

Saint James the Greater

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving the Community of Concord,

North Carolina and Beyond!

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord



Pastor

Rev. Jerome Chavarria, C.Ss.R.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. (Spanish) 5:00 p.m.
Monday	7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Tuesday—Saturday	11:00 a.m.
Thursday (Spanish)	7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:00 –3:30 p.m. or by request

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 10:00 a.m.—6:45 p.m.

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Closed on Holy Days & Holidays

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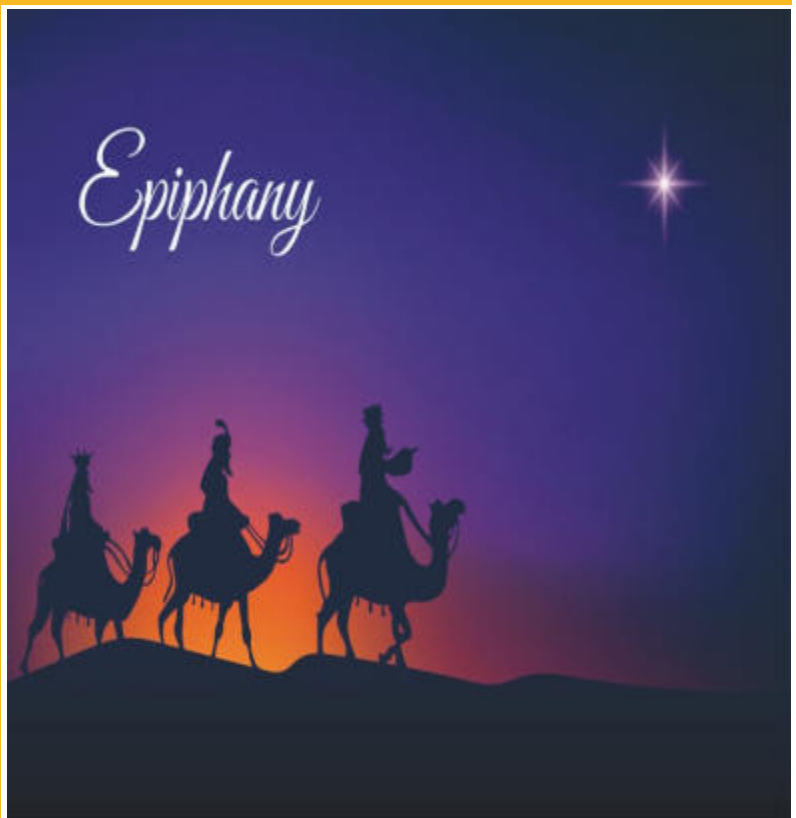
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to open “the door of faith” to our parishioners to make possible the life of communion with God and the transformation of the heart. The fruit of this transformation will be to unite in charity our diverse congregation and surrounding community; “breaking down the dividing wall” (Ephesians 2:14). As members of the one body of Christ, we accept our responsibilities as good stewards of His great gifts.



St. James the Greater Catholic Church

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If you are not receiving Flock Notes, email your email address or cell number to: BonnieW@saintjamescatholic.org to be added.

Offertory Collection—12/12/2021

Offertory.....\$25,310.50
Budget\$22,385.00
Surplus/Deficit.....\$ 2,925.50

Thank you for your continued generosity & support

If you have any questions, please contact communication@saintjamescatholic.org or the office at 704-720-0600.

New Parishioners: Please call the office as soon as possible. By Church Law, only registered parishioners can receive the Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, and be Sacramental Sponsors.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Registration and Baptismal Preparation class are required. To schedule a Baptism date contact the parish office.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist:

Contact Kayla D'Allura at 704-720-0600 x729

Confirmation:

Contact Michael Quinn at 704-720-0600 x720.

Adult Confirmation:

Contact Micki O'Connor at 980-621-5451.

Reconciliation Schedule:

Saturday 2:00—3:30 p.m. or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Registered Parishioners are required by Diocesan Policy to contact the office 6 months prior to the date of marriage. Marriage dates should not be set prior to meeting with the parish priest.

Sacrament of Anointing/Visiting Sick:

If you need a visit from a priest, please call the office. In case of an *EMERGENCY* call (704) 720-0608.

Letters of Eligibility:

Letters of Eligibility to act as Godparents or Sponsors can be issued only to active members of the parish who are registered and in good standing.

St. James Catholic Cemetery & Columbarium:

Plots and niches are available to all parishioners of St. James and St. Joseph, their families and practicing Catholics from other parishes. Contact Charlie Anzalone 704-490-3796.

