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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9-2-2018

September 2018 Pope's Universal Intention: YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA.

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

VISION-MISSION STATEMENT

We are an **all-welcoming**
Christ-centered community
celebrating our
deeply rooted **Catholic traditions**,
respectful & appreciative of our
multicultural diversity,
journeying together to share
family values
and **commitment to service**.

Parish Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 9am-1pm

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PRAYER OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

O Father,
the first rule
of our dear Savior's life
was to do Your Will.

Let His Will
of the present moment
be the first rule
of our daily life & work,
with no other desire
but for its most full
and complete accomplishment.
Help us to follow it faithfully,
so that doing what You wish
we will be pleasing to You.
Amen.



ORACIÓN DE SANTA ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Oh Padre,
la primera regla
de la vida de nuestro querido
Salvador fue hacer tu voluntad.
Dejar que tu Voluntad
en el momento presente
sea la primera regla
de nuestra vida cotidiana y
nuestro trabajo,
sin ninguna otra voluntad
sino hacer tu voluntad plena y
completa.

Ayúdanos a seguir con fide-
lidad, para que haciendo lo que
deseas seamos más agradables
a Ti. Amén.

**ON SEPTEMBER 23, SUNDAY,
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL DAY,
PARISH HAS ONLY ONE (1) MASS.**

Please attend the 10 AM MASS.

9 am & 5 pm Masses are CANCELLED.

**Attention Intl. Festival volunteers:
you may attend the
September 22, Saturday, 5:30 pm Mass.**

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF KIDS
ENROLLED IN CATECHISM CLASSES.
PLS. ATTEND ORIENTATION DAY
ON SEPTEMBER 7, FRIDAY, 6-7 PM.**

**THE 40 DAYS ENROLLMENT FOR
SY 2018-2019 CHILDREN, YOUTH,
& SACRAMENTS PREPARATION
ENDED AUGUST 31.**

**LATE ENROLLEES? PLEASE MAKE
APPOINTMENT TO TALK TO OUR PASTOR.
NO DEADLINE FOR RCIA, ADULT CONFIRMATION**

PARISH OFFICE **CLOSED ON SEPT. 3,
MONDAY, LABOR DAY**

**KIDS' LITURGY OF THE WORD
DURING THE 9 AM ENGLISH MASS
BEGINS THIS WEEKEND**

TO ALL CONCERNED PARISHIONERS

WHAT: COMMUNITY MEETING ON LOS OSOS LIBRARY

ABOUT: Join Supervisor Bruce Gibson and Library Director Chris Bar-
nickel in a conversation about potential locations of a new
and/or expanded Los Osos Library.

WHEN: September 6, Thursday, 6 pm to 7 pm.

WHERE: South Bay Community Center

**The primary music ministers are the faithful
who attend the Mass. Musicians & cantors
serve the faithful so that all can actively par-
ticipate. I encourage everyone, let us sing &
praise God together! Fr. Joey**

MUSIC FOR SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2018 ENGLISH MASSES

**Please listen to Cantor's announcement
for any changes**

	SONG TITLE	SONG NUMBER
GATHERING SONG	OUR GOD IS HERE	305
OFFERTORY	JESUS COME TO US	399
COMMUNION	SPIRIT & GRACE	339
MEDITATION (READINGS RELATED)	I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE	343
SENDING FORTH	CELTIC ALLELUIA SENDING FORTH	379

HELP WANTED: PIANIST FOR OUR 9 AM SUNDAY MASS

Are you interested?

OR do you know a pianist who needs extra income?

CONTACT: Fr. Joey R. Buena and Susan Tuttle

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**NEED ASSISTANCE IN YOUR ADVANCE
HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE, FUTURE CATH-
OLIC FUNERAL & ESTATE PLANNING?**

Fr. Joey can help you.

**For confidential appointment, please email
him at frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com
or leave message at (805) 235-8803**

MISSION APPEAL TODAY

WELCOME FR. EVARISTUS CHUKWU of MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL

The Diocese of Monterey collaborates with mission groups every year to raise fund for their missions through the program "Missionary Cooperative Plan." The group assigned to our parish this year is the Missionary Society of St. Paul, **with Fr. Evaristus Chukwu, MSP, doing the mission appeal on the society's behalf.**

The **Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP)** is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 260 priests. They are working in ten countries of Africa, (South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya and Southern Sudan), Grenada in the West Indies, the United States, England, Sweden and Ireland. They also have about 127 seminarians in their seminary in Nigeria.

Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support for over 300 orphans who lost their parents due to AIDS. They need our financial assistance to continue this mission. They also need funds to: 1) provide fresh water wells, and education in rural communities of Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya and Nigeria; 2) Sponsoring seminarians, our future priests; 3) Supporting priests in the founding/building of new churches. Your support to this worthy cause will be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul as they continue to take the good news to those desperately in need of it. May God bless you! (www.mspfathers.org)

HOW CAN WE HELP THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL? PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1. Drop your CASH donation in the **SECOND COLLECTION BASKET**; OR
2. Write a CHECK to **ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON** with a note at the bottom **"MSP MISSION APPEAL"** and drop this in **SECOND COLLECTION BASKET**.
3. You have the option to do this today OR the next weekend.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS BY MONTEREY DIOCESE ABOUT THE MISSION APPEAL:

- A. No personal contacts may be made by the visiting missionaries for the purpose of collecting funds from private parties;
- B. Checks must be made to **ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON** and NOT the name of the missionary or his congregation;
- C. No funds can be given to the missionary on the day of the appeal.
- D. All donations received will be collated under one check by the parish and submitted to the Diocese of Monterey Mission Office.

14th ANNUAL LOS OSOS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2018

22 or 21 days to go

**MASS ON SEPT. 23 IS
10 AM ONLY.
9 am & 5 pm CANCELLED.**



Los Osos INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2018

Sunday, September 23
from 11:30am to 4:00pm

A **FREE** fun filled Community Event Celebrating Ethnic Diversity

- **Next Meeting: September 8, 2018; Saturday, 10 am;**
- **Sweet Booth needs lots of cake donation. Contact Pat Akey at mpaakey@sbcglobal.net ;**
- **We need donation of durable canopies. Contact Javier;**
- **Handcraft booth is still accepting new, handcrafted items such as woodwork, sculpture, all fabric/textile arts, clay mosaic, paper crafts, jewelry & more. NO used items. NO food items. Deadline dropoff handicrafts on September 14, Friday, 1 pm.**

For HANDCRAFT BOOTH information:
Emily Emanuel, Booth Coordinator
email: emnemnem@yahoo.com
OR contact Parish Office, sea-
schurchlo@gmail.com

- **We need VOLUNTEERS: sign up sheets @ back of church**

- **Help fill various Baskets for Silent Auction OR sponsor one (1) basket. Please drop off donations before Sept. 14 at parish office on Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, 9am-1pm OR outside office hours please call Javier (805)205-8803 :**

(1) COFFEE BASKET

Whole bean coffee, chocolate spoons, biscotti, French press, measuring spoon, grinder, coffee candy or cookies, coffee cups, coffee cups to go with lids, stainless steel insulated travel cup

(2) FUN DAY @ BEACH BASKET

Beach towel, snorkel, sand toys, sunscreen, sunglasses for kids, sun hats boy & girl, bubbles, snacks, shovel, salt water taffy, chap stick, Gatorade/water bottles, beach chair

(3) MOVIE BASKET

Movie tickets, dvd movies, popcorn, candy, pretty napkins, seasoning for microwave popcorn, popcorn jar for kernels, bowls

(4) CARWASH BASKET

Car wax, car soap, towels, windex, tire & tire rim scrubber, armor all, leather cleaner, sponges, Ajax, mitt, chamois, risk broom, dust pan

(5) BARBECUE BASKET

High quality brush, utensils, mitten, bbq sauces, pepper plant sauce, cutting board, plater for food, kitchen towel, grill cleaner brush, charcoal, matches/lighter, thongs, seasoning, apron

(Contents are suggestions only. It can be modified.)

- **Please get your tickets at the back table of the church & help us sell it (ticket info.? contact Susan Tuttle);**
1 ticket = \$5. Six tickets = \$25 only.



