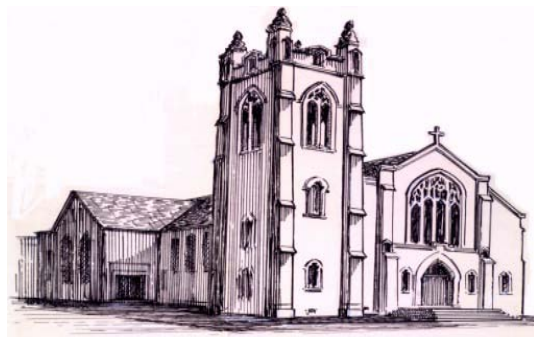


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PACE UPDATE

In our last PACE update it was announced that we were about to undertake an internal audit knowing that the information important in order to draft Grant Proposals. Our plan is still to return to the Diocese with our business plan and we will want perfect records at that time. The first pledge drive was posted in the old DOS computer program so a spread sheet combining the two campaigns had to be created, which brings us to where we are today. The office staff along with PACE volunteer, Esther Concepcion, has completed the data entry and we have discerned that there have actually been 818 gifts averaging \$2,100 each. We have collected 1.7 million dollars and are still receiving the \$303,000 in remaining pledge money.

We are putting the finishing touches on our business plan from the information gleaned from our internal audit and are putting together a cost analysis in order to look for alternate ways to fund our building, as well as ways to garner even more pledges. Part of this process is to discern how many families are registered at St. Catherine's; a tedious process we are undertaking at the time of this writing.

At our recent PACE fund raiser aboard the Hornblower on the San Francisco Bay we had a fabulously fun evening and made money too.

Fr. Vincent Brylka, our priest here at St. Catherine's at the inception of PACE, attended as a guest. It was wonderful to have him at that event because it was the kind of party he would

have put together when he was here with us. We had many fund raising events for PACE when he was our Pastor and now Fr. Leo sees it in very much the same way. We can look forward to other fun events with Fr. Leo at the helm and watch our dream become a reality.

It would have been nice if we could have had a backward look at the beginning of our project, but it might have been too discouraging to even start. So many things could have stopped us completely. We might not have been able to merge our two lots. Our property might have been incompatible with flood concerns. If the dirt had been unstable we might have failed the soils analysis. If the neighbors in opposition had been more numerous and if we hadn't got our parking variance we would have been brought to an abrupt stop. We could have been stopped by the Diocese, the City, the County, the Fire Marshall or the Health Department anywhere along the process, but we weren't. The huge amount of money we have received in pledges is unbelievable enough to be miraculous. I believe this has been a result of our continual prayers. Fr. Leo says we can't get dollars without pennies. Please continue to contribute, either through pledges or prayer, as we seek alternative funding and try to garner more pledges.

Our PACE cruise was so enjoyable that we wanted to share some pictures of the event with all of you.



*Sandra Hall and Fr. Vincent
Brylka, the originator of the
PACE Program, boarding the
Hornblower.*

*Caroline Mohammed
welcoming guests*





Caroline receiving a certificate of appreciation for her PACE work. Fr. Leo, Larry Schweinfurter and Sandra Hall look on.

Annette Liberty receiving her certificate of appreciation

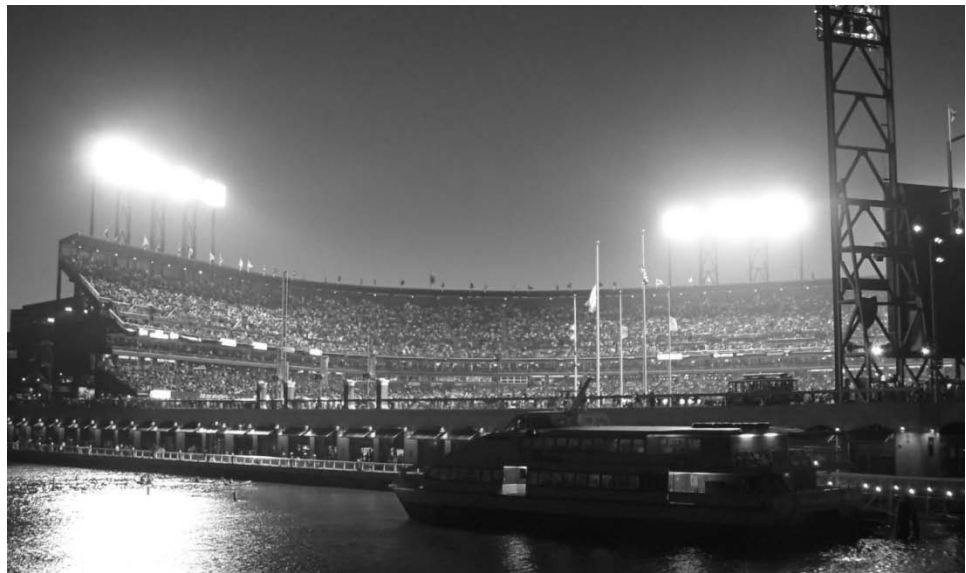


Fr. Leo oversees the festivities



Dancing the night away

The S.F. Giants were in town this evening, playing at the beautiful PacBell Park



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