Altar Servers:

Contact Robert Williams at rwilliams24@carolina.rr.com by phone at 704-467-3550.

RCIA Program:

Contact Ginny Lieto at 704-454-7561 or Virginalieto@gmail.com

Bulletin Information:

Deadline is: 10 days prior to publication date. Send to: communication@saintjamescatholic.org.

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Online Giving: <https://saintjamescatholic.weshareonline.org>

THE REVELLE GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meeting in Gill Hall, Monday through Saturday mornings at 7:00 am. Alcoholism is a complex problem with physical, behavioral, and spiritual components affecting all aspects of life. A content & healthy, sober life requires commitment & effort, but the journey is easier with friends who know the way. Reveille members help each other achieve & sustain sobriety by sharing their strength, hope & practical experience. If alcohol has become a problem in your life, or to learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous, we invite you to join us.

REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE: There is no eating or drinking in the Church! We are having issues with drinks being spilled on the pews, finding food crumbs in the pews and gum being stuck to the back of the pews.

If your child needs food or drinks during Mass please take them to the cry room or the vestibule. Thank you!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS –JAN. 1—JAN. 9

Saturday, January 1

11:00 a.m. +Eleanor Waligora by Philly Duval

5:00 p.m. +Melia Belofski by Dad & Mom

7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m. +Anna Grix by Art & Gen Rollin

9:30 a.m. +Marie Howard by Martha Anderson

11:00 a.m. +Judy Posen by Laura, Ed, Steve, & Michael

1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

5:00 p.m. For all parishioners

Monday, January 3

7:00 p.m. Willie & Bari Brown by Veronica Brilhante

Tuesday, January 4

11:00 a.m. +Jim Miles by Fran Miles

Wednesday, January 5

11:00 a.m. +Philip Doheny by Emily Doheny

Thursday, January 6

11:00 a.m. +Beryl Barker by Ginger & Al Curl

7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Friday, January 7

11:00 a.m. +Lilian Green by Phyllis White & Family

Saturday, January 8

11:00 a.m. +Elsie Elizabeth Holtslander by Ginger & Al Curl

5:00 p.m. +Julia Erceg by The Erceg Family

7:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. +Casasnovas Maldonado Family by Norma Casasnovas

9:30 a.m. The Ray Batish Family by The Kincaid Family

11:00 a.m. +Robert Mendonsa by The Haywood Family

1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

5:00 p.m. For All Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 2—JAN. 8

Sun, Jan. 2: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mon, Jan. 3: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue, Jan. 4: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wed, Jan. 5: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thu, Jan. 6: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Fri, Jan. 7: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Sat, Jan. 8: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Readings are also at: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>



The Knights of Columbus Council # 7450 (St. James the Greater- Concord, NC) would like to welcome all practicing Catholic men over 18 years of age to join our Council Family. If you

would like to join an organization that assists our Parish and Community in many ways with a spiritual and humble emphasis to help others, we would like to meet and speak with you.

If you are interested in joining our Family, have any questions about our organization and mission, or would like to find out more about our organization, please feel free to contact Joe Amodeo (GK) at # 980-781-4428 or Joe Ernst at # 314-368-2853. We look forward to meeting you.

CHILDREN'S MASS LECTORS & GREETERS:

Contact Mike Boteilho at mboteilho13@gmail.com to begin serving.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Machala Anderson
Ramona Baudion
Larry Brantley
Michelle Belofski
Charlotte Bond
Danielle Buckner
Melissa Carl
Megan Carney
Donna Carrow
Alden Chapman
Ralph Clark
Angela Colbert
Mona DanDunk
Pete Delaney
Denny Dicky
Jane Drake
Sherry Earnhardt

Gary Emblar
Peter Franzese
Yvonne Gandron
Betty Gann
James Gann
Stacy Gibbons
Maria Gross
Eileen Guttridge
Bill Hurst
Berniece Janke
Emilee Johnson
David Kelemecz
Florence Keogh
Lisa King
Irene McConnell
Patricia McGeady
Rachel McGirt
Rachel McNellie
Joyce Milliron

Memorie Munson
MaryAnn Neilson
Sarah Ott
Evelyn Parker
Heidi Payne
Joe Piccirilli
Bo Riggins
Brian Schlemmer
Barbara Sedegren
Angela Sherrill
Ashley Sibley
Daniel Sibley
James Sibley
Patricia Sibley
Victoria Sibley O'Keefe
Florence Smelkoff
Albertine Smith
Robert Wadman
Beth Wilson
Laura Yarbough

Please remember to contact the office when we can remove your loved one from our prayer list or St. Gerard list. We will remove names periodically to free up space. Thank you!

