

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: Noon to 4:00 pm
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 am

First Friday Mass & Devotion: 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00AM, 11:30 AM. 5:15 P.M.

Holy Day Masses: 8 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

Penance: For daily Mass goes 7:30 AM, For Parish on Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 P.M., and by appointment

Baptisms & RCIA: *By appointment only.* Please email Deacon Fitzmorris at rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org.

Weddings: *By appointment only.* Arrangements must be made at least **one year** in advance. Please contact the office

Funerals: *For arrangements, please call the parish office.*



History of Immaculate Conception Parish

It was here in Old Town that Father Junipero Serra celebrated his First Holy Mass in California on July 2, 1769, near the site of the present Immaculate Conception Church, and it was on the hill overlooking Old Town that he planted the cross which marked the site of the Mission and the Presidio.

In 1849, the first parish church was established in Old Town with the name of Immaculate Conception and was dedicated in 1858. It still stands and is known as the Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street. The cornerstone to the present Immaculate Conception Church was laid in 1868 under the direction of Father Antonio Ubach. With the population swing toward the south, it was not until July 6, 1919, that the church was dedicated by Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles.

WE PRAY

MASS INTENTIONS

24	8 AM	<i>St. Bartholomew</i> Johnna Kresge, SI	PR
25	8 AM	<i>St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz</i> †James A. DiEdoardo	RE
26	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> Margaret Kelly, SI	RE
27	8 AM	<i>Saint Monica</i> †Helene Smith	MO
28	8 AM	<i>St. Augustine</i> Blessed Fr. Junipero Serra	RE
29	8 AM	<i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i> †Escolastico Sugatan	RE
30	5:15PM	People of Immaculate Conception	MT
	8:30 AM	Mike Sampo, SI	RE
	10:00 AM	†Santana Espinoza & Ana Orozco	WK
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	MT
	5:15 PM	†Martin Morris	MT

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

August: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Evangelization: That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

4th	David Exner North American College Rome,
4th	Brian Frice Mt. Angel Seminary OR
2nd	Oscar Lopez, Mt. Angel Seminary OR
3rd	Nathan McWeeney Mt. Angel Seminary OR
2nd	Eric Tamayo North American College Rome
4th	Corey Tufford North American College Rome,
4th	Derek Twilliger Mt. Angel Seminary OR
3rd	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS


24	Rev. William Dugan
25	Very Rev. Msgr. Richard Duncanson
26	Rev. George Dunkley
27	Rev. Stephen Dunn
28	Rev. Msgr. Robert Ecker
29	Rev. Manuel Edza
30	Rev. Ron Mark Edney, OP

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145: 10-18; Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-17; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-12; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1-9; Mk 6:17-29

PRAY FOR HEALING

Jesus, we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen

Esther Fitch, Lydia Castillo Herrera Margaret Kelly, Patricia Kennedy, Dorothy Kleint, Deena Marchiano, Dena Mendoza, Jean Miller, Patricia O'Grady, Mary Jane Tiernan, Marguerite Vorst, Marie Whitman, Martha Zamudio, Carlos Amaya, Fred Levine, Mike Rodriguez, Lisa Becerra, Maguire Fitzpatrick, Tony Jenkins, Peter Nalwalker, Bob Witt, Frank Garay, Frances Garcia,		Socorro Pacheco, Linda Lee, Amparo Valenzuela, Robby Witt, Phyllis Altomare, Denise Cooney, Alicia Ambrose, Shirley Pearson, Diego Cárdena. Inez Cerda Bull Joanne Mangiameli Rose McBrien Cosmo Busalacchi Maria Casanova, Steve Stone, Laura Castillo, Edna Moore, Maria Esperanza Kramer, Joan Busalacchi, Georgiana Ottenheimer, Mark Brandon, Jeanne Pontius, Esther Salazar.
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PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

Jesus, protect all who serve our country.

