



CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Stewards of God's Gifts



Called to Serve

2024 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



CALLED TO SERVE

At the Last Supper, the night before Jesus departed from His disciples, He gave them a command, “I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do” (John 13:15). He said this after He knelt and washed His disciples’ feet. If we stop to ponder this moment, we see that it is a moment of service and love — the King of the Universe humbled Himself and washed the feet of His disciples. And if we take a step further and bring this moment into our personal lives, we should then ponder, “What does this mean for me?”

We are called to wash the feet of others — our family, neighbors, fellow parishioners, those we encounter in our everyday lives. Washing the feet of others might look like feeding our children, helping a sibling, calling a relative, listening to a coworker, or setting up for a parish event. These are the everyday moments that Christ is calling us to serve with humility and love, as Jesus said, “...as I have done for you, so you should also do.” At Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, we are *Called to Serve* by modeling Jesus as a humble servant. It is through humble service that we become good stewards of each moment God presents to us.

“Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.” — St. Francis de Sales

THE LANGUAGE OF A SERVANT



We must spend time with Jesus to imitate His servant heart. It is through these moments that our hearts will conform to His heart full of humility and love. Spending time with our Lord will allow us to become more attentive to opportunities for service that surround us. We need to become good stewards of our time and consider how we can make God a top priority in our lives.

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.”

— Psalm 119:105

REFLECT ON THESE SUGGESTIONS TO INCORPORATE PRAYER INTO YOUR DAILY LIFE:

- Begin each morning with prayer, inviting God to be a part of your day. Consider a Morning Offering, the daily Mass readings, or a decade of the Rosary.
- Pray as a family each night before bed. Allow each member to say an intention, and conclude with an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be*.
- Seek out time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The more time you spend with the Lord, the more you will be attentive to His voice in your life.
- Participate in our "Flame Alive" sessions.
- Download and utilize Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Magnificat, Vatican News, Divine Office, and Hallow; or podcasts such as *The Bible in a Year* with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

THE ACTIONS OF A SERVANT

God has blessed us with many gifts and talents. Oftentimes we disregard our talents because they seem small or insignificant. St. Francis de Sales reminds us, “There is nothing small in the service of God.” Whether you have a beautiful voice that can sing in the choir, or you are a good listener with a compassionate heart — your talents can be put into action by serving others. It is in these moments of service that we can imitate Christ by washing the feet of others.



“Incline my heart according to your will, Oh God.”

— The Divine Office



CONSIDER TAKING THESE STEPS TO SHARE THE GIFTS AND TALENTS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU:

- Read through our ministry list beginning on pg. 6, and pray about how God is calling you to serve in the year ahead.
- Ask God to reveal to you some of the gifts and talents that you are underusing. Pray for the grace to grow in those areas and to glorify Him with your gifts.
- Consider signing up for a ministry that the entire family can get involved in together.
- Ask God for the grace to become aware of opportunities to serve in day-to-day moments.

THE SERVANT'S GIFT

We read in Mark chapter 12 the story of a poor widow's contribution to the treasury — two small coins. Jesus sees this and in response says, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had..." (Mark 12:41-44).

This passage in Scripture teaches us that our treasure is a gift from God that can be used for His glory. It is a gift that is meant to be given in humility and love, not from the leftovers, but as the top priority in our budget. It is in this intentional act of generosity that we glorify God and serve others.

Reasons to Tithe

We give because the tithe (which means 10% of one's harvest or income) is a scriptural benchmark that the Church has honored for centuries (see Malachi 3:10).



PRAY ABOUT TAKING THESE STEPS IN GRATITUDE FOR THE TREASURE GOD HAS GIFTED YOU:

- Look at your current spending habits and assess what expenses are preventing you from offering your treasure more selflessly.
- Ask yourself if your family budget reflects what you most love in this life so that your spending reflects that love. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:34).
- Commit to giving a percentage of your income to God through the parish offertory as an expression of your love for the God who withholds nothing of Himself from us.
- Our parish invites each family to give 10% of its gross income to God — 5% through the offertory, 1% to the diocese, and 4% to other worthy causes — according to the scriptural tithe. If the goal of giving the tithe seems difficult to attain, consider increasing your annual offertory gift incrementally by 1 or 2% each year until you reach it.