ST. GERARD LIST: let us pray for these mothers and their babies through the intercession of St. Gerard.



Brenda Calarza—Mar. Kristin Keidel—Mar.
Sarah Lasseter—Apr. Angela Crenshaw—Apr

Please contact the office to be put on the St. Gerard List.

BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

01/08/2021, Saturday

5:00 p.m. Roxanne Johnston & Joan Pauley

7:30 p.m. Robby & Charlotte Schomberg

01/09/2021, Sunday

8:00 a.m. Shirley Abell & Charlotte Schomberg

9:30 a.m. Katherine Clymer & Corky Collins

11:00 a.m. Robby & Charlotte Schomberg

1:00 p.m. Kaylee Vasquez & Robby & Charlotte Schomberg

5:00 p.m. Valerie & Gabe Glass

LECTOR SCHEDULE:

01/08/2021, Saturday:

5:00 p.m.

01/09/2021, Sunday:

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Teen Ministry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Continue to sign up on Sign-up Genius from email sent out. If you would like to begin serving again, please contact Tanya Sastoque at tanyadimarco@hotmail.com.

The St. James Women's Guild will not be holding a meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 11th at 6:30 pm in Geiger Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Michelle Briggs. Michelle is a member of St. James and teaches Zumba classes, both at St. James and the Senior Center. Her topic for the evening will be "A Matter of Balance". Michelle is a course instructor for this class. Masks will be required.

The board of the St. James Women's Guild would like to wish the members of the parish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Blessed New Year.

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Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. — C. S. Lewis



ST. JAMES & CCM PANTRY NEEDS FOR THE MONTH:

Our current big needs are:

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| Cereal | Canned Carrots |
| Canned Green Beans | Canned Potatoes |
| Canned Corn | Canned Pinto Beans (15 or 16 oz.) |
| Peanut Butter & Jelly | Canned Pork & Beans (15 or 16 oz.) |
| Whole Grain Items | Low Sodium Items |
| No-added Sugar Items | Soup |
| Pasta Sauce | Rice (1 or 2 lbs.) |
| Diapers (all sizes) | |

We have plenty of the following:

- Dried Beans

We thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Crusader's Stations of the Cross: My name is Gabe Glass, I am a sophomore student at Christ The King looking to raise money for funds for my Eagle Scout project and need your help. In order to gain that rank I must complete a service project where I will build 14 Stations of the Cross behind Christ The King. In order to accomplish that, I ask for your donation to spread the precious openness of prayer. Thank you, Gabe Glass.



Choice

Abortion advocates do not want to talk about facts or science, but they love to talk about "choice". They refuse to be called "pro-abortion", but they gladly accept the label, "pro-choice". Indeed, nothing has so clouded and confused the politics of the abortion debate more than the misconstrued application of this word. For years, abortion advocates have sought to bestow upon "choice" a nobility of its own, thereby avoiding discussion of what is being chosen.



IT'S SUPERBOWL TIME!!!

The Knights of Columbus, will once again be selling Superbowl Squares starting in January. We are going to add a \$20 per square board also this year. So, we will have a \$5.00 per square board, a \$10 per square board & a \$20 per square board. We will need your help to sell out. If you haven't participated before, now is your chance. We will be outside of Masses the whole month of January. Please join in on the Fun this year! The Superbowl is on Sunday Feb 13th. We will be taking cash or checks made out to **Lamb Foundation of NC**. If, you can't make it to Mass, but would like to participate, then call Jeff Mathews (704)890-4237 & I will make arrangements to sell you some squares. As always, thanks in advance for your support! And all monies raised goes to the special needs Dept. of Cabarrus County Schools.

Life Teen will be running a fundraiser board in the Narthex of the Church after the Advent Giving Tree has finished.

Please continue to support our youth group in preparing for our summer camp retreat in July 2022. There are still envelopes available on our board in the narthex. To donate, just take the envelope, put in your donation, and place it in the collection. We will be praying for you and thank you for your generosity.

