



The Cathedral of  
**ST. EUGENE**

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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### WEBSITES

Parish: [www.steugenes.com](http://www.steugenes.com)  
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### REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

### MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 12 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



### MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**Perpetual Adoration** is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call Annette (English) at: 542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: 710-5094

**Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. *During this time of Covid-19, Benediction is not being held.*

### DEVOTIONS

**Recitation of the Rosary** is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

### CATHEDRAL SHOPS

**Cathedral Thrift Shop** Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Cathedral Books & Gifts** Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30 & Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 24, 2021

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY OCTOBER 24

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm  
RCIF & RCIA – Becker Center and School -10:30 am

#### MONDAY OCTOBER 25

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Respect Life Meeting – Charity Room – 3:30 pm

#### TUESDAY OCTOBER 26

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am  
PSR – School – 3:45 pm  
Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
School Mass – Cathedral – 9:20 am  
Bible Study – PLC (Hope Rm) - 6:00 pm

#### THURSDAY OCTOBER 28

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

#### FRIDAY OCTOBER 29

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

#### SATURDAY OCTOBER 30

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am  
Confession - Cathedral -3:00 – 4:30 pm  
Mass – Cathedral -4:30 pm; 6:30 pm (Spanish)

### NAATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

#### ~COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE~

Engaged and married couples: you have the opportunity to learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) at your convenience! Self-paced classes are available through the Couple to Couple League. Please visit their website: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). The question of birth control has been raised many times for 19 centuries of Christian life, and the Church has always responded with a firm and universal negative to abortion, sterilization and all forms of unnatural birth control (artificial contraception). The encyclical *Humanae Vitae* in 1968 simply reaffirmed this universal Tradition.

The bulletin item deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. E-mail items to: [office@steugenes.com](mailto:office@steugenes.com). We reserve the right to edit or omit items.

### Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### For the Week of: 10/10/21

Sunday Donations Received:	\$11,623.
Collection Revenue Received for: Tuition Assistance Program	\$3,173.

#### ~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary. To celebrate this, all of our stunning rosaries are 25% off during October only! There's a rhythm to praying the rosary, and as you enter into that rhythm, you'll begin to think less about the words and more about the meaning of the words and the meditations. Also, we have a great Spanish section, so please tell your Spanish-speaking friends to visit us! The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at 542-0250.

#### ~ALTAR SOCIETY~

Our Altar Society "Linen Team" is looking for a few people who would be interested in helping with this ministry. The Marian Sisters and our current team members will be giving a demonstration on how to care for sacred linens on Nov. 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Life Center, in the area to the right of the Bookstore/Gift Shop. This information will be beneficial for anyone involved in the care of the Church and sacristy – members of altar societies, sacristans, etc. The Demonstration will include: A brief instruction in the history and spirituality of Church Linens; The purification of linens; Treating of stains, tips on handling linen, etc.; Laundering (settings, tips); Ironing and folding; Purificators, Finger towels, Corporals and Amices. Please **RSVP**: Andy Skrypka at (707) 758-5882.

### SECOND COLLECTION

#### ~THIS WEEKEND~

This weekend, October 23 & 24 our Second Collection is for World Mission Sunday (see below). Next weekend, October 30 & 31, our Second Collection will be for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. As always, thank you for your generosity!

#### ~WORLD MISSION SUNDAY~

This Sunday we celebrate World Mission Sunday. The collection that is taken up supports mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the missions in your prayers for we know that in many countries, Catholics are horribly persecuted for the Faith.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 23</b>
8:00 am	Ann Burow, deceased
4:30 pm	Meghan McCurry, living
6:30 (Sp)	Charles Guenza, deceased
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 24</b>
7:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
9:00 am	George Skikos, deceased
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	Clara Fisch, deceased
1:30 pm	Nancy Hoyer, living
5:30 pm	John Flanagan, deceased
6:00 pm (Newman Ctr.)	Phillip Heiss, deceased
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 25</b>
6:45 am	Michael Hart, deceased
8:00 am	Jose Hernandez, deceased
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 26</b>
6:45 am	Fr. Jeffrey Keyes, living
8:00 am	Mr. Brohmer, deceased
5:30 pm	Mary Tran, living
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 27</b>
6:45 am	Joseph Gregson, deceased
8:00 am	Melvin Arnerich, living
9:20 am (Sch.)	Laura Leon Luna, living
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 28</b>
6:45 am	Magdalena Ponce, living
8:00 am	Theodora Leemans, deceased
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 29</b>
6:45 am	Devin Rogas, living
8:00 am	Heidy Oneida Monterroso, deceased
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 30</b>
8:00 am	Charles Guenza, deceased
4:30 pm	Claire Giampaoli, living
6:30 pm (Sp.)	Luis Carlos Olivias, living

## IN NEED OF PRAYER

### ~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Thomas Patrick, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich and Mary Gonzales.

## SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

### ~HOLY HOUR EVENING RETREAT~

On Friday, November 5, from 7-8:00 pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cotati, located at 150 St. Joseph Way, will offer a Holy Hour Evening Retreat. Confessions will be heard beforehand (6-7:00 pm) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a short spiritual talk based on the writings of St. Josemaria Escriva, Benediction and fellowship afterwards.

### ~CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY~

On Tuesday, November 2nd the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls, a day set-aside to honor and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us, marked with the sign of Faith. Catholic Cemeteries wishes to invite all of those who have loved ones entrusted to our care, to join us on that day for the celebration of a special Mass which will be held at the following cemeteries: 10 AM (English) and 1PM (Spanish) Calvary Cemetery in Santa Rosa, 2930 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop. *Celebrant: Fr. Raul Lemus (Spanish Mass)*

### ~ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPES~

The month of November is traditionally the month we remember our beloved dead. This memorial begins on All Souls' Day, Tuesday, November 2nd, and continues throughout the rest of the month of November. All Souls Day reminds us that we are a Church of community. We are the Church Militant here on earth because we are still waging the fight. The saints in heaven, whom we honor on All Saints' Day, Nov. 1st, constitute the Church Triumphant. On All Souls Day, we remember and pray for the Church Suffering (Purgatory). Be sure to turn in your envelopes with names of loved ones to be remembered at all Masses during the month of November. For those who do not receive envelopes, you will find special envelopes available in both vestibules. Please fill them out and return them either in the collection basket or directly to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Envelopes will be placed on the altar and remain for the entire month of November.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITY

### ~KNIGHTS FUNDRAISER~

The Knights Of Columbus are having a Calamari fundraiser dinner on Friday, November 12. The diner will be for drive through (to-go) only, in front of the Monsignor Becker Center from 4pm till 7pm. Tickets are on sale for \$25.00. The dinner also includes a Baked Potato and Salad. Tickets must be purchased in advance from either the Parish Office or the Bookstore/Gift Shop, located in the Parish Life Center. Please, support the Knights of Columbus!

## IN MEMORIAM

### †ELIZABETH Mc CASKILL†

Please remember Elizabeth McCaskill and her family and friends in your prayers and Masses. She passed away on 08-12--21. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her." *May she rest in peace.*

# MY CATHOLIC FAITH

## SUFFERING AND THE PRIESTHOOD

### ~FROM THE PASTOR~

*"Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins."*

I took the opportunity last Sunday to use the book of Hebrews as a springboard to look at the concept of priesthood. It is a virtual goldmine of information, so I will share a few more articles with you today and next Sunday on this topic. Why is the priesthood so important? Because only a priest can offer sacrifice. The Mass is the Sacrifice of Calvary re-presented to God. No priest ... no Mass. No Mass ... no Sacrifice. No Sacrifice ... no Eucharist. The Catechism tells us: **1324** The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life."<sup>136</sup> "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained **the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.**" This is why St. Padre Pio noted, *"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass."* Let us read on about the suffering that a priest must be willing to undergo, indeed to embrace, in following Jesus on the road to Calvary. I have highlighted one brave priest in particular: Fr. Walter Cizek, who suffered for Christ for 23 years.

## SACRIFICIAL IN NATURE

### ~THE PRIEST AS SACRIFICE & VICTIM~

"As priests are to "offer up gifts and sacrifices for sins" (Heb. 5:1), Christ, the Eternal High Priest, being perfect, could offer only the most perfect Sacrifice in atonement for sin. Since there is no greater sacrifice than to lay down one's life, He sacrificed Himself during His passion and death upon the Cross for the salvation of mankind. This one Sacrifice is continually presented to His Father in the heights of Heaven and is made present on earth every time a Catholic priest offers Holy Mass. The greatest glory of the priesthood is approaching the altar, in imitation of Christ, and offering the same Sacrifice, although in an unbloody manner. But the example of Christ also shows that the priest is more

than one who offers a Sacrifice upon the altar: he is also one who is to be sacrificed for the salvation of souls. Our Lord's example of rising from the dead and ascending into Heaven only after a life of sufferings and toil indicates to every subsequent priest what to expect in this life. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (Mt. 16:24). As the life of Christ was a constant series of privations, humiliations, fatigue, and labors from Bethlehem to Calvary, so too will be the life of the priest. If the student is to become as the Master, the sufferings in this life need to be received in a spirit of gladness and joy for the glory of God and the salvation of souls throughout the world."