SEPTEMBER 2018 SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DATE	DAY	TIME	ENGLISH				SPANISH			
			1ST READER	2ND READER	COMMENTATOR	ENGLISH Extraordinary EMs	SPANISH Extraordinary EMs SUNDAY, 5:00 PM	SPANISH FIRST LECTOR SUNDAY 5:00 PM	SPANISH SECOND LECTOR SUNDAY 5:00 PM	SPANISH MASS GENERAL INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY, 5:00 PM
Sept. 1	Sat	5:30 pm	Mary	Elaine	Jonniepat		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sept. 2	Sun	9:00 am	Heather	Juliet	Ann	Marjie		Margarita	Martha	?
Sept. 8	Sat	5:30 pm	Carmen	Sylvia	Melodianne		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sept. 9	Sun	9:00 am	Heather	Julia	Juliet			Roberto	Adriana	?
Sept. 15	Sat	5:30 pm	Mary	Elaine	Jonniepat		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sept. 16	Sun	9:00 am	Ann	Julia	Heather			Guadalupe C.	Rodolfo	?
Sept. 22	Sat	5:30 pm	Mary	Melodianne	Jonniepat		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sept. 23	Sun	9:00 am	Ann	(Spanish)	Josie			No Mass	No Mass	?
Sept. 29	Sat	5:30 pm	Mary	Sylvia	Melodianne		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sept. 30	Sun	9:00 am	Josie	Heather	Ann			Lupita A.	Soledad	

SCHEDULE OF MASSES, READINGS & INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Saturday Vigil 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time 1 September 2018	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 8:30am First Saturday English Mass 4:30pm to 5pm Confessions 5:30pm English Mass both by Fr. Evaristus Chukwu, MSP	8:30am: †Butz Osea 5:30pm: †Julia Keefe	1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13,18-21 Mt 25:14-30 Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
22nd Sunday Ordinary Time 2 September 2018	9am English Mass 5pm Spanish Mass both by Fr. Evaristus Chukwu, MSP	9am: Myrna Oliveros 5pm: all sick parishioners	Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
Monday 22nd Week Ordinary Time 3 September 2018	(M) St. Gregory the Great 8:30am Communion Service	8:30am: Communion Service	1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday 22nd Week Ordinary Time 4 September 2018	8:30am English Mass	8:30am:	1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday 22nd Week Ordinary Time 5 September 2018	8:30am English Mass 9-10am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, English Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction 6:30pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Spanish Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction 7pm Spanish Mass	8:30am: 7:00pm:	1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15,20-21 Lk 4:38-44
Thursday 22nd Week Ordinary Time 6 September 2018	8:30am Communion Service	8:30am Communion Service	1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 5:1-11
Friday 22nd Week Ordinary Time 7 September 2018	First Friday 8:30am English Mass 9:00am Anointing of the Sick	8:30am: †Julia Keefe (4 of 10)	1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Lk 5:33-39
Saturday Vigil 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time 8 September 2018	(morning only) Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 4:30pm to 5pm Confessions 5:30pm English Mass	5:30pm:	Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37
23rd Sunday Ordinary Time 9 September 2018	9am English Mass with First Holy Communion 5pm Spanish Mass	9am: 5pm:	Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING / OREMOS POR

* Timothy Ketcherside	* Doris Stanley	* Sylvia Radford	* Lydia Caloca Green	* Joe O'Brien
* John LeNoue	* Francis Meehan	* Eleanor Brown	* Robert Green Sr.	* Dolores R. Buena
* Peter Hewitt	* Emily Sumner	* Sarah & Josh Matthews	* Rodney & Helen Maciel	* Candido D. Buena Jr.
* Jere Bresnan	* David Wright	* Shirley Matthews	* Susi Reich	* Rosemarie Greenville
* Fely Platou	* Aurea Cruz	* Michael Vella	* Sidney & Dorsey Dunton	* Myrna Oliveros
* Mary Cavagnaro	* Nathan Berry	* Craig Deines	* Elisa Fajardo	
* Bonifacio Garcia	* Robert Ruiz	* Lila Martinez	* Alfred & Irene Castaneda	
* Michael Culbertson	* June Grillo	* Darleen Krouse	* Mary de Angelo	
* Steven Greenville	* June Vivianne	* Carolyn Lemos	* Jessica Ketcherside	
* Rafael & Margarita Garcia	* Dave Bresnan	* Toshi Meehan	* Fr. Derek Hughes	

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD AND LET YOUR PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

