

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

2540 San Diego Avenue, San Diego, CA 92110 619 295-4141 FAX 619 295-4142
e-mail: parish@ic-sandiego.org Website: www.ic-sandiego.org

September 27, 2015

Rev. Richard L. Perozich, Pastor

[pastor@ic-sandiego.org](mailto:parish@ic-sandiego.org) 619-295-4141 x 11

Deacon Robert H. Fitzmorris

rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org; 858 490-8332

Liz Fielder, Manager, Serra Gifts

fielder@ic-sandiego.org 619-297-3426

Connie Rodriguez, Parish Secretary

parish@ic-sandiego.org 619-295-4141 x 10

Marsha Long, Music

music@ic-sandiego.org 619-295-4141 x 18

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

28	8 AM	<i>St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i> The Maras Family, SI	RP
29	8 AM	<i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael</i> †Jose Finete	RE
30	8 AM	<i>St. Jerome</i> The Ebbitt Family, SI	RE
01	8 AM	<i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i> Harrison & Edna Moore, SI	MT
02	8 AM	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> †Dolores Gonsalves	RE
03	8 AM	<i>Weekday; BVM</i> People of Immaculate Conception	RE
04	5:15 PM	Steve Beckholt, SI	MT
	8:30 AM	Reginal Custodio, SI	RE
	10:00 AM	†Joan Schmitt	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	MT
	5:15 PM	Souls in Purgatory	MT

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

September: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people

Evangelization: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

3rd	Manuel Del Rio, St. John's Camarillo
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
1st	Raymond Napuli, Mt. Angel Seminary OR
1st	Michael O'Connor 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


28	Rev. James Fry
29	Rev. Jerzy Frydrych, S.Ch.
30	Rev. Enrique Fuentes
01	Pope Francis
02	Bishop Robert McElroy
03	Bishop Robert Brom
04	Bishop Gilbert Chavez

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:2-23; Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-14 or Rv 12:7-12; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-9; Mt 18:1-10
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

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, Alicia Ambrose, Shirley Pearson, Diego Cárdenas. Inez Cerda Bull 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, Joane Anderson
--	---	--

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
---	--

†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, Joan Schmitt, 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 & Betty Jackson Denise Cooney Joanne Mangiameli
---	---

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

— *Saint Leo the Great, pope*

FROM THE PASTOR

It cannot be doubted that the poor can more easily attain the blessing of humility than those who are rich. In the case of the poor, the lack of worldly goods is often accompanied by a quiet gentleness, whereas the rich are more prone to arrogance. Nevertheless, many wealthy people are disposed to use their abundance not to swell their own pride but to perform works of benevolence. They consider their greatest gain what they spend to alleviate the distress of others.

This virtue is open to all men, no matter what their class or condition because all can be equal in their willingness to give, however unequal they may be in earthly fortune. Indeed, their inequality in regard to worldly means is unimportant, provided they are found equal in spiritual possessions. Blessed, therefore, is that poverty which is not trapped by the love of temporal things and does not seek to be enriched by worldly wealth, but desires rather to grow rich in heavenly goods.

The apostles were the first after the Lord himself to provide us with an example of this generous poverty, when they all equally left their belongings at the call of the heavenly master. By an immediate conversion they were turned from the catching of fish to become fishers of men, and by their own example they won many others to the imitation of their own faith. In these first sons of the Church there was but one heart and one soul among all who believed. Abandoning all their worldly property and possessions in their dedicated poverty, they were enriched with eternal goods, and in accordance with the apostolic preaching, they rejoiced to have nothing of this world and to possess all things with Christ.

Therefore, when the apostle Peter was on his way up to the temple and was asked for alms by the lame man, he replied: *Silver and gold I have not; but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk.* What is more sublime than this humility? And what could be richer than this poverty? Though Peter cannot assist with money, he can confer gifts of nature. With a word Peter brought healing to the man who had been lame from birth; he who did not give a coin with the emperor's image refashioned the image of Jesus in this man.

And by the riches of this treasure, not only did he help the man who recovered the power to walk, but also five thousand others who believed

the preaching of the apostle because of this miraculous cure. Thus Peter, who in his poverty had no money to give to the beggar, bestowed such a bounty of divine grace that in restoring to health the feet of one man, he healed the hearts of many thousands of believers. He had found all of them lame; but he made them leap for joy in Christ.