### ~FOLLOWING THE SLAIN LAMB~

"As Christ was sacrificed as the Paschal Lamb, unblemished and unspotted, He was led to the shearers without uttering a sound. Now, men raised to the dignity of the priesthood have the duty of living a holy life, and, if necessary, following the slain Lamb to martyrdom. It is necessary, then, for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood to understand this notion of being willing to offer one's life to God and to embrace suffering and labor in a spirit of charity. The formation of seminarians needs to inculcate this true spirit of sacrifice so that each candidate comprehends his life as no longer his own. The priesthood is not like a secular job in which one decides his profession; rather, the priest is chosen by God (Heb. 5:4). The man does decide to embrace God's calling or not, but such a pursuit cannot be for selfish reasons such as money, recognition, or an easy life."

### ~THE SCHOOL OF THE CROSS~

"The history of the Church shows what happens when priests do not live their priesthood in imitation of the suffering Christ, for it spills over into the lives of the faithful. The adage goes as follows: a holy priest yields a fervent parish; a fervent priest yields a good parish; a good priest yields a lukewarm parish; and a lukewarm priest yields a cold parish. But few are those who are willing to persist in a life of suffering joyfully for the Church. Christ Himself declared this when He said that "many are called, but few are chosen" (Mt. 22:14). Whereas God always provides for the Church in calling a

sufficient number of men to be priests, oftentimes there is not a shortage of priests; rather, only an insufficient number of good and holy priests willing to suffer in imitation of Christ. And the sufferings can be immense and varied, ranging from physical deterioration and ailments to the venom of tongues found in false accusations and ridicule. Hence, one of the marks of a vocation to the priesthood is the willingness to learn how to suffer out of love for God. As a result, seminaries are often nicknamed "The School of the Cross." Priests who survived imprisonment at Dachau in World War II afterwards professed that the priesthood was better understood by what they had to suffer. Thus, the burdens placed upon a priest's shoulders become a fitting preparation for the next time he celebrates Holy Mass. And his life in conformity to Christ Crucified transforms his daily burdens into light and sweet labor." By: Fr. Eric P. Flood, FSS *From the August 2011 Newsletter* <https://fssp.com/the-sacrificial-nature-of-the-sacred-priesthood/>

## THE PRIESTS OF DACHAU

### ~THE ANGEL OF DACHAU~

"The Nazis established Dachau, near Munich in southern Germany, as their first concentration camp in 1933. Over the next 12 years, 2,794 Catholic clergy were sent there, the majority from Poland. They were housed with a smaller number of Protestant, Greek Orthodox, Old Catholic, Mariavite and Muslim clerics in a section known as the Priest Barracks. Notable prisoners included the German Lutheran pastor Martin Niemöller, who survived the camp, Dutch Carmelite Titus Brandsma, who died of a lethal injection in 1942, and the Italian Dominican priest Blessed Giuseppe Girotti, who died shortly before the camp's liberation in 1945, probably also by lethal injection. Also among the prisoners was Fr. Engelmar Unzeitig, a priest with Czech roots dubbed the "Angel of Dachau" because of his ministry to fellow prisoners. He volunteered to care for the sick in the typhoid barracks, bathing them, praying with them and offering them last rites. He succumbed to typhoid fever on March 2, 1945. Pope Francis officially recognized him as a martyr in 2016.