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander, Natalie Augustine, Major Jerry Bloomquist, Col. Mike Bodkin, Danny Carpenter, USMC, LTJG Joseph Colangelo, USN, Cpl. Samuel James Comer, Daniel Dinglebeck, USN, PFC, David Eley, USMC, Micah Emery, Sgt. Christopher Escalona, Capt. Pedro Esquivel, 1Lt. Cortez Fabia, Juan Carlos Galazza, SSGT. Vincent Charles Lucario,	Robert Clinton Long, MC2, Sgt. Adriana Matizel, Wendell Miculob, LTJG Joe F. Moralez, USN; LCPL Matthew A. Pena, Sgt. Richard Pierce, Sgt. William Paul Powers and Cinco, CPL Wilson Santiago; Alfred Tello, Ricky Thibeault, Tony Tulloss, PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. SCPO Desiree S. Hayes, USN
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†PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED†

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.

William Kennedy, Robert McMahan, David Diaz, Margie Gautier, Patrick Piggot, Rodney Serrano, Concepción Garza, Richard Solís Moreno, Laura Marks, Alvin Weaver, William Bethel, Lillian Sinclair, Olga Hritz, Imelda Hoeckelmann, Angelina Olivarez,	Alice Perry, Joseph Moreno, Louie Serrano, Gustavo Sosa, Floyd Watson, Iola Torre, Thomas Briggs, Emilie Graham, Angela Cordova, Ramiro Moreno, Alexander Toczko Jeannette Toczko José Teofilo Solorio Ray Jackson Betty Jackson
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ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

FROM THE PASTOR The Church is called Catholic or universal because it has spread throughout the entire world, from one end of the earth to the other. Again, it is called Catholic because it teaches fully and unfaithfully all the doctrines which ought to be brought to men's knowledge, whether concerned with visible or invisible things, with the realities of heaven or the things of earth. Another reason for the name Catholic is that the Church brings under religious obedience all classes of men, rulers and subjects, learned and unlettered. Finally, it deserves the title Catholic because it heals and cures unrestrictedly every type of sin that can be committed in soul or in body, and because it possesses within itself every kind of virtue that can be named, whether exercised in actions or in words or in some kind of spiritual charism.

It is most aptly called a church, which means an "assembly of those called out," because it "calls out" all men and gathers them together, just as the Lord says in Leviticus: *Assemble all the congregation at the door of the tent of meeting*. It is worth noting also that the word "assemble" is used for the first time in the Scriptures at this moment when the Lord appoints Aaron high priest. So in Deuteronomy God says to Moses: *Assemble the people before me and let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me*. There is a further mention of the assembly in the passage about the tablets of the Law: *And on them were written all the words which the Lord had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire, on the day of the assembly*; it is as though he had said, even more clearly, "on the day when you were called out by God and gathered together." So too the psalmist says: *I will give thanks to you in the great assembly, O Lord; in the mighty throng I will praise you*.

Long ago the psalmist sang: *Bless God in the assembly; bless the Lord, you who are Israel's sons*. But now the Savior has built a second holy assembly, our Christian Church, from the Gentiles. It was of this that he spoke to Peter: *On this rock I will build my Church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it*.

Now that the single church which was in Judea has been rejected, the churches of Christ are already multiplying throughout the world, and of them it is said in the psalms: *Sing a new song to the Lord, let his praise be sung in the assembly of the saints*. Taking up the same theme the prophet says to the Jews: *I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts; and immediately he adds: For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name is glorified among the nations*. Of this holy Catholic Church Paul writes to Timothy: *That you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth*.

BRIDE OF CHRIST

—*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

The Catholic Church is the distinctive name of this holy Church which is the mother of us all. She is the bride of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God (for Scripture says: Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her). She is the type and she bears the image of the Jerusalem above that is free and is the mother of us all, that Jerusalem which once was barren but now has many children.