After preaching the blessings of poverty, the Lord went on to say: *Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.* But the mourning for which he promises eternal consolation, dearly beloved, has nothing to do with the ordinary worldly distress; for the tears which have their origin in the sorrow common to all mankind do not make anyone blessed. There is another cause for the saints, another reason for their blessed tears. Religious grief mourns for sin, one's own or another's; it does not lament because of what happens as a result of God's justice, but because of what is done by human malice. Indeed, he who does wrong is more to be lamented than he who suffers it, for his wickedness plunges the sinner into punishment, whereas endurance can raise the just man to glory.

Next the Lord says: *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.* To the meek and gentle, the lowly and the humble, and to all who are ready to endure any injury, he promises that they will possess the earth. Nor is this inheritance to be considered small or insignificant, as though it were distinct from our heavenly dwelling; for we know that it is the kingdom of heaven which is also the inheritance promised to the meek and which will be given to the gentle for their own possession is none other than the bodies of the saints. Through the merit of their humility their bodies will be transformed by a joyous resurrection and clothed in the glory of immortality. No longer opposed in any way to their spirits, their bodies will remain in perfect harmony and unity with the will of the soul. Then, indeed, the outer man will be the peaceful and unblemished possession of the inner man.

Then, truly will the meek inherit the earth in perpetual peace, and nothing will be taken from their rights; for *this perishable nature shall put on the imperishable and this mortal nature shall put on immortality.* Their risk will turn into reward; what was a burden will have become an honor.

AROUND THE PARISH

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Special thanks to Sue Sullivan and the volunteers who helped make the Santa Maria Barbecue such a success. Thank you for sharing your time and talents. The event generated \$1082.00 in proceeds.

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Joan Braunstein | Cristal Spera |
| Pat Haase | Billy Tucker |
| Teri Milbauer | Marie Wagner |
| Bayardo Murguia | Donna Weisshaupt |
| Carole Pietras | Marie Whitman |



2015 Baptism Schedule

October 5 Class
October 11 Baptisms

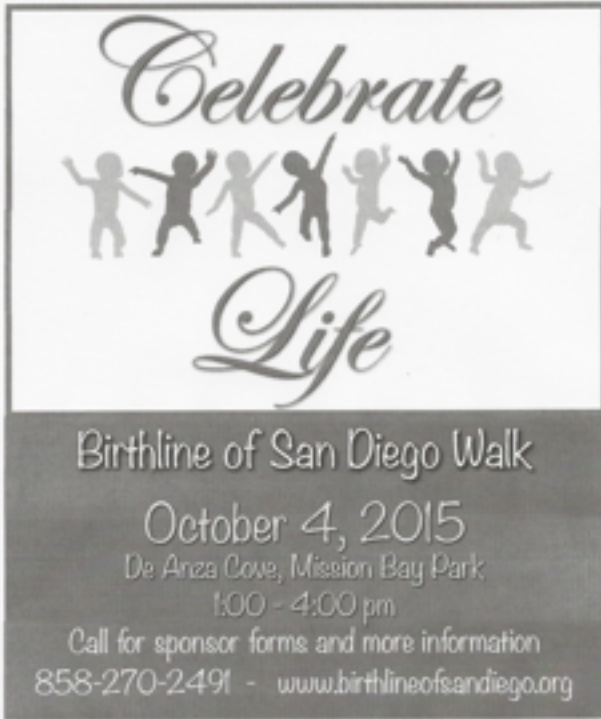
(See ic-sandiego.org for more dates.)

FAQ ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE

What do priests do all day (especially during the week)?

Weekends tend to be taken up with many things such as Sunday Mass, weddings, baptisms, youth ministry, etc. As for the rest of the week, it may be spent working with church groups (e.g. religious education, future planning, outreach to the poor, financial matters of the parish, etc.) or with individuals (preparing for marriage, dealing with loss, the sick, those in need of spiritual counseling, etc.). Of course it is always important to balance one's responsibilities with prayer, leisure, and maintaining good health. Sometimes priests or religious have one main occupation, such as teaching, parish ministry, social work, or hospital work, all of which have somewhat regular hours and predictable demands. Each has its own rhythm. Obviously a parish setting is different from a high school setting. In some ways, it is hard to answer this question exactly because the focus of a religious vocation is serving the needs of those God brings into one's life. This requires certain openness to the unpredictable or the unexpected. One thing for sure, it's never boring!