### ~THE POLISH SACRIFICE~

Only 818 of the 1,773 Polish clergy sent to Dachau survived until the camp's liberation. Many were subjected to medical experiments, being exposed

malaria or given infections. Among the victims was Kazimierz Majdański, who survived to become the post-war archbishop of Szczecin-Kamień. When Pope John Paul II beatified **108 Polish martyrs of World War II** in 1999, there were 43 Dachau inmates among them. One of them was Blessed Franciszek Drzewiecki, an Orionine Father, who refused to be exempted from hard labor at Dachau. While he tilled the soil, suffering from frostbite and malnutrition, he secretly adored consecrated hosts that he kept with him in a small box. When he was sent away to be gassed in 1942, he said to his companions: "We offer our life for God, for the Church and for our country." One in five of Poland's diocesan priests died in the Second World War, according to Fr. Paweł Rytel-Andrianik, spokesman for the Polish bishops' conference. The Nazis killed an estimated 2,000 diocesan priests, 370 friars, and 280 nuns. In addition, about 4,000 priests and monks, and more than a thousand nuns were sent to camps. "There were dioceses such as Włocławek, Gniezno, and Chełmno, where almost every second priest was murdered," Fr. Rytel-Andrianik said. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/44356/catholics-honor-the-priests-killed-at-dachau-remember-75th-liberation-anniversary>

### ~FR. WALTER CISZEK~

*Captured by the Russian army during World War II and accused of being a spy for the Vatican, Walter J. Ciszek (1904-1984), an American Jesuit, spent twenty-three years in Soviet prisons and the Siberian gulags from 1940 to 1963. ... There was no lack of struggles in the life of Fr. Ciszek: as a young Levite, he found seminary life difficult and joined the Jesuits on an impulse. His dream as a young Polish American was to become a missionary in Communist Russia. For there is nothing greater than undertaking difficult things for the greater glory of God. Walter Ciszek's wish was granted: after his novitiate in the United States and two years at the Pontifical Russian College in Rome, he was sent as a missionary to Poland and then Russia. In June 1941, he was taken prisoner by the Russians: "I was taken by train to the notorious Lubyanka prison in Moscow, to be interrogated as a 'spy for the Vatican'. ... After five years in prison, the Jesuit was condemned to fifteen years in a work camp in Siberia: "like thousands of other prisoners", he soberly explains, "I had to work in construction brigades outdoors in the extreme polar cold, when we weren't in the coal or copper mines, poorly dressed, poorly fed, poorly lodged, in wooden barracks surrounded by barbed wire and a safety zone." For entire article, go to: <https://www.sspc.ca/en/news-events/news/testimony-priest-gulag-33360>*

**MI FE CATOLICA**

**EL SUFRIMIENTO Y EL SACERDOCIO**

~ DEL PASTOR ~

*"Todo sumo sacerdote es tomado de entre los hombres y se hizo su representante ante Dios, para ofrecer ofrendas y sacrificios por los pecados".*

Aproveché la oportunidad el domingo pasado para usar el libro de Hebreos como un trampolín para analizar el concepto de sacerdocio. Es una mina de oro virtual de información, por lo que compartiré algunos artículos más con ustedes hoy y el próximo domingo sobre este tema. ¿Por qué es tan importante el sacerdocio? Porque solo un sacerdote puede ofrecer sacrificio. La Misa es el Sacrificio del Calvario re-presentado a Dios. No sacerdote... No Misa. No Misa... No Sacrificio. Sin Sacrificio... No Eucaristía. El Catecismo nos dice: 1324 La Eucaristía es "fuente y cumbre de la vida cristiana" 136. "Los demás sacramentos, y de hecho todos los ministerios eclesiásticos y las obras de apostolado, están ligados a la Eucaristía y están orientados hacia ella. Porque en la Santísima Eucaristía está contenido todo el bien espiritual de la Iglesia, es decir, Cristo mismo, nuestra Pascua". Es por eso que San Padre Pío señaló: "Sería más fácil para el mundo sobrevivir sin el sol que hacerlo sin la Santa Misa". Sigamos leyendo sobre el sufrimiento que un sacerdote debe estar dispuesto a sufrir, incluso a abrazar, siguiendo a Jesús en el camino del Calvario. He destacado a un sacerdote valiente en particular: el P. Walter Ciszek, quien sufrió por Cristo durante 23 años.

**PRUDENCIA Y SABIDURIA**

~EL SACERDOTE COMO SACRIFICIO Y VICTIMA~  
"Como los sacerdotes deben" ofrecer dones y sacrificios por los pecados" (Heb. 5: 1), Cristo, el Sumo Sacerdote Eterno, siendo perfecto, sólo podía ofrecer el Sacrificio más perfecto en expiación por el pecado. Dado que no hay mayor sacrificio que dar la vida, Él se sacrificó durante Su pasión y muerte en la Cruz por la salvación de la humanidad. Este único Sacrificio se presenta continuamente a Su Padre en las alturas del Cielo y se hace presente en la tierra cada vez que un sacerdote católico ofrece la Santa Misa. La mayor gloria del sacerdocio es acercarse al altar, a imitación de Cristo, y ofrecer el mismo Sacrificio, aunque de manera donde no hay sangre. Pero el ejemplo de Cristo también muestra que el sacerdote es más que el que ofrece un sacrificio sobre el altar: también es uno que ha de ser sacrificado por la salvación de las almas.