The first assembly, that is, the assembly of Israel, was rejected, and now in the second, that is, in the Catholic Church, God has appointed first, apostles, second, prophets, third, teachers then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators and speakers in various kinds of tongues, as Paul says; and together with these is found every sort of virtue - wisdom and understanding, self-control and justice, mercy and kindness, and invincible patience in persecution. With the weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left, in glory and dishonor, this Church in earlier days, when persecution and afflictions abounded, crowned her holy martyrs with the varied and many-flowered wreaths of endurance. But now when God has favored us with times of peace, she receives her due honor from kings and men of high station, and from every condition and race of mankind. And while the rulers of the different nations have limits to their sovereignty, the holy Catholic Church alone has a power without boundaries throughout the entire world. For, as Scripture says: God has made peace her border.

Instructed in this holy Catholic Church and bearing ourselves honorably, we shall gain the kingdom of heaven and inherit eternal life. For the sake of enjoying this at the Lord's hands, we endure all things. The goal set before us is no trifling one; we are striving for eternal life. In the Creed, therefore, after professing our faith, "in the resurrection of the body," that is, of the dead, which I have already discussed, we are taught to believe "in life everlasting," and for this as Christians we are struggling.

Now real and true life is none other than the Father, who is the fountain of life and who pours forth his heavenly gifts on all creatures through the Son in the Holy Spirit, and the good things of eternal life are faithfully promised to us men also, because of his love for us.

AROUND THE PARISH

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Parents and children as well as all interested adults are welcome to attend Family Catechesis in the bride's room of the parish hall every other week beginning September 13 at 9:45, right after the 8:30 AM Mass. All children must be accompanied by their parents at each session.



2015 Baptism Schedule

September 21 Class
September 27 Baptisms

(See ic-sandiego.org)

SAVE THE DATE!!



SANTA MARIA BAR-B-QUE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

Quarters and Cans Sunday
August 23, 2015

During our second collection this Sunday, all money collected will be used here at Immaculate Conception to assist our brothers and sisters who come to us in need. Your generous donations will continue to be used to help feed, and in some cases assist those who are in need of our help with rent and utilities. The parish also provides gas and grocery cards. Resource information is also available so people can access public and private agencies that can help with their needs.

Food items collected will be taken by our volunteers to the Catholic Charities Food Resource Center. Please make sure these items are in non-breakable containers, unopened, and the dates have not expired. There is always a need for the following items:

- ◆ Canned goods including vegetables, fruit, chili, tuna fish, spam, chicken, beef, beans, soups, and spaghetti sauce;
- ◆ Peanut butter, jelly, and honey;
- ◆ Cereals, pasta, rice, and beans;
- ◆ Any paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, cups, napkins, Kleenex tissues, baby wipes;
- ◆ Hygiene items such as shampoo, soaps, toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, mouthwash, disposable razors, shaving cream, lotions and feminine products;
- ◆ Plastic, paper or reusable grocery bags for carrying the above.

Thank You

On behalf of the entire Quarter and Cans Committee and Father Richard we thank you for your continued support of these important programs as we try to follow Our Lord's command and put the Holy Gospel into action.

Serra Gifts...



Street Level of
Fr. Serra Hall
619-297-3426

Open 7 days a week
Monday - Friday 9:30 -4:00
Saturday 10:00 to 4:00
Sunday 9:30 to 3:00

Serra Gifts offers a beautiful assortment of religious items for your home, for your family and friends.

Missalettes

As previously announced, beginning in Advent this November, the missalettes will no longer be in the pews because their cost is too high for our small parish.

In October, Serra Gifts will offer the **Living With Christ** Missalette for \$8.99 each. Youth missalettes will also be available for \$16.99 each.

See our online catalog at:
<http://www.ic-sandiego.org/gift-shop>

Parishioner who resides in Mission Hills area needs transportation to 10:30 Mass on Sundays. If you are able to help, contact the Parish Office at 619-295-4141.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

All women are invited to hear EWTN show host, Barbara McGuigan share her story and speak on living the virtuous life. Barbara is an internationally known speaker and author. She can also be heard on Ave Maria Radio's The Good Fight.

Please join us on Sat. September 12 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Mission Valley Sheraton. \$30

Kindly RSVP to (619) 701-2718 or SDMagnificat@gmail.com by September 9.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

With gratitude for the gifts we have received,
parishioners and visitors made a joyful
return to the Lord.