Next week: What's the difference between a diocesan priest and a religious priest?



Rite of Christian Initiation

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.

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

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.

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
Contact James Stabile at Gala@colfs.org.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

September 20, 2015

Total Collection: \$4,431.78
Envelopes: \$3191.00 -- Plate: \$1,240.78
Total contributing households: 99

5:15 Sat	\$564.26
8:30 Sun	\$1257.76
10:00 Sun	\$ 684.53
11:30 Sun	\$ 586.71
5:15 Sun	\$ 927.52
Mailed	\$ 411.00

EXPENSES

September 14-18, 2015

Computer	\$21.78
Hall Supplies	\$142.51
Music	\$600.00
Payroll (incl. taxes)	\$3168.68
Payroll Service	\$61.45
Pension	\$375.55
Priest Pension	\$932.91
Property Insurance	\$1152.67
Workers Comp	\$117.00

Total: \$6,572.55

STREET CLOSURE

On **Oct. 3 & 4**, San Diego Avenue and some cross streets will be closed for the Arts & Crafts Festival. Please plan accordingly for weekend Masses.

I'M A PARISHIONER OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – I THINK!

Many adults believe they are registered at Immaculate Conception because 1) their parents or other members of their household are or were registered here; 2) they received one or more Sacraments of Initiation here; or 3) they come to Mass at Immaculate Conception.

Adequate ministry planning for our parish depends on its registered members being active, supportive, and identifiable. Your registration helps us know what resources we need to minister to our parish community.

We welcome you to worship and serve with us. If you are not already registered, we invite you to consider becoming a registered parishioner. For questions about your registration status, please call the parish office at 619-295-4141. Registration Sunday is October 11.

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: LUMEN GENTIUM

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

...26. Every legitimate celebration of the Eucharist is regulated by the bishop, to whom is committed the office of offering the worship of Christian religion to the Divine Majesty and of administering it in accordance with the Lord's commandments and the Church's laws, as further defined by his particular judgment for his diocese.

Bishops thus, by praying and laboring for the people, make outpourings in many ways and in great abundance from the fullness of Christ's holiness. By the ministry of the word they communicate God's power to those who believe unto salvation and through the sacraments, the regular and fruitful distribution of which they regulate by their authority, they sanctify the faithful. They direct the conferring of baptism, by which a sharing in the kingly priesthood of Christ is granted.

They are the original ministers of confirmation, dispensers of sacred Orders and the moderators of penitential discipline, and they earnestly exhort and instruct their people to carry out with faith and reverence their part in the liturgy and especially in the holy sacrifice of the Mass. And lastly, by the example of their way of life they must be an influence for good to those over whom they preside, refraining from all evil and, as far as they are able with God's help, exchanging evil for good, so that together with the flock committed to their care they may arrive at eternal life.

Please join **St. Augustine High School** in welcoming Dr. Abigail James to our gymnasium on Monday, October 19th at 6:30 pm. Dr. James is a leading author on the education of young men. Her talk on **"Teaching the Male Brain"** is free and open to all. No RSVP is needed. Please email Mike Haupt at mhaupt@sahs.org with any questions.
 St. Augustine High School-3266 Nutmeg St. 92129

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 _____

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

September

- 27 Building Fund Collection
- Family Catechesis 9:45 a.m.
- 30 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.

October

- 3 Quilters (Awesome Fabric Arts) 9:30 a.m.
- 05 I.C. Seniors Lunch Meeting 11:00 a.m.
- 07 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Quilters (Awesome Fabric Arts) 9:30 a.m.
- 11 Parish Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
- Parish Registration Sunday
- 14 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
- RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Quilters (Awesome Fabric Arts) 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith)
Special Collection

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

5. The Jubilee year will close with the liturgical Solemnity of Christ the King on 20 November 2016. On that day, as we seal the Holy Door, we shall be filled, above all, with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for having granted us an extraordinary time of grace. We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future. How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!

meet Jesus
and see the many ways He calls people!