†Helen Penwell	†Reyna Gomez	†Lawrence Uthe	†Selestino Salgado	†Joyce O'Brien	†John de Angelo
†Charles Penwell	†Lourdes Lepisto	†Margaret Uthe	†Mary Prendergast	†Mariano Rustria	†Pat Klenc
†Harold Platou	†James Emely	†Joe Fraga	†Melecia Garcia	†Robert Townsend	†Beverly Jean Rocha
†Larry Mischel	†Simonne Townsend	†Msgr Joseph Stieger	†Felicitas Castillo	†Sherman Lemos	†Adelaida Gabatin
†Dwight Mobley	†Fernando Marcos	†Fr. Ken Brown	†Antonio Medrano	†Otilia Cruz	†Guadalupe Haugh
†Gertrude Stimson	†Cecilia Marcos	†Fr. Michael Bell	†Tambo	†Wenceslao Garcia	†Julia Keefe
†John D. Walsh	†William Schanberger	†Lyn Ketcherside	†William (Bill) Kemble	†Erich Reich	†Bishop Richard
†Elizabeth Martinez	†UMartha Smith	†Robert Beevers	†Diana Nishiura	†Mike Wright	†Garcia
†Ofelia Labra	†Eusebio Galo	†Arcadio Tambo	†Grace Tevis	†Fr. Lawrence Betozoff	†William K. Lander
†Severino Repollo	†Melinda Rose	†Cleta Tambo	†Jerica Elaine Harris	†Nicky Miller	†Kathleen Patricia
†Justo Yasay	†Julia Ortiz	†Dionisio Acain	†Paul Landry	†General Mason	†Crawford
†Joe Greene	†Guillermo dela Cruz	†Aurelia Acain	†Casamira Asuncion	†Mary Friedman	†Joseph Carlson
†Cristina Patterson	†Serafin Sepulveda	†Dick O' Melveny	†Carol Ann Burns	†Shirley Rustria	†Martin Basti
†Filippo Mazzulla	†Hermila Arguello	†Jim Stewart	†Andy Boy de la Cruz, Jr.	†Gerry Weltman	†Manuel Ayala Arroyo
†Elena Aurelio	†Anatalia Ortiz	†Jaime Repollo	†Fr. Harry Freiermuth	†Evelyn Pellaton	
†Homero Paredes	†ULolita dela Cruz	†Paulina Y. Andres	†Cresciana Gaila	†Chuck Ice	
†Fermina Manuel	†Mason & Simon Brito	†Gabriel Osorio	†Ismael Ibat Tomboc	†Mary Jo Semonsen	
†Deacon Jim Cooper	†Pat Wright	†Dennis A. O'Brien	†Maria Carmen Zaragoza	†Kevin Lynch	
†Emma Nieman	†Joseph Cavagnaro	†Michael Brito	†Ruth Casper	†John Greenville	
†Rodrigo Martinez	†Manuel John Reis.	†Venustiana Rodriguez	†Fr. Ray Roh	†Norman Charette	



+MOST REVEREND GERALD E. WILKERSON
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All the Faithful in the Diocese of Monterey

FROM: +Most Reverend Gerald E. Wilkerson
Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Monterey

DATE: August 31, 2018

Recently I wrote the following note to the priests of the Diocese: "The news of the sins and crimes outlined in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report are horrendous and despicable. Abusing children is unconscionable and the whole Church is sickened and repulsed and rightly so. There can be no excuse for this kind of sinful behavior, whether with children or adults. Our priesthood is diminished and often even our own parishioners look at us as somehow responsible and some even have lost trust in us. This is a sad chapter in our history and should remind us of how damaging these sins can be."

We also learned over the weekend that some in authority may not have responded properly to reports of such abuse, which is also most disturbing and has further eroded trust among the faithful. Our Church is going through a period of intense purification. At this time of darkness, I wish to affirm the Diocese of Monterey's commitment to protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults and following the *Charter* and our policies and procedures. I also invite our entire Diocese to pray for resurrection and new life.

It is important to note that in 2002, the United States Bishops approved the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which requires each diocese in the United States to establish policies and procedures to prevent child abuse and to restore the trust of our parents and the entire faithful in the Church's commitment to prevent abuse when children are under our care. The *Charter* requires that each diocese have a safe environment policy, background check all priests, deacons and lay people who work with children, train our priests, deacons, employees and volunteers who work with children in our policies and turn over all suspected cases of child abuse to law enforcement. The Bishops of the United States have embraced zero tolerance for the sexual abuse of children.