August 16, 2015

Total Collection: \$5016.32
Envelopes: \$3588.00 Plate: \$1,428.32
Total contributing households: 95

5:15 Sat	\$ 565.99
8:30 Sun	\$1209.05
10:00 Sun	\$1187.75
11:30 Sun	\$ 834.00
5:15 Sun	\$ 844.53
Mailed	\$ 375.00

EXPENSES

August 10-14, 2015

Janitorial Supplies	\$139.63
Music Ministry	\$1110.00
Postage	\$100.00
Priest Pension	\$932.91
Property Insurance	\$1,152.67
Supplies	\$245.72
Workers Comp	\$129.61

Total: \$3,810.54

Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know, would like
to be kept in prayer for any special need, contact
the Prayer Chain Ministry: rutheis@cox.net or
call 619-981-1424.

Rite of Christian Initiation 2015-2016

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter
Vigil, thousands of people are baptized into the
Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes
welcome these new Catholics through the Rite of
Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

If you are interested in becoming a baptized
member of the Church, consider participating in the
RCIA process. **The RCIA Process begins on
Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the
parish hall.**

For information, please contact Fr. Richard at
619-295-4141, ext. 11, or
email.pastor@ic-sandiego.org.

NEW HYMNAL

So far parishioners have dedicated 112 of the
200 hymnals for loved ones, living and deceased.
Donations for dedication are \$20/hymnal Your name
may be printed as donor (or it can be left blank) and
you may have the name of a person living, or add a †
if deceased. Submit name and donation to rectory or
put into collection basket.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is having a **Catholic Pilgrimage
to the Holy Land, November 9 – 18, 2015.**

Daily Mass at the Holy Sights. Visit Jerusalem, Nazareth,
Galilee, Bethlehem
the Dead Sea and more! Includes 3 Meals Daily. Air from San
Diego. \$3,749.

For a flyer of more info call Cathie or Mike Milano at
1-800-773-2660.

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: LUMEN GENTIUM

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

...23. For it is the duty of all bishops to promote
and to safeguard the unity of faith and the discipline common
to the whole Church, to instruct the faithful to love for the
whole mystical body of Christ, especially for its poor and
sorrowing members and for those who are suffering
persecution for justice's sake, and finally to promote every
activity that is of interest to the whole Church, especially that
the faith may take increase and the light of full truth appear to
all men. And this also is important, that by governing well their
own church as a portion of the universal Church, they
themselves are effectively contributing to the welfare of the
whole Mystical Body, which is also the body of the churches.

The task of proclaiming the Gospel everywhere on
earth pertains to the body of pastors, to all of whom in
common Christ gave His command, thereby imposing upon
them a common duty, as Pope Celestine in his time
recommended to the Fathers of the Council of Ephesus. From
this it follows that the individual bishops, insofar as their own
discharge of their duty permits, are obliged to enter into a
community of work among themselves and with the successor
of Peter, upon whom was imposed in a special way the great
duty of spreading the Christian name.

With all their energy, therefore, they must supply to
the missions both workers for the harvest and also spiritual
and material aid, both directly and on their own account. as
well as by arousing the ardent cooperation of the faithful.
And finally, the bishops, in a universal fellowship of
charity, should gladly extend their fraternal aid to other
churches, especially to neighboring and more needy
dioceses in accordance with the venerable example of
antiquity.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

August

23 Quarters & Cans Sunday

26 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.

29 Awesome Fabric Arts Group 9:00 a.m.

September

02 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.

05 Awesome Fabric Arts Group 9:00 a.m.

07 Labor Day - Parish Office Closed
Serra Gifts Open

09 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.

12 Awesome Fabric Arts Group 9:00 a.m.

Night Fever 6:45 p.m.

