to: Mrs. Deana Progar, c/o St. Edward Church, 33926 Calle La Primavera, Dana Point, 92629. Thank you in advance.

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ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Many people come to church here at Saint Anne's but never get around to registering. Are you one of them? Registration has its privileges. Ours is a small cozy church with a just long enough aisle, the kind that attracts brides and others. But we try to limit its use so it will be available to our parishioners and the members of their families when they need it. How do we know you are a regular? By your registration. It doesn't cost anything and we send you the schedule of services for special occasions and other special events. It's your way of letting us know that you belong. To register just stop by the parish office during the week or call Katie so she can get your information over the phone.