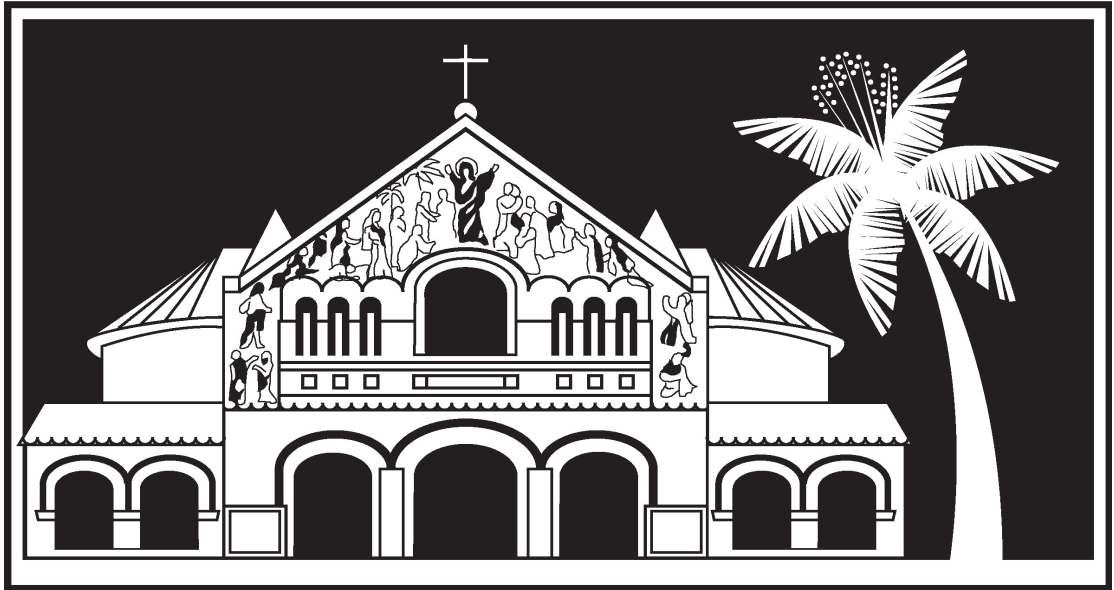


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The **mission** of the Catholic Community at Stanford (CC@S) is to develop and form well educated, passionate, and faithful Catholic leaders in order to bring positive change to their disciplines, communities, Church, and world.

Sunday Mass January 13, 2013

10:30am Tresidder Oak Room

3pm Spanish Mass in MemChu

4:30pm Memorial Church

10pm Memorial Church

Daily Eucharist

M - W - F 12:20pm Memorial Church

T - Th 12:20pm Old Union Sanctuary

Confessions Tuesday

1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm

Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305

or by appointment: call 725-0080

Marriage

To arrange a Catholic Wedding, call the wedding coordinator at Memorial Church at 650-723-9531.

Infant Baptisms

Baptism is celebrated once per quarter. For more information, please visit <http://catholic.stanford.edu/baptisms/eligibility.html> or contact Teresa Pleins tpleins@stanford.edu.

Baptisms for the 2012-2013 academic year:

Today, January 13, 2013

May 5, 2013

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fr John Patrick Kenrick ponders on the meaning of Christ's baptism.

According to St John's Gospel, John the Baptist performed his baptisms at a place called Bethany-beyond-Jordan, at the northern end of the Dead Sea.

Each year about 3 billion gallons of water enters the Dead Sea from the river Jordan, having travelled downhill from the sea of Galilee which is 600 feet higher. This descent probably accounts for the name Jordan which comes from the Hebrew word meaning 'to go down'. Perhaps this is what inspired John the Baptist to baptize by total immersion, the method implied in Mark's Gospel.

John had made people aware of their need for a complete change of heart. God was calling them back to an authentic way of life in keeping with the covenant. John had every confidence in God's forgiveness and he taught that the right response to a loving, merciful God was to show compassion to others, by sharing with those in need and avoiding exploitation. Baptism in the Jordan, through which the children of Israel had passed into the promised land, would be the sign of this radical conversion to God.

The baptisms that John performed in this obscure place were a clear departure from Old Testament purification rites. John was conscious that he was doing something new; but even as he performed these baptisms 'of repentance for the forgiveness of sins', he was already aware of something greater to come. In today's Gospel he tells the people 'I baptize you with water but someone is coming who is more powerful than I am... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'.