October 31, 2015 *Get away.*
April 30, 2016 *'A time for God and me.'*
January 23, 2016 *Discernment and decision making. Who is God calling me to be?*
June 4, 2016 *Defining Retreat. What is my next step with God?*

To register, contact:
Sr. Aurora Lopez-Orculas
alopez-orculas@diocese-sd.org

C. J.Doyle said: "Pro-Life Catholics should not be forced to wage a two front war--against a culture of death in secular society, and against a culture of betrayal in our own Church. We cannot hope to persuade our fellow citizens of the justice of our cause, if that cause is not first vindicated and upheld in our own religious institutions, which profess to be and which ought to be pro-life. If we are to defeat Planned Parenthood, we must reform the Catholic Church."

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 available for \$16.99 each.

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

**'TRUE INTENTION BEHIND' PUSH FOR
SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS 'IMPOSITION OF
TOTALITARIAN SYSTEM'**

By Mark Judge

(CNSNews.com) - Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron of Agana, Guam has posted a message on his archdiocesan website stating that the "true intention" behind the push for same-sex marriage "has always been about the destruction of the family and the imposition of a totalitarian system."

The archbishop also predicted the next step in the process would be to use the education system so "that our children, your children, will be forced to assimilate to this pattern of non-gender."

"It is important to understand that the political pressure to push the agenda for **same sex 'marriage' has never been about gay rights; the true intention behind this agenda has always been about the destruction of the family, and the imposition of a totalitarian system,**" Archbishop Apuron said. (*Bold in the original.*)

"The next step will be to implement this theory in the educational system of Guam," said the archbishop. "This means that our children, your children, will be forced to assimilate to this pattern of non-gender; that there is no-such-thing as 'male' or 'female'; they will be encouraged to explore their sexuality earlier, and parents will have no voice in the education of their children." Guam began legally recognizing gay "marriage" in June 2015. It is the first overseas territory of the United States to do so. Apuron was appointed archbishop of the archdiocese of Agana in 1986.

Here is the archbishop's statement:

Sisters and Brothers: In the face of recent events undertaken by the U.S. District Court of Guam, the U.S. Supreme Court and the 33rd Guam Legislature in redefining marriage, the Church stands firm on her teaching that marriage is between one man, and one woman. While the Church does not agree with the decisions taken by the courts, or those taken by our local legislators, disagreement is not discrimination. These recent laws force the People of Guam, and of the United States, to either agree with a particular political position, or face ridicule and sanction for discrimination. These types of laws not only undermine the precepts of the United States Constitution to Freedom of Speech, but also undermines and attempts to eradicate the Constitutional Right to Freedom of Religion – we are living in dangerous times, under the law of man, where Catholics, and Christians alike, are commanded to forfeit our religious beliefs.

These times compel the Church to expose the intentions of those who have deceptively disguised same-sex unions, as an issue of equality and anti-discrimination. It is important to understand that the political pressure to push the agenda for **same sex "marriage" has never been about gay rights; the true intention behind this agenda has always been about the destruction of the family, and the imposition of a totalitarian system.** The approval of same-sex "marriage" has now thrown open the doors of Guam to implement in our community a very clever and systematic theory, which has as its aim the destruction of marriage and family through the annihilation of any sexual differences among persons, this theory is known as the "Theory of Gender."

At the political level, in order to avoid "discrimination" among the genders, a principle of "equality," or more specifically, a "radical equality" has been imposed upon society, demanding and forcing society to have a neutral response to gender; any objection is considered not only discriminatory, and intolerant, but bigotry.

The next step will be to implement this theory in the educational system of Guam. This means that our children, your children, will be forced to assimilate to this pattern of non-gender; that there is no-such-thing as "male" or "female"; they will be encouraged to explore their sexuality earlier, and parents will have no voice in the education of their children. The natural family will be seen as a threat for the "new age." These ideas are already part of an international agenda promoted especially by the United Nations. The laws just passed on our beautiful island, which were disguised to fight against discrimination, will now work to subvert our human sexuality from the most tender age with the goal to abolish the natural family and create new "models" of a family.

I truly believe we are being led astray like lambs to a slaughter. In my view, these recent laws are not a sign of human progress, but are dangerous steps toward annihilation of our fundamental religious beliefs. As Shepherd of the local Church of Guam, I urge every person to be mindful that each of us is answerable to the Supreme Judge for what we do, and do not do. I invite all the Faithful, including those in every branch of our local government, not to deny your faith, but to have the courage to be a witness to the truth: the truth about life, about man, about marriage and about family. Do not be afraid! Christ is the truth, and the truth will set us free.

Servus tuus,
Most Rev. Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM
Cap., D.D., Archbishop of Agana