2024 MINISTRY LISTINGS

Adoration

Come, sit, kneel, pray, relax, and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from being with the One who loves you the most, Jesus. Adoration is offered each Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. Visitors are always welcome, but we need two people to commit to be present for each hour. Can you commit to spending one (1) hour a week with our Eucharistic Lord?

*Contact: Titi Kila,
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Altar Servers

Altar servers are trained to assist the priest and deacons in the celebration of the Mass and may begin service after their First Communion. Candidates are people of good faith and have a desire to serve at the Altar of Our Lord and Savior.

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Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (BBL)

This ministry was established in August 2013, in response to the growing numbers of downtown homeless, poor brothers and sisters who need food, necessities (e.g., socks, toiletries), and a kind word. Active volunteers distribute lunches Tuesday through Friday mornings from 8 to 9 a.m. Support volunteers provide lunches, lunch supplies, and water.

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

A distinct Montessori-based approach to Christian formation through which children as young as 3 form deep, lifelong relationships with Christ.

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Catechist Preparation for Family and Adult Faith Formation

Catechist Preparation ministry promotes and prepares catechists and parents to live out their baptismal call to give witness to their faith, and to hand on the living tradition and teachings of the Catholic Church, both in the classroom and at home. Catechists serve in a wide range of ways: Family Formation (working with parents and children), Adult Confirmation and OCIA, Teen Confirmation and OCIA Families, Youth Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion, and facilitating retreats. We also prepare those not called as teachers to witness their faith and use their gifts in the support of the Faith Formation Ministries.

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Cathedral ACTS

The Cathedral ACTS Ministry organizes retreats where the Holy Spirit can break through the hoopla and touch the heart. ACTS is an acronym for “Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service.” Our ministry’s motto is “God first, family second, then everything else.” Our mission is simple: love God, develop fellowship within the parish, learn how God reveals Himself to us, and serve Him by loving what He loves — all of His creatures. Aside from the retreats, the ACTS Ministry organizes smaller events — barbeques, spaghetti feeds, and such. We also sponsor a Rosary each Friday at 7:30 a.m. in Capitol Park at the former site of St. Junipero Serra’s statue and co-sponsor a bilingual Rosary with Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Ministry on Sundays outside the Cathedral at 11:15 a.m., after the 10 a.m. English Mass and before the noon Spanish Mass.

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Cathedral Docent Tour Ministry

Docents guide interested individuals through the interior of the Cathedral. They share with visitors how the Cathedral is such an important part of early California history. Visitors also learn about the beautiful and important artworks in the Cathedral and how the symbolism in these artworks is integral to our Catholic faith.

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Cathedral Filipino American Group of Sacramento

This Fil-Am Ministry, established in May 2022, is composed of both Filipinos and Americans who, in one way or another, share a common bond of heritage to the Filipino Culture and the Catholic faith. We envision a dynamic and vibrant Filipino American community recognized and valued as integral to America’s ethnic diversity. Our mission is to journey together in faith to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the many beautiful devotions and religious traditions inherent to the Filipino through cultural, charitable, and educational activities. Filipino Catholic practice is unusually material and physical, even among Catholic cultures, built especially on devotions to Mary, the suffering Christ, the Santo Niño (Holy Child), and feasts like the Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) novena that precedes Christmas, and the month-long Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) offering to Mary illustrate distinctively Filipino forms of devotion. Our ministry welcomes not only our Filipino parishioners, but all who are interested to join our activities. We hope you discover the joy that we share when we come together to worship God in spirit and truth.

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Cathedral Young Adults

The Cathedral Young Adults are a vibrant community of Catholic men and women (ages 19-40) in action. We host fellowship events and Nightfever twice a year. We meet on Zoom every Thursday evening to build community with one another. We currently have a blog where we post our reflections and thoughts as we journey through our faith.

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Chinese Catholic Community

The Sacramento Chinese Catholic community was formed with the purpose of establishing a base for Chinese-speaking people to come to know God and to worship Him. Language barriers and ethnic differences have been keeping a lot of people from the house of God. Now, with a Chinese-speaking priest, the Chinese Catholic community is becoming more and more lively. The group activities include social events, faith formation, and service activities. Most importantly, Mass is offered in Cantonese and Mandarin every Sunday at the Cathedral.