13 Parish Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Family Catechesis 9:45 a.m.

14 I.C. Seniors Luncheon 11:00 a.m.

FROM MISERICORDIAE VULTUS - Pope Francis

BULL OF INDICTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

*FRANCIS
BISHOP OF ROME SERVANT OF THE
SERVANTS OF GOD TO ALL WHO READ
THIS LETTER GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE*

... 3 On the following Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Door of the Cathedral of Rome – that is, the Basilica of Saint John Lateran – will be opened. In the following weeks, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened. On the same Sunday, I will announce that in every local Church, at the cathedral – the mother church of the faithful in any particular area – or, alternatively, at the co-cathedral or another church of special significance, a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year. At the discretion of the local ordinary, a similar door may be opened at any Shrine frequented by large groups of pilgrims, since visits to these holy sites are so often grace-filled moments, as people discover a path to conversion. Every Particular Church, therefore, will be directly involved in living out this Holy Year as an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal. Thus the Jubilee will be celebrated both in Rome and in the Particular Churches as a visible sign of the Church’s universal communion.

"The spirit of humility is sweeter than honey, and those who nourish themselves with this honey produce sweet fruit."

"Solicitude for material things distracts the soul and divides it. The devil seizes the divided soul and drags it to hell."

- Saint Anthony of Padua

St. Vincent de Paul Village Ladies Guild cordially invites you to attend our annual free **MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**.

Monday, September 14, 2015, 11:00AM
Ladies Guild Room at St. Vincent de Paul Village
1501 Imperial Avenue (free underground parking off 16th)
Downtown San Diego

For information: Call Janet Salus at 858-483-7911 or jsbolts@san.rr.com.

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

To register at the parish, please fill out the form below, and drop it in the basket or call the office at 295-4141.

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY/ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Culture of Life Family Services

6th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE IS GOOD GALA & AUCTION
Saturday, October 10
Rancho Bernardo Inn

Keynote Speaker: Lila Rose
President, Live Action

For more information, please contact James Stabile at Gala@colfs.org.

NO IDEOLOGICAL COLONIZATION

U.S. president Barack Obama has come under fire from African politicians and Church leaders after advocating for gay rights in Kenya this weekend – a practice Pope Francis has referred to as “ideological colonization.”

“Even if people don’t like us for it, our Church has always said homosexuality is unnatural and marriage is between a man and a woman,” Cardinal John Onaiyekan of Abuja told the News Agency of Nigeria July 26.

He stressed that “there is no question of the Catholic Church changing its positions on this matter.”

Archbishop Charles Palmer-Buckle of Accra, a Ghanaian, also weighed in on the U.S. president’s comments, emphasizing that for the Church, homosexual activity is both contrary to the law of God and “anti-human,” Breitbart News reports.

He said that although the Church respects homosexual individuals since they are created in the image and likeness of God, it cannot support homosexual acts and is committed to upholding “the fundamental truth about marriage and family life.”

Cardinal Onaiyekan and Archbishop Palmer-Buckle’s comments fell the day after Obama advocated for gay rights during his two-day visit to Kenya, after which he travelled to Ethiopia.

In his July 25 speech at a joint news conference with his Kenyan counterpart, President Uhuru Kenyatta, Obama spoke out about the importance of gay rights, despite requests from Kenya’s leaders to not address the issue. Homosexual acts are illegal in Kenya, as well as several other African countries.

“With respect to the rights of gays and lesbians, I have been consistent all across Africa on this,” Obama said. “I believe in the principle of treating people equally under the law and that they are deserving of equal protection under the law and that the State should not discriminate against the people based on their sexual orientation.”

Prior to Obama’s visit, 700 evangelical pastors wrote an open letter asking the president not to use the trip as an occasion to push the homosexual agenda.

Mark Kariuki, who leads of an alliance of 38,000 churches and 10 million Kenyan Christians, was the primary author of the letter.

“We do not want (Obama) to come and talk on homosexuality in Kenya or push us to accepting that which is against our faith and culture,” Kariuki wrote.

In response to Obama’s comments, Kenyatta noted that while the U.S. and Kenya hold many values and goals in common, such as democracy and entrepreneurship, gay rights is not one of them.