QUOTE:

"Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign... you must weep that your own government, at present, seems blind to this truth." **-Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

"Los derechos humanos no son un privilegio concedido por el gobierno. Son un claro derecho por virtud de su humanidad. El derecho a la vida no depende, ni debe ser contingente, al placer de nadie, ni siquiera de los padres ni de un monarca...ustedes deben llorar que vuestro propio gobierno, por el momento, sea ciego a esta verdad." **-Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

Defending Conscience Rights Against Vaccine Mandates

This Christmas many Catholic employees and families are concerned over the potential loss of employment, income, and livelihood due to employer vaccine mandates which go against their conscience and pro-life beliefs. To support Catholic workers and families and their conscience rights, the Carolina Family Coalition (CFC) is organizing a special *Defend Your Conscience Rights* event on Monday December 20 at 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas parish – Aquinas Hall (1400 Suther Road, Charlotte). The event will feature talks by an attorney, impacted workers, and a reflection by a priest on how to suffer for Christ and His teachings. The event is free. CFC is an organization founded in 2018 by Catholic pro-life leaders in Charlotte to defend the family against the secular culture.

For questions contact: info@carolinafamilycoalition.org

JOB POSTING – STAFF ACCOUNTANT

The Diocese of Charlotte is seeking a full-time Staff Accountant for Parish Accounting Services. Areas of responsibilities include general bookkeeping and accounting for parishes, missions and parish schools: monthly close, financial statement preparation, general ledger maintenance and reconciliations, journal entries, accounts payable and cash receipts processing, payroll entries, budgeting, sales tax and year-end tax reporting.

Requirements include:

Education with a focus in Accounting, Finance or related field.

Experience in accounting or bookkeeping, preferably for a parish.

Excellent computer skills - specifically with Excel.

Experience with ParishSOFT software - a plus.

Please send resume and salary history/requirements by December 31, 2021 to: Mason Beaumont, Controller, Diocese of Charlotte, 1123 South Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28203-4003, or email to mtbeaumont@rcdoc.org.

The Diocese of Charlotte is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to provide encouragement and to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one. We know it hurts and we want to help. There is no fee. Optional is the purchase of a \$15.00 workbook. If interested, please register.

Upcoming weekly sessions:

St. James Catholic Church – Geiger Hall Classroom

139 Manor Avenue, SW

Concord, NC 28025

Mondays, January 17 - April 18, 2022

Contact: Toni Swick (732) 330- 9744 or toniswick@gmail.com

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. sessions

Contact: Fran Vogelien (704-918-4010) or vogelien@hotmail.com

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. sessions

Avisos desde la oficina

Horario de la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano: de martes a viernes 1:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede llamar al 704-720-0602

BAUTISMO

Próximos Bautismos: 26 de febrero a las 12:00 p.m en el templo. La próxima plática bautismal será el 19 de febrero de 4:00 p.m a 6:00 p.m en el Gill Hall. Deben asistir padres y padrinos. Llegar entre 3:30 y 3:50 para efectos de registraci3n. Por favor no traer ni3os.



GRUPO DE ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS "LA ALEGRIA DE VIVIR"

¿Tiene usted problemas con el alcohol o con otras adicciones? El Grupo de Alcoh3licos An3nimos (AA) aqu3 en St James, ha reiniciado las reuniones y est3 aqu3 para ayudarle a usted a enfocarse en su bienestar, le invitamos a que se una al grupo. Para m3s informaci3n se puede comunicar con cualquiera de las siguientes personas: L3zaro Cruz 704-701-9179, Jos3 Oviedo 704-490-9562, Gustavo Gallo 704-491-0876, o tambi3n es bien venido a la reuni3n sin previo aviso. Los domingos y viernes de 7:00pm-9:00pm en el Guadalupe Hall.

NUESTRA AGENDA

Enero 3 (lunes)

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exposici3n del Sant3simo y Adoraci3n

6:00 p.m. Ensayo de coro G.H

7:00 p.m. Reuni3n Hombres y Mujeres CRSP en OLG

Enero 4 (martes)

6:00 p.m. Ensayo Coro. Templo.

7:00 p.m. Reuni3n Mujeres CRSP. OLG Hall.

7:00 p.m. Consagrados a Jes3s por Mar3a – Capilla

Enero 6 (jueves)

6:30 p.m Rosario 7:00 p.m. Eucarist3a

7:45 p.m. Adoraci3n a Jes3s Sacramentado

Enero 7 (viernes)

7:00 p.m. Reuni3n de Mujeres y Hombres CRSP. OLGH. Ensayo Coro en G. H.

Enero 8 (s3bado)

6:00 p.m. Reuni3n Hombres CRSP. OLG Hall. Ensayo Coro. G. H

7:00 p.m. Rosario 7:30 p.m. Eucarist3a

Enero 9 (domingo)

11:30 a.m. Catequesis para Padres en el Guadalupe Hall - Asamblea. Todos invitados.