El ejemplo de Nuestro Señor de resucitar de entre los muertos y ascender al cielo solo después de una vida de sufrimientos y fatigas indica a cada sacerdote posterior qué esperar en esta vida. "Si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí, niéguese a sí mismo, tome su cruz y sígame" (Mt. 16:24). Así como la vida de Cristo fue una serie constante de privaciones, humillaciones, fatiga y trabajos desde Belén hasta el Calvario, también lo será la vida del sacerdote. Para que el alumno llegue a ser el Maestro, los sufrimientos de esta vida deben ser recibidos con un espíritu de alegría y gozo para la gloria de Dios y la salvación de las almas en todo el mundo".

~SIGUIENDO AL CORDERO MATADO~

"Como Cristo fue sacrificado como el Cordero pascual, inmaculado y sin mancha, fue llevado a los esquiladores sin pronunciar un solo sonido. Ahora, los hombres elevados a la dignidad del sacerdocio tienen el deber de vivir una vida santa y, si es necesario, seguir al Cordero inmolado hasta el martirio. Es necesario, entonces, que quienes disciernen la vocación al sacerdocio comprendan esta noción de estar dispuestos a ofrecer la propia vida a Dios y abrazar el sufrimiento y el trabajo con espíritu de caridad. La formación de los seminaristas necesita inculcar este verdadero espíritu de sacrificio para que cada candidato comprenda su vida como ya no la suya. El sacerdocio no es como un trabajo secular en el que uno decide su profesión; más bien, el sacerdote es elegido por Dios (He. 5:4). El hombre decide aceptar el llamado de Dios o no, pero tal búsqueda no puede ser por razones egoístas como dinero, reconocimiento o una vida fácil".

~LA ESCUELA DE LA CRUZ~

"La historia de la Iglesia muestra lo que sucede cuando los sacerdotes no viven su sacerdocio a imitación del Cristo sufriente, porque se extiende a la vida de los fieles. El adagio dice lo siguiente: un sacerdote santo produce una parroquia ferviente; un sacerdote ferviente produce una buena parroquia; un buen sacerdote produce una parroquia tibia; y un sacerdote tibio produce una parroquia fría. Pero pocos son los que están dispuestos a perseverar en una vida de sufrimiento con alegría por la Iglesia. Cristo mismo declaró esto cuando dijo que "muchos son los llamados, pero pocos los escogidos" (Mt. 22:14). Considerando que Dios siempre provee para la Iglesia al llamar a un número suficiente de hombres para ser sacerdotes, muchas veces no hay escasez de sacerdotes; más bien, sólo un número insuficiente de sacerdotes buenos y santos dispuestos a sufrir a imitación de Cristo. Y los sufrimientos pueden ser inmensos y variados, desde el deterioro físico y las dolencias hasta el veneno de las lenguas que se encuentran en las acusaciones falsas y el ridículo.

Por tanto, una de las marcas de la vocación al sacerdocio es la voluntad de aprender a sufrir por amor a Dios. Como resultado, los seminarios a menudo reciben el sobrenombre de "La escuela de la cruz". Los sacerdotes que sobrevivieron al encarcelamiento en Dachau en la Segunda Guerra Mundial después profesaron que el sacerdocio se entendía mejor por lo que tenían que sufrir. Así, las cargas sobre los hombros de un sacerdote se convierten en una preparación adecuada para la próxima vez que celebre la Santa Misa. Y su vida en conformidad con Cristo Crucificado transforma sus cargas diarias en un trabajo ligero y dulce". Por: P. Eric P. Flood, FSS Del boletín de agosto de 2011 <https://fssp.com/the-sacrificial-nature-of-the-sacred-priesthood/>