*Contact: John Wong,
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Choir (English 10 a.m. Mass)

The Cathedral Choir facilitates the sung prayer of the assembly at the 10 a.m. celebration of the Eucharist, diocesan liturgies, and holy days of obligation throughout the year. The repertoire is taken from the vast literature of sacred/liturgical music, from Gregorian chant to Modern. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7:15 p.m., and the Cathedral Choir season runs from the second weekend of September through Corpus Christi. Anyone with musical



experience is encouraged to contact Rex Rallanka to discuss membership in the Cathedral Choir.

*Contact: Rex Rallanka,
Music Director,
916-444-3071, ext. 14*

Choir (Spanish)

The Spanish Choir facilitates the musical prayer of the assembly in the 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday Masses. They employ a variety of musical styles and encourage novice-trained vocalists and singers to apply. You must commit to rehearsals and Masses on schedule.

*Contact: Jerry Vanoye, Spanish
Choir Music Conductor, in the choir
annex after the 12 p.m. Mass;
Ricardo Savala in the choir annex
after the 6 p.m. Mass*

Choir (Saint Toribio Romo Boys And Girls 8-14)

The Saint Toribio Romo Choir is open to all youth between the ages of 8-14. Boys can participate until their voices change. The choir's purpose is to learn and sing the music of the liturgy. While doing so, students will study the fundamentals of music. The only requirements are consistent attendance, punctuality and the ability to

match pitch. The Choir meets on Saturdays from 12-1 p.m. We also offer the Saint Toribio Romo Choir Schola that meets from 1-2 p.m. on Saturdays and is by audition only.

Contact: Rex Rallanka,
rrallanka@cathedralsacramento.org;
Gayle Winney,
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Evening Rosary Group

Join us for prayer and fellowship the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. as we gather to pray the Rosary. We meet in the Cathedral's Lower Level.

Contact: Christina Callazo-Kelly;
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers are made up of lay men and women who assist the priests and deacons with the smooth distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. Candidates who are Cathedral parishioners and faithful to the teachings of the Church receive detailed training and support for this very important ministry, which takes them to the very life center of our Catholic faith.

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Festival of Trees (FOT)

The Festival of Trees is an annual event that raises funds to support the Cathedral's social services programs. Held on the first weekend in December in Mercy Hall, the event features crafts, baked goods, decorated Christmas trees, and gift baskets. On-site food sales, photo booth, and a raffle round out the activities. Volunteers are needed for setup, food service, cashier, and donating baked goods and crafts items.

Contact: Susan Moeller,
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Front Door Ministry

This ministry helps those in need. It provides a variety of services depending on the individual's needs. Examples of some of these services are referrals to appropriate community social services agencies, information on securing housing, assistance with utility or rental issues, and information on medical and mental health services.

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Gift Shop Volunteers

The gift shop sells many religious articles for all occasions and sacramental preparation. Volunteers can assist in sales, customer service, inventory, pricing, merchandising, and general cleaning.

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Hospitality Committee

Welcomes new members to the parish and provides food for special events at the Cathedral.

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Knights of Columbus

We are Catholic men who share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models, and to put charity and community first. Our goal is to help men, their families, and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. Service and charity are at the heart of the Knights. Founded to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees, and families suffering from the death of a breadwinner, the Knights of Columbus began as a small service organization and has grown into a worldwide financial and charitable organization.

*Contact: Gabriel Gutierrez,
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Lectors

During the Mass, God speaks to His people gathered to hear His Word through lectors. The

lector is the mouthpiece of God. Even though the words are old, the proclamation is always new. Lectors understand the mission of their work. To prepare for each liturgy, the lector reads the Scripture ahead of time to establish a personal encounter with the Word of God. It is from this encounter, through the lector, that the people of God may also encounter the divine Word.

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Media Ministry

This ministry capitalizes on using the various media sources in reaching Cathedral parishioners and other Catholics in spreading the Word of God and Cathedral information. It involves assisting with the various social media venues, the Sunday bulletin, and the Cathedral website, and photographing and/or recording Cathedral events.