When Jesus came from Nazareth to be baptized, John immediately recognized him as the one whose coming he had proclaimed because St Matthew tells us that John was reluctant to baptize Jesus. Surely it was he, John, who needed to be baptized by Jesus?

John was quite right that it was he who needed to be baptized by Christ. Jesus did not need baptism. The Sinless One had no need of forgiveness. Why then did Jesus choose to be baptized by John?

One answer we might give lies in the revelation of divine humility. The Son of God not only washed the

feet of sinners, he allowed himself to be numbered with them. It is significant that here, at the beginning of Christ's ministry, the revelation of his divine sonship is also the revelation of the Father and the Holy Spirit. There is a gentle approval in the tender words of the Father and the presence of the Spirit in the form of a graceful dove, as the Son of God submits to baptism with a loving humility. The Christmas season began with the Incarnation which shows God's love for our humanity. It ends with the feast of Christ's baptism in which Christ publicly identifies with sinners to the approval of Father and Spirit. He will keep company with sinners to the very end of his life on the cross.

The meaning of Christ's baptism does not end there because by descending into the waters and re-emerging, Christ symbolically anticipates his coming death and resurrection. And by doing so he sanctifies the waters of baptism providing us with the means to be cleansed of sin and united with him.

That is why Christ instituted the sacrament of baptism and sent out his disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

John's improvised ritual had a natural and beautiful simplicity. And it is this ritual that Jesus made his own, giving it the power to raise us up to new life.

We know from St Paul's letters that Jesus's followers practised baptism as the Lord had directed and that they grasped the connection with his death and resurrection.

So today we remind ourselves that from the moment of our own baptism we are united with Christ, that the Holy Spirit dwells in us and that the Father's favour rests on us too. In the words of St Gregory of Nazianzus, 'let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with Him; let us go down with Him to be raised with Him; and let us rise with Him to be glorified with Him.'

fr. John Patrick Kenrick is Master of Novices of the English Dominicans and Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge.

GENERAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our newly baptized:

We welcome

Annika Dylan Anderson,
Davi Bruce Fernandes,
Noah Alexander Hernandez,
Chloe Mazvita Kutadzaushe,
Sofia Elena Plata,
Kaleb Augustine Tunguz

and their families to the Catholic Christian Community as they celebrate their baptisms today. Please remember these children in your prayers as they begin their new lives in Christ.

Interested in Liturgical Ministries?

Have you ever thought it might be rewarding to be involved in a "closer way" with Mass? Get to know other community members better? Serve the community in a specialized ministry? The following ministries are available for you to consider: greeting (especially at the 4:30 Mass), eucharistic ministry, lecturing, altar serving, and music ministry (singers and instrumentalists). Training is provided and for most ministries you are scheduled about every 3-4 weeks. Students, this is a great way to continue ministry begun in your home parish, or a way to learn how to take part fully in the life of the Church. For non-students, Holy Week falls during Spring Break this year--we are going to need even more "permanent community" members to volunteer for these special liturgies. For info, please contact Teresa, tplains@stanford.edu.

Newman Nights:

Presenting the breadth and depth of Catholic Theology, is a theological lecture series that answers of the needs of RCIA, Adult Confirmation, and faith formation for the entire CCAS Community and environs. Newman Nights resumes on January 8, 2013 from 7:30-9:00pm, in the Sanctuary of Old Union. Rev. Father Christopher Renz, OP, PhD, will present "One in Christ: Eucharist as the Font and Summit of Our Lives". Fr Chris is the Academic Dean of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, and has taught our Novice Brother Liturgy for the past several years. All are welcome!

Upcoming topics for Newman Nights:

January 22: "God Wants Your Happiness: Catholic Ethics and Living a Happy Life", by Fr. George Schultz, SJ, PhD, Saint Patrick's Seminary.

February 12: "Rise and Shine: Living Lent and Easter" by Fr. Nathan Castle, OP, Pastor/Director of CCAS.

March 5: "Set the Tree on Fire: The People of God and the Light of the World" Mr. Ed Hopfner, MA, Coordinator for Marriage & Family Life, Diocese of Oakland.