Since 2003, the Diocese of Monterey has embraced the *Charter* and have the following policies and procedures in place to protect children and young people from abuse:

- Since 2003, we have completed criminal background checks on 26,000 people. This number includes every priest, deacon, and all employees and volunteers who work with children;

- We have a Code of Pastoral Conduct (available on our website) in place that outlines the expectations when working with children and we have trained everyone who works with children in this Code of Conduct;
- We turn over all cases of suspected child abuse to law enforcement and have provided extensive training on mandatory reporting of child abuse to our employees;
- We have a Pastoral Outreach Coordinator to respond to victims of clergy sexual misconduct. Her toll-free number is 800-321-5220; and,
- The Diocese has an Independent Review Board to advise the Bishop on child abuse whether it involves priests, deacons or lay people.

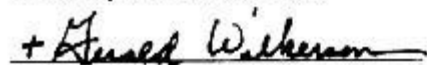
Every year, we must prove that the Diocese of Monterey is in compliance with the *Charter*. I am pleased to report, that we have passed every audit. We have worked diligently to restore trust in our people and our processes and hearing about what occurred in Pennsylvania and that some in authority failed to respond properly to allegations of sexual misconduct is disheartening. Even so, I will be asking each of our pastors and administrators to meet with his Parish Safe Environment Coordinator to review our safe environment policies and procedures and to re-affirm his commitment to them.

I encourage all of you to report any suspected incidents of child abuse to law enforcement. If you are concerned about something that is occurring in one of our parishes, schools or departments, please report it. You can report to law enforcement or to the Moderator of the Curia (pcrivello@dioceseofmonterey.org), the Chancellor (hpatino@dioceseofmonterey.org), to your pastor, principal or department chair or you can use ethicspoint.com to report either via a web-based program or via phone (888-238-1063). If you see something, say something.

In my letter, I asked our priests to support all victims with care and compassion and to pray for all offenders. I would ask the faithful of our Diocese for your prayers as well -- for our Diocese and for our Church -- as we seek forgiveness and healing. The United States Bishops are working on plans to hold Bishops accountable and to strengthen their oversight and responsibility to protect the vulnerable.

Dear Friends, could we now all come together, bishops, priests and people, and pray and work to find ways to reform and renew our Church? Let us return to our spiritual roots, prayer, penance, the sacraments, the saints, allowing the Holy Spirit to remake and renew us as the Body of Christ, so real, so alive, so transparent that all will know in us the person of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in Christ's love,

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+ Most Reverend Gerald E. Wilkerson
Apostolic Administrator of Monterey



MEMORANDUM

PARA: Los Fieles de la Diócesis de Monterey

DE: +Muy Reverendo Gerald E. Wilkerson
Administrador Apostólico de la Diócesis de Monterey

FECHA: 31 de agosto del 2018

Recientemente, escribí la siguiente nota a los sacerdotes de la Diócesis: "Las noticias de los pecados y crímenes descritos en el reporte del Gran Jurado de Pensilvania son horrendas y despreciables. Abusar de niños es totalmente inmoral y toda la Iglesia se siente muy mal y repugna estas acciones, y con razón. No puede haber excusa para este tipo de comportamiento pecaminoso, ya sea con niños o adultos. Nuestro sacerdocio está disminuido y, a menudo, incluso nuestros propios feligreses nos miran como responsables de alguna manera y algunos incluso han perdido la confianza en nosotros. Este es un capítulo triste en nuestra historia y debería recordarnos cuán dañinos pueden ser estos pecados."

También aprendimos durante el fin de semana que algunos en posiciones de autoridad pueden no haber respondido correctamente a los informes de tal abuso, lo cual es también es muy perturbador y ha erosionado aún más la confianza entre los fieles. Nuestra Iglesia atraviesa un período de intensa purificación. En este momento de oscuridad, deseo afirmar el compromiso de la Diócesis de Monterey a proteger a niños, jóvenes y adultos vulnerables, y de continuar con nuestras políticas y procedimientos para ello. Y deseo invitar a nuestra Diócesis a orar para que haya una resurrección y nueva vida.

