



MALTA CROSS

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Malta Cross Begins

On Saturday, August 28 a dozen members of the newly formed **Malta Cross** program will meet for an orientation and training session, given by **St. Anthony Foundation**. The purpose of the session is to begin the process of defining the mission and goals of the program by taking the lead of our lords the homeless.

The training kick-off follows instruction given to the Auxiliary by Foundation Director **Father John Hardin** at a meeting last month. Father Hardin urged the Auxiliary to “seek first to listen” to the needs of the homeless, and told the group, “if you listen and pray, God will tell you what he wants you to do.”

Taking Father Hardin’s lead, Auxiliary members will spend the day training on the specifics of working a program benefiting the homeless. Importantly, the group will emphasize listening to those at St. Anthony’s in order to divine the direction of Malta Cross as it matures.

Auxiliary Growing Through Monthly Mass Meetings

The tradition of monthly mass and meeting for the Auxiliary is building, adding new members to the group, and enhancing how the group works together.

In July, **Jane & Bob Kilmartin, KM** welcomed the Auxiliary into their parish at **St. Isadores**, Danville. In what was the largest gathering yet, some 35+ Auxiliary members, prospective members, and Knights or Dames gathered for mass and a lovely reception at the Kilmartin home. Thank you Bob & Jane!

In July the Auxiliary welcomed new members **Marc Le Clerc** and **Marty Lavin**.

July is the fourth month members of the Auxiliary have gathered for mass. Upcoming special masses include the annual Mass for Life in October, annual retreat mass and annual meeting in November, and first annual advent mass in December.

This month’s mass and meeting will be held at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** parish in Redwood City. **Peter Johnson** welcomes us to his parish and to a brief reception thereafter. As is the case each month, a business meeting will be held in conjunction the after-mass social gathering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORKS	Saturday, August 28 9:00am Malta Cross Orientation kick-off St. Anthony Foundation, San Francisco Program gets underway with training session and work with the homeless.
FAITH	Sunday, August 29 9:00am Mass & Meeting Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Redwood City Host: Peter Johnson
WORKS	Saturday, September 18 11:30 Handicapables Cathedral of St. Mary, San Francisco Come volunteer to serve lunch following noon mass to this inspirational group of “handi-capable” Catholics
FAITH	Sunday, September 26 Mass & Meeting St. Anselms, San Anselmo Host: Katie Madden, DM
	Preview – Painting party with residents of Guerrero House, “In Conversation With the Beatitudes” with Msgr. Otellini October

Website Update

As Chair of the website committee, **Anthony Ordon** has developed a great deal of content and design for what will be an exciting debut of our web presence. If you have something for inclusion, please send to Anthony.

Good news! In an agreement worked out with the Western Association, the Auxiliary's site will be hosted on the chief site of the Western Association. This means greater visibility, more support, and refined content and design. Look for a notice on the official launch soon ❖

VP Madden Invested

We take this opportunity to congratulate one of our own. On June 24, 2004, **Kathryn Madden, DM** was invested as a Dame of Magistral Grace at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles with **Roger Cardinal Mahony** presiding.

Katie was one of a total of thirteen dames, seventeen knights and two new chaplains invested at the annual **Western Association Investiture** service. The Investiture Dinner followed at the Biltmore Hotel. As a member of the Order of Malta, Katie's new title is designated by a "DM" following her name.

For Reflection

That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life, and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet the heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life?

And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you who have so little faith.

So do not worry; do not say, 'What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?' It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

- Gospel of Matthew

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