Greeting Ministers Needed for 4:30 Mass:

We need 6-8 new greeting ministers to help us welcome those who come through our doors for the 4:30 Sunday Mass in Memorial Church. Could you be the welcoming face to our community and visitors? Training is provided. You would be scheduled about every 3 weeks. Please contact Teresa, tplains@stanford.edu, if you can help with this important ministry.

Reading Group:

Our next meeting is on Monday Jan 14th at 7:30 at the Gelpis' house (870 Tolman Drive) on campus to discuss Ann Patchett's novel "BelCanto." All are welcome to join in the conversation.

Piano Accompanists Needed:

We are looking for 2-3 piano accompanists to work with the 4:30 and 10:00pm choirs. The commitment would be bi-monthly, arranged around your schedule. Sight-reading and accompanying skills are necessary. Choir members, directors, and congregation will all be grateful to you for sharing your gifts with the community. For info, contact Teresa, tplains@stanford.edu.

CCAS Christmas Toys for Needy Children Drive:

The CCAS Christmas Toys for Needy Children Drive resulted in 95 gifts (toys, clothing and personal grooming items) including a \$25.00 gift card to Target, \$127.11 in Six Cash Donations, and \$281.93 in Nine Virtual Giving Tree Online Donations. This was the first Christmas that we hosted a Family Giving Tree Christmas Toy Drive which resulted in CCAS getting a prime time on Saturday, December 16th to bring 27 CCAS volunteers (students, young adults, permanent community, families with children and friends) to the Family Giving Tree warehouse in Cupertino where we sorted, rowed and shopped (at no cost) for gifts for needy children and special needs adults. Thanks everyone for helping to make this Christmas one to remember in the eyes of so many needy children and their families. You can all count on receiving Purgatory Reduction Time (PRT) for your acts of kindness during this Christmas Season!!! Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!!! Peter J peter_barling@hotmail.com

Liturgy of the Hours:

8:20-8:45am, Mo-Fr, East side stairwell of Memorial Church. "It is now the hour for us to rise from sleep." (Rom 13:11) Come consecrate your day to our Lord by praying the Liturgy of the Hours before class! We first hear a short reading from the Roman Martyrology and then pray in accordance with the wisdom of St. Benedict (d. 543). Contact George vidal@stanford.edu for more information.

Korean Catholic At Stanford (KC@S):

KC@S is a Korean catholic community at Stanford. We are gathering every Friday night to have a prayer meeting to explore Sunday scripture reading & sharing, diverse prayer methods, worship catholic songs, etc. Also, mark your calendar every Wednesday noon for lunch gathering usually at Thai cafe. For more information, contact Eun-Soo at eschoi@stanford.edu

YOUNG ADULTS

Dinner at Pluto's:

Tues. Jan. 15th at 7:30pm, 482 University Ave., Palo Alto
The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page "Young Adult Circle" or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

Young Adult Mass:

Tues. Jan. 29th at 7:30pm, St. Simon Church, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos. The Young Adult Circle will be gathering for Mass in the Small Chapel at St. Simon Church in Los Altos. Celebrate the Eucharist with young adults (20's and 30's, single or married) from this and neighboring parishes with fellowship to follow. If you have questions or would like more information on the Mass, please contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

For more info, see our website, www.YoungAdultCircle.org, check the Facebook Fan Page "Young Adult Circle", or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

Weekly Readings

Monday, January 14 Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20	Friday, January 18 Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mk 2:1-12
Tuesday, January 15 Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:21-28	Saturday, January 19 Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17
Wednesday, January 16 Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:29-39	Sunday, January 20 Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11
Thursday, January 17 Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 Mk 1:40-45	

GRADS

Grad Bible Study:

Sundays at 6:30pm. All are welcome to a grad student Bible study. Meet at Chiara's in Escondido Village building 128, Apt 104 at 6:30pm. Join the list at catholic_grad_bible_study@lists.stanford.edu.

CATH-101:

This Monday, January 14 is The Dominican Pillars of Spirituality with Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, OP.

We will be in the Nairobi Room on the second floor of the GCC and dinner will be served at 7pm.

January 21 there is no Cath 101 due to the MLK holiday but we will be hosting a dinner and games, locaton TBA.

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen:

The Catholic Community at Stanford is committed to serving the needy, elderly and homeless at St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday January 26th or Saturday February 2nd from 8:30 until 1:00 PM, please contact Michael Bova at mpbova2001@yahoo.com to have a volunteer position reserved for you. In general, the CCAS has the first and fourth Saturday's of the month reserved for us at St. Anthony's. So plan your schedules in advance, follow the example of Jesus, and please join us in helping those in need"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Two Opportunities to Enrich Your Marriage in 2013!