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Monday Morning Mass and Rosary Group

Please join your fellow Cathedral parishioners for 7 a.m. Mass on Mondays at St. Elizabeth's (12th and S Streets) followed by a Rosary in Capitol Park for the intentions of our Church and the State of California. We pray the Rosary at the former site of St. Junipero Serra's memorial in the park's Camelia Grove (L Street Side of the Park between 12th and 13th). St. Serra's site has been remade into a memorial for Native Americans. Fittingly, our ministry continues what St. Serra did so well: praying with the inhabitants of this great state.

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OCIA Support Ministry

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process through which a seeker of faith becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church through formation and personal seeking of a relationship with Jesus and responding to the call to become His disciple. This period of formation includes times of prayer, study, retreats, and community, accompanied by fully initiated Catholics. Part of the process also prepares the seeker for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. Faithful Catholics are needed to volunteer as sponsors/mentors willing to journey with seekers of the faith leading to full initiation into the Church. Training and orientation are provided — all that is needed is a welcoming heart.

Contact: Sister Lisa Marie Doty, FDCC, slmdoty@cbssac.org

Office Ministry

Volunteers are needed to serve as receptionists and assist with various tasks during the office hours, such as answering and guiding people through phone calls, greeting people when they come to the office, recording sacraments, reissuing sacramental certificates, working with the office staff and other office help as needed. We need English and bilingual (English and Spanish) speakers to assist with the volume of calls and visitors the Cathedral receives.

Contact: Victoria Ramos, vramos@cathedralsacramento.org

Outreach to the Homebound

This group brings the Eucharist

to parishioners in nursing homes, hospitals, and the homebound. They bring Communion or just spend time in prayer and fellowship with these individuals to foster a living link between the Body of Christ at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and our parishioners who are unable to attend parish functions.

Contact: Deacon Omar Bardales, omarcpa@att.net

Parent Leaders Ministry

With more than 15 years serving the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, the Parent Leaders Ministry has the mission to encourage parents to learn about their Catholic faith and empower them in their vocation as main educators of their children in the faith. We are convinced that “as the family goes, so does the society” and that the parents are leaders of their families, parish, and community to make visible the Kingdom of God on earth. Our goal is to make Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church known and loved. We gather every Sunday at Mercy Hall of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament as part of the family faith formation program, from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Our classes are in Spanish.

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Prayer Chain

Parishioners sign up to pray for special intentions on a prayer chain. These intentions are then sent via email, and praying is done privately in one's own home. Specific prayers and suggestions for spiritual reading are also often sent to chain members.

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Respect Life Ministry

This ministry defends life from conception to natural death using the Gospel of Life of our Lord as a shield. We support the various events of our diocese to promote the dignity of life, such as Mother and Daughter, Father and Son, 40 Days for Life, Walk for Life, and the Procession of the Holy Innocents. We help mothers and their children by collecting clothes and receiving blankets, and also raising needed funds by selling roses for Mother's Day, and wreaths for Advent. We track legislation regarding life issues and help to keep our community aware. We attend presentations on Radio Santissimo Sacramento to spread love and respect for human life. We visit churches in the diocese to promote the creation of more

pro-life ministries. The strongest part of our ministry is the grace of community prayer and the Pro-Life Rosary, which we put into action every day.

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Sacristan Ministry

Under the direction of the Cathedral Sacristan, individual Mass sacristans set up the credence table for Mass, set the prayers in the Roman Missal for the priest, put out the priest's vestments, check batteries for the microphone, put out various documents like the General Intercessions and psalms for cantors and lectors, portion out hosts to be consecrated, and generally make sure the credence table and table of gifts are appropriately set. In addition, they also ensure all patens, chalices, and vessels used for Mass are purified, cleansed, and returned to their place in the sacristy and/or set for the next Mass. This includes the cleaning of the thurible and disposal of the old charcoal and lining of the thurible. Sacristans must be well trained in the documents required for a specific Mass including the Ordo, the Roman Missal,



Cathedral Volunteers serving the Western Perpetual Pilgrims on May 22 when St. Junipero Serra Route pilgrimage came to the Cathedral.



the Sunday Lectionary, and the Book of Gospels. In addition, some filling and maintenance of liquid candles and other items may be required. Individual Mass sacristans must also be able to work with other ministry leads such as those for Eucharistic Ministers and lectors to ensure the Mass is well-staffed.

Contact: Michael Ognisty, mfoignisty@msn.com

Ushers

Ushers greet and assist parishioners when they come to the Cathedral for Mass or other public activities. They also assist in the collection during Mass.