Es importante señalar que en el año 2002, los obispos de Estados Unidos aprobaron el *Estatuto Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes*, que requiere que cada diócesis en los Estados Unidos establezca políticas y procedimientos para prevenir el abuso infantil y restablecer la confianza de los padres y madres de familia, y la de todos los fieles, respecto al compromiso de la Iglesia de prevenir el abuso cuando los niños están bajo nuestro cuidado. El *Estatuto* requiere que cada diócesis tenga una política de ambiente seguro, revise todos los sacerdotes, diáconos y laicos que trabajan con niños, capacite a nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, empleados y voluntarios que trabajan con niños sobre nuestras políticas al respecto, y que entregue todos los casos sospechosos de abuso de niños a las autoridades legales. Los obispos de los Estados Unidos han adoptado una tolerancia cero al abuso sexual de los niños.

Desde el año 2003, la Diócesis de Monterey ha aceptado completamente el *Estatuto* y tenemos las siguientes políticas y procedimientos para proteger a los niños y jóvenes del abuso:

- Desde el año 2003, hemos completado verificaciones de antecedentes penales de 26,000 personas. Este número incluye a todos los sacerdotes, diáconos y todos los empleados y voluntarios que trabajan con niños;

- Tenemos y hemos aplicado un Código de Conducta Pastoral (disponible en nuestra página web) que describe las expectativas cuando se trabaja con niños y, hemos capacitado a todas las personas que trabajan con niños en este Código de Conducta;
- Entregamos todos los casos de sospecha de abuso infantil a las autoridades civiles y proporcionamos capacitación exhaustiva sobre el informe obligatorio de abuso infantil a nuestros empleados;
- Tenemos un Coordinador Pastoral para responder a las víctimas de mala conducta sexual del clero. Su número telefónico gratuito es el 800-321-5220; y,
- La Diócesis tiene una Junta de Revisión Independiente para asesorar al Obispo sobre el abuso infantil si involucra a sacerdotes, diáconos o laicos.

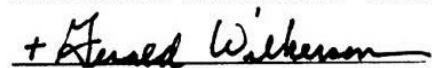
Cada año, debemos probar que la Diócesis de Monterey cumple con el *Estatuto*. Me complace informar que hemos pasado todas las auditorías. Hemos trabajado diligentemente para restaurar la confianza en nuestra gente y en nuestros procesos. El escuchar lo que ocurrió en Pensilvania, y saber que algunas personas en autoridad en la Iglesia no respondieron adecuadamente a las acusaciones de mala conducta sexual es desalentador. Aún así, yo estaré pidiendo a nuestros párrocos y administradores que se reúnan con su Coordinador Parroquial de Ambiente Seguro, para que revisen nuestras políticas y procedimientos y reafirmen su compromiso con éstas.

Los aliento a todos ustedes a reportar cualquier sospecha de incidentes de abuso infantil a la policía. Si le preocupa algo que esté ocurriendo en una de nuestras parroquias, escuelas o departamentos, informe de ello. Puede reportarlo a las autoridades civiles, o al Moderador de la Curia (pcrivello@dioceseofmonterey.org), al Canciller (hpatino@dioceseofmonterey.org), a su Párroco, Director o Jefe de Departamento, o puede usar ethicspoint.com para informar a través de un programa en el internet o por teléfono (888-238-1063). Si ve algo, diga algo.

En mi carta, les pedí a nuestros sacerdotes que apoyaran a todas las víctimas con buen cuidado y con compasión y que oraran por todos los ofensores. También les pido a los fieles de nuestra Diócesis por sus oraciones por nuestra Diócesis y por nuestra Iglesia, mientras buscamos el perdón y la sanación. Los Obispos de Estados Unidos están trabajando en planes para tener mecanismos para responsabilizar a los Obispos y fortalecer su supervisión y responsabilidad para proteger a los vulnerables.

Queridos amigos, ¿podríamos todos unirnos, obispos, sacerdotes y toda la gente para orar y trabajar de manera de encontrar formas de reformar y renovar nuestra Iglesia? Volvamos a nuestras raíces espirituales, la oración, la penitencia, los sacramentos, los santos, permitiendo que el Espíritu Santo rehaga y renueve como el Cuerpo de Cristo, tan real, tan vivo, tan transparente que todos puedan ver en nosotros la Persona de Jesucristo.

Sinceramente en el amor de Cristo,



+Muy Reverendo Gerald E. Wilkerson
Administrador Apostólico de la Diócesis de Monterey