Free Date Night! Married Couples are invited to watch the movie "Courageous" on Saturday, January 26 from 7-9:30pm at St. Lucy's Parish Activity Center, 2350 Winchester Blvd, Campbell. Children's activities will be provided, so bring the kids. RSVP to Alan & Connie Gazaway, alangazaway@att.net or 408-229-8145.

A Great New Year's Resolution for Married Couples!

In 2013 give your marriage the attention it deserves; attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekend in the San Jose Diocese is March 1-3, 2013. For more information, contact Thomas & Sandy Pavick, 408-262-4061 or gr8marriages@sbcglobal.net or go to our website at www.wwme.org.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 13, 2013

- 10:30 in Tresidder Oak Room
- 3pm Spanish Mass in Memorial Church
- 4:30pm in Memorial Church
- 10pm in Memorial Church

Monday, January 14 - Friday, January 18

- Office hours (Tues - Fri) 10am - 3pm

Daily Liturgy:

M-W- F	12:20pm	Memorial Church
T- Th	12:20pm	Old Union Sanctuary

Confessions

Tuesday 1:30-2:30pm and 9-10:30pm
Old Union, 3rd Floor, 304 or 305
or by appointment: call 725-0080

If you suspect financial mismanagement or misconduct in your parish or in the Diocese of San José, please contact: EthicsPoint: dsj.ethicspoint.com or hotline telephone number 1-888-325-7863. Teresa Conville, 408-983-0241 or email:tconville@dsj.org.

GRADS and UNDER GRADS

Spring Break "Immigration Immersion": March 23-30, 2013

Apply for this year's Alternative Spring Break with the Catholic Community!

Spend the week in Arizona immersed in learning about immigration issues and the impact on the lives of people living along the US-Mexican border. We will spend time engaged in conversations with people and groups most impacted by these issues. Our journey will begin in Phoenix, Arizona where we will meet with young activists and take us through Tucson, then Nogales to meet with Border Patrol agents, Humanitarian groups and community leaders.

This trip includes:

- Daily prayer and reflection
- Engaging discussions
- Air travel to and from Phoenix, Arizona
- Automobile travel from Phoenix to the border (3 hours)
- Accommodations with host families in Phoenix and Nogales
- Meals throughout the week

Total cost will be covered by participant fees (approx. \$200), The Stanford Fund and other fundraising.

Applications are due on Sunday, January 20, 2013. Space is limited so please apply early. Contact Lourdes Alonso with any questions at lalonso@stanford.edu.

Calling all Catholic Undergrad Women:

Join us for a new women's group to form a community of women seeking Christ and striving to grow closer to Him and to each other. This quarter we're focusing on a different women of the Bible and the positive impact they can have on our lives. Meetings will be Thursdays at 7:30 pm in Granada 203. Contact Megan O'Brien (meobrien@stanford.edu) or Isabel Lopez (imlopez@stanford.edu)

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 13, 2013



Gathering Rain Down Jaime Cortez

Rain down, rain down, rain down your
love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

VERSE 1: Faith - ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
VERSE 2: We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
VERSE 3: God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the

1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

to Refrain
1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

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Gloria Mass From Age To Age C. DeSilva

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est,
glo - ry, glo - ry to God, and on earth peace to peo - ple,
peo - ple of good will. and on earth
peace to peo - ple, peo - ple of good will.

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peace to peo - ple, peo - ple of good will.

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Verse 3
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
"Comfort, O Comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem."

Psalm 98 All the Ends of the Earth Martyr Haugen

All the ends of the earth have seen the pow - er of
God;

all the ends of the earth have
seen the pow - er of God.

all the ends of the earth have
seen the pow - er of God.

all the ends of the earth have
seen the pow - er of God.