Contact: Parish Plant Manager, Tom Waddock, 916-444-3071, ext. 20, twaddock@cbssac.org

Volunteer Corp

The Volunteer Corp is a ministry of men and women interested in assisting the Cathedral's maintenance staff with special projects or miscellaneous tasks around the church. When help is needed, an email outlining the volunteer project/task, time requirements, and the number

of volunteers needed is sent to ministry members. Interested volunteers are contacted by the Cathedral manager to make appropriate arrangements. Project examples include changing light bulbs, polishing brass handrails, installing the Christmas Creche, etc. There are occasional meetings to explain Cathedral operations and obtain ministry feedback. While not required, individuals with special skills are encouraged to join.

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Welcoming

Welcome people into the Cathedral handing out worship aids as they enter and bulletins as they exit. They are ambassadors of welcome, thanking people for attending by creating an environment of welcome that will encourage people to return.

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Your Offering To God

STEWARDSHIP INVOLVES COMMITMENT

Our Stewardship Renewal, *Called to Serve*, is an opportunity to become good stewards of the many gifts God has given us. It is by imitating Jesus' actions of humbly serving others that we can live out His teaching: "...as I have done for you, so you should also do" (John 13:15). Let us pray and reflect on how God is calling us to serve Him and others in the year ahead by making commitments in Time, Talent and Treasure.

Called to Serve
Llamados a Servir
CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
2024 Commitment Card
Tarjeta De Compromiso 2024

Talent/Talento
Sharing our gifts and talents is an opportunity to serve others in humility and love. Take some time to pray and reflect on how God is calling you to share your talents in our parish community.
Puede leer acerca de cada uno de los ministerios que figuran a continuación en el Catálogo de Ministerios. Cuando se registre, el líder del ministerio lo llamará para explicar cómo participar.
Which language would you prefer to be contacted:
 English Spanish
En qué idioma prefiere que te contacten:
 Inglés Español
Currently Involved - Interested in Joining
Actualmente Involucrado - Nuevo Compromiso
Please write the **first name(s)** of interested family member(s) on the line.
Escriba claramente el **primer nombre** en la línea.
4 MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS
 Adoration/Adoración
 Altar Servers/Monaguillos
 Brown Bag Lunch Ministry (BBL)/Ministerio de Bolsa Marrón
 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/Catequesis del Buen Pastor
 Catechist Preparation for Family and Adult Faith Formation/Preparación de Catequista
 Cathedral ACTS/Ministerio A.C.T.S.
on each parish/continúa en el panel posterior

Treasure
In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is asked to give a specific percentage of income based on the biblical title:
5% to Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament plus 1% to diocese and 4% to other charities
Mi ofertorio pledge to Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Percentage of household income: %
Please complete either a weekly or monthly offertory gift:
Weekly gift \$ x12 = \$ annually
or
Monthly gift \$ x12 = \$ annually

Tesoro
En agradecimiento por los dones de Dios, a cada familia se le pide que de un determinado porcentaje de los ingresos en el ofertorio, basado en el diezmo bíblico (10%):
5% a Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento
1% a la diócesis y 4% a obras de caridad
Mi compromiso de ofertorio a la Catedral del Santísimo Sacramento
Porcentaje de ingreso del hogar: %
Por favor complete una ofrenda semanal o mensual:
Semanal \$ x12 = \$ anual
o
Mensual \$ x12 = \$ anual

First & Last Name/Nombre y apellido (para tarjeta por correo)
Telephone (optional)/Teléfono (opcional)
Email/Correo Electrónico (optional)
Surname/Apellido: First & Last Name/Nombre y Apellido
Surname/Apellido: First/Primero
Surname/Apellido: Email/Correo Electrónico
Street Address/Dirección
City/Ciudad State/Estado ZIP/ Código Postal
After completion, please bring this card to Mass or mail using the envelope provided. Thank you and God Bless you!
Después de completarla, por favor traiga esta tarjeta a Misa o envíela por correo usando el sobre provisto. ¡Gracias y que Dios se bendiga!

Prayerfully fill out your Commitment Card enclosed and return it at Mass on September 22, mail it to the parish office using the envelope provided, or fill it out online at cathedralsacramento.org.

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