## LOS SACERDOTES DE DACHAU

### ~EL ÁNGEL DE DACHAU~

"Los nazis establecieron Dachau, cerca de Munich, en el sur de Alemania, como su primer campo de concentración en 1933. Durante los siguientes 12 años, 2,794 clérigos católicos fueron enviados allí, la mayoría de Polonia. Fueron alojados con un número menor de clérigos Protestantes, Ortodoxos Griegos, Católicos Viejos, Mariavitas y Musulmanes en una sección conocida como el Cuartel del Sacerdote. Prisioneros notables incluyeron al pastor Luterano Alemán Martin Niemöller, quien sobrevivió al campo, el Carmelita Holandés Titus Brandsma, quien murió de una inyección letal en 1942, y el sacerdote dominicano italiano Beato Giuseppe Girotti, quien murió poco antes de la liberación del campo en 1945, probablemente también por inyección letal. También entre los prisioneros estaba el P. Engelmar Unzeitig, un sacerdote de raíces Checas apodado el "Ángel de Dachau" por su ministerio con los compañeros de prisión. Se ofreció como voluntario para cuidar a los enfermos en el cuartel de la fiebre tifoidea, bañarlos, rezar con ellos y ofrecerles los Santos Oleos. Sucumbió a la fiebre tifoidea el 2 de Marzo de 1945. El Papa Francisco lo reconoció oficialmente como mártir en 2016.

### ~EL SACRIFICIO POLACO~

Solo 818 de los 1,773 clérigos polacos enviados a Dachau sobrevivieron hasta la liberación del campo. Muchos fueron sometidos a experimentos médicos, siendo expuestos malaria o infecciones dadas. Entre las víctimas se encontraba Kazimierz Majdański, que sobrevivió para convertirse en el arzobispo de Szczecin-Kamień de la posguerra. Cuando el Papa Juan Pablo II beatificó a **108 mártires Polacos de la Segunda Guerra Mundial** en 1999, había 43 presos de Dachau entre ellos. Uno de ellos fue el beato Franciszek Drzewiecki, un padre Orionino, que se negó a

ser eximido de trabajos forzados en Dachau. Mientras labraba la tierra, sufriendo de congelación y desnutrición, adoraba en secreto las hostias consagradas que guardaba con él en una pequeña caja. Cuando fue enviado a ser gaseado en 1942, dijo a sus compañeros: "Ofrecemos nuestra vida por Dios, por la Iglesia y por nuestro país". Uno de cada cinco sacerdotes diocesanos de Polonia murió en la Segunda Guerra Mundial, según el p. Paweł Rytel-Andrianik, portavoz de la conferencia episcopal Polaca. Los nazis mataron a unos 2,000 sacerdotes diocesanos, 370 frailes y 280 monjas. Además, alrededor de 4,000 sacerdotes y monjes, y más de mil monjas fueron enviados a campamentos. "Hubo diócesis como Włocławek, Gniezno y Chełmno, donde casi uno de los dos sacerdotes fue asesinado", dijo el padre Rytel-Andrianik. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/44356/catholics-honor-the-priests-matado-en-dachau-recuerda-75-aniversario-de-liberación>

### ~PADRE WALTER CISZEK~

*Capturado por el ejército Ruso durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial y acusado de ser un espía del Vaticano, Walter J. Ciszek (1904-1984), un Jesuita Estadounidense, pasó veintitrés años en las cárceles Soviéticas y los gulags Siberianos desde 1940 hasta 1963. ... No faltaron las luchas en la vida del P. Ciszek: cuando era un joven levita, encontró difícil la vida en el seminario y se unió a los Jesuitas por impulso. Su sueño como joven Polaco Americano era convertirse en misionero en la Rusia Comunista. Porque no hay nada más grande que emprender cosas difíciles para mayor gloria de Dios. El deseo de Walter Ciszek se cumplió: después de su noviciado en los Estados Unidos y dos años en el Pontificio Colegio Ruso de Roma, fue enviado como misionero a Polonia y luego a Rusia. En junio de 1941, los Rusos lo hicieron prisionero: "Me llevaron en tren a la famosa prisión de Lubyanka en Moscú, para ser interrogado como 'espía del Vaticano'. ... Después de cinco años de prisión, el Jesuita fue condenado a quince años en un campo de trabajo en Siberia: "como miles de otros prisioneros", explica sobriamente, "tuve que trabajar en brigadas de construcción al aire libre en el frío polar extremo, cuando no estábamos en las minas de carbón o cobre, mal vestidos, mal alimentados, mal alojados, en barracones de madera rodeados de alambre de púas y una zona de seguridad ". Para ver el artículo completo, vaya a: <https://www.ssp.ca/en/news-events/news/testimony-priest-gulag-33360>*

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