“It is very difficult for us to be able to impose on people that which they themselves do not accept. This is why I repeatedly say for Kenyans today, the issue of gay rights is generally a non-issue. We want to focus on other areas.”

Both Kenya’s deputy president, William Ruto, and the speaker of its National Assembly, Justin Muturi, spoke publicly against same-sex marriage in the day’s leading up to Obama’s visit.

Bishop Emmanuel Badejo of Oyo, a Nigerian, responded to Obama’s advocacy saying, “Most Africans care about religious values, about the family, about the complementary nature of man and woman and the culture that makes us Africans. Why can we not choose what ‘benevolence’ to accept from the West? Why can we not just be helped to fight corruption, terrorism, unemployment disease and illiteracy?”

“Nobody should be killed for private wayward or immoral behaviors that do not compromise other people’s lives,” the bishop affirmed, “but that does not mean all kinds of exotic sexual adventure must be foisted on other nationalities in the name of rights.”

“America claims to be a great democracy and the proof of that fact will be found in her capacity for sincere dialogue and readiness to respect the legitimate values and world view of other peoples,” Bishop Badejo concluded.

The negative response to Obama’s advocacy come amid other responses to what Pope Francis has called the “ideological colonization” of poorer countries by wealthy Western nations.

Pope Francis has frequently spoken out against aid and humanitarian organizations which make support of gay rights, abortion, and birth control a condition for receiving assistance. Speaking in Manila Jan. 16, the Pope decried the “new ideological colonization that tries to destroy the family,” warning against efforts “to redefine the very institution of marriage.”

A few days later, Pope Francis again cautioned against this new form of colonialism: “A people enters with an idea that has nothing nothing to do with the nation ... and they colonize the people with an idea that changes, or wants to change, a mentality or a structure,” he said Jan. 19 during a press conference on his return flight to Rome from the Philippines.

The Pope’s statements have been echoed by bishops across the developing world.

At the beginning of July, the Nigerian bishops conference issued a statement reacting to the legalization of same-sex marriage in Ireland and the U.S.

In their statement, the bishops re-emphasized that “marriage is the sacred union of one man and one woman for the begetting and care of children.”

The Nigerian bishops voiced concern that countries such as Canada, Spain, France, United Kingdom, Ireland, and the U.S., which have approved such unions and which hold profound influence over Africa, will begin to influence people’s opinion on the matter.

These countries, they noted, “also give generous humanitarian aid to various establishments and projects in our country and continent.”

Cardinal Luis Tagle of Manila has noted that foreign aid given to the Philippines is oftentimes linked to some measures that the receiving country is somehow forced to accept ... some of the conditions for the aid seem to be an acceptance or a welcoming of some views regarding marriage, or sexuality, or what, which could be alien to the vision of the receiving country or culture.” And Bishop Badejo, the Nigerian who chairs communications for the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM), said in a February interview with Aleteia that the U.S. has made its help in fighting the radical Islamist group Boko Haram contingent on the Nigeria’s support of homosexual acts.

“The United States actually said it would help Nigeria with Boko Haram only if we modify our laws concerning homosexuality, family planning and birth control,” he said.

“It’s very clear that a cultural imperialism exists. In fact, I think that Africa is suffering greatly from a cultural imperialism that threatens to erode our cultural values.”

Bishop Badejo called the U.S. decision “criminal,” saying that if the West boasts of the value they place on human freedom, they shouldn’t try to impose values on Africa with which its people do not agree.

“It is part of human freedom ... if the West cherishes freedom for gays and homosexual unions and abortion and contraception, suppose Africans are not wired that way,” he said.

“There is a diminishing sense of the respect for the sanctity of life. And all of this is to be imposed on Africa, at whatever cost: we think that it is immoral and that it is unjust.” In a word: yes, there are. I’d like to introduce you to just a few of them—and encourage you to share this article far and wide so that your friends, family, and acquaintances can also make use of the wealth of resources that are out there. There is an anti-porn movement emerging, and it’s growing fast.