12:30 p.m. Rosario 1:00 p.m. - Eucarist3a

SERVIDORES - SANTO ROSARIO

JUEVES ENERO 6	S3BADO ENERO 8	DOMINGO ENERO 9
Luciana Jimenez	Rosibel Pastrana	Luz Gallo

SERVIDORES - MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS - JUEVES ENERO 6

EUCARIST3A	LECTORES
	1. S.

SERVIDORES – MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS – SABADO ENERO 8

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SERVIDORES - MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS – DOMINGO ENERO 9

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LA PALABRA DE DIOS CADA DIA DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jn. 1,29-34- *“Este es el Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo.*

Martes: Jn. 1,35-42- *“Hemos encontrado al Mesías (que significa Cristo)”*

Miércoles: Jn. 1,43-51- *“Yo os aseguro: veréis el cielo abierto y a los ángeles de Dios subir y bajar sobre el Hijo del hombre.”*

Jueves: Mt. 2,1-12- *«¿Dónde está el Rey de los judíos que ha nacido? Porque hemos visto salir su estrella y venimos a adorarlo».*

Viernes: Mt. 4,12-17.23-25- *“Convertíos, porque está cerca el reino de los cielos.”*

Sábado: Mc. 6,34-44- *“Y repartió entre todos los dos peces. Comieron todos y se saciaron, y recogieron las sobras: doce cestos de pan y de peces. Los que comieron eran cinco mil hombres.”*

EXHORTACIÓN APOSTÓLICA POSTSINODAL EL AMOR EN LA FAMILIA DEL PAPA FRANCISCO (Continuación)

Pueden agregarse otros factores como «la industrialización, la revolución sexual, el miedo a la superpoblación, los problemas económicos. La sociedad de consumo también puede disuadir a las personas de tener hijos sólo para mantener su libertad y estilo de vida». Es verdad que la conciencia recta de los esposos, cuando han sido muy generosos en la comunicación de la vida, puede orientarlos a la decisión de limitar el número de hijos por motivos suficientemente serios, pero también, «por amor a esta dignidad de la conciencia, la Iglesia rechaza con todas sus fuerzas las intervenciones coercitivas del Estado en favor de la anticoncepción, la esterilización e incluso del aborto». Estas medidas son inaceptables incluso en lugares con alta tasa de natalidad, pero llama la atención que los políticos las alienten también en algunos países que sufren el drama de una tasa de natalidad muy baja. Como indicaron los Obispos de Corea, esto es «actuar de un modo contradictorio y descuidando el propio deber».

El debilitamiento de la fe y de la práctica religiosa en algunas sociedades afecta a las familias y las deja más solas con sus dificultades. Los Padres afirmaron que «una de las mayores pobreza de la cultura actual es la soledad, fruto de la ausencia de Dios en la vida de las personas y de la fragilidad de las relaciones. Asimismo, hay una sensación general de impotencia frente a la realidad socioeconómica que a menudo acaba por aplastar a las familias [...] Con frecuencia, las familias se sienten abandonadas por el desinterés y la poca atención de las instituciones. Las consecuencias negativas desde el punto de vista de la organización social son evidentes: de la crisis demográfica a las dificultades educativas, de la fatiga a la hora de acoger la vida naciente a sentir la presencia de los ancianos como un peso, hasta el difundirse de un malestar afectivo que a veces llega a la violencia. El Estado tiene la responsabilidad de crear las condiciones legislativas y laborales para garantizar el futuro de los jóvenes y ayudarlos a realizar su proyecto de formar una familia».

La falta de una vivienda digna o adecuada suele llevar a postergar la formalización de una relación. Hay que recordar que «la familia tiene derecho a una vivienda decente, apta para la vida familiar y proporcionada al número de sus miembros, en un ambiente físicamente sano, que ofrezca los servicios básicos para la vida de la familia y de la comunidad». Una familia y un hogar son dos cosas que se reclaman mutuamente. Este ejemplo muestra que tenemos que insistir en los derechos de la familia, y no sólo en los derechos individuales. La familia es un bien del cual la sociedad no puede prescindir, pero necesita ser protegida. La defensa de estos derechos es «una llamada profética en favor de la institución familiar que debe ser respetada y defendida contra toda agresión», sobre todo en el contexto actual donde suele ocupar poco espacio en los proyectos políticos. **(Continuará...)**



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