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

"The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. . ." We are saved according to God's mercy, "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia (F O'Carroll)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove, and a voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory instrumental

Sanctus Mass From Age to Age de Silva

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of
 hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
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 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation: Mass From Age To Age

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
 claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

Amen Mass From Age To Age DeSilva

A - men, a - men, a - men.
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lamb of God Mass From Age To Age DeSilva

Cantor: Lamb of God, *Assembly:* you take a-way the sins of the
 world, *Cantor:* have mer-cy on us, Lamb of God. *Cantor:* Lamb of
 God, *Assembly:* you take a-way the sins of the world, have
 mer-cy on us, Lamb of God. *Cantor:* Lamb of world,
 grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Come To the Water J Foley

1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the
 2. And let all who seek, let them come to the
 3. And let all who toil, let them come to the
 4. And let all the poor, let them come to the

1. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
 2. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
 3. wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,
 4. wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,

1. let them come to the Lord: with - out
 2. let them come to the Lord: with - out
 3. let them come to the Lord: all who
 4. bring them all to the Lord: bring the

1. mon - ey, with - out price. Why should you pay the
 2. mon - ey, with - out strife. Why should you spend your
 3. la - bor, with - out rest. How can your soul find
 4. chil - dren with - out might. Ea - sy the load and

1. price, ex - cept for the Lord?
 2. life, ex - cept for the Lord?
 3. rest, ex - cept for the Lord?
 4. light: O come to the Lord.

Communion Love Has Come M Maher

Verses

1. With one voice the an - gels sing
 2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him,
 3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine,
 4. Now sal - va - tion has come

1. songs that make cre - a - tion ring.
 2. voice of thun - der, spir - it, wind:
 3. lead us to the end of time,
 4. in the New Je - ru - sa - lem.

1. Proph - ets hear and call us to
 2. breathe on me your ver - y life;
 3. be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear,
 4. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro -

1. live in spir - it and in truth. (to Verse 2)
 2. grace will make the dark - ness bright.
 3. be - yond pride and earth - en tears.
 4. claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!

Refrain

Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for - ev - er -
 more. Love has come to show the way.
 Hal - le - lu - jah, peace be with
 us. Love has come to show the way.

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Joy to the World , the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
 Let men their songs employ;
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Join Our Living Faith Society:

Become a CC@S Living Faith Society member by donating a set amount each month on a predetermined day. You no longer need to remember to bring money to Mass! By joining LFS, not only are you supporting your Stanford Catholic campus ministry, but you will also receive the Living Faith devotional each quarter, a devotional that provides a different scripture verse and short meditation for each day of the year. Join today:



— More Announcements —

From Bishop McGrath:

The tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, has reminded our nation and our world once more that the proliferation of handguns, semi-automatic and other assault weapons is a threat to the life, health and safety of our nation. But Newtown was not the beginning and it will not be the end. The recent statement by the National Rifle Association (NRA) calling for armed guards in every school is an invitation to a domestic form of “mutual assured destruction” (MAD).

Just as the arm’s race of the last 60 years has not resulted in a safer world, so the proliferation of handguns, semi-automatic and assault weapons cannot keep our families and our children safe. As the world’s “super powers” continued to arm themselves, eventually to the point of “mutual assured destruction,” the threat of nuclear cataclysm or the possibility that some rogue nation or individuals might obtain and deploy nuclear weapons increased. Even now, reports of nuclear ambitions of nations such as Iran and North Korea continue. Disarmament has been preached as the new gospel, proclaimed by presidents of both major political parties. It is time now for radical change toward strict gun control, for another form of disarmament.

When the framers of the Constitution included the “right to bear arms” among the freedoms enjoyed by the citizens of the United States, this nation was rural. It was truly a different time. Twenty-First Century American society does not resemble 1789. Perhaps it is time to consider curtailing this right. Individual freedom should be subject to the common good. If this were not the case, there would be no speed limits on our roads and highways, no crosswalks.

It is time to admit that the free availability of guns and ammunition poses a threat to the welfare of our people and that a “culture of violence” has eclipsed “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” as enduring values of this nation.

I join my fellow bishops in calling on film producers and video game creators to recognize the extent of violence in movies, television programs and video games, which have desensitized all of us. We must also address the pervasive role of addiction and mental illness in crime.

It is time to change, to increase regulation, even to ban the possession of certain weapons. I echo the words of the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Peace and Justice, that it is necessary “to impose a strict control on the sale of handguns and small arms. Limiting the purchase of such arms would certainly not infringe on the rights of anyone” (The International Arms Trade, 2006).

In the end, violence itself is a form of domestic terrorism. Now is the time to hear the call to a new sanity. Now is the time to commit ourselves to following the Prince of Peace, who leads us along the path of life and hope.