

November 12, 2013

Dear Mrs. Cochran, School Administrators, Teachers, Staff, Students and Parents,

Please accept my deep appreciation for all of your efforts and reorganization to allow our parish to host the Requiem Funeral Mass for Bishop John-David Schofield, the Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of San Joaquin. The liturgy on November 7, 2013 was beautiful and it was an opportunity to share our church and campus with the Anglican Church, clergy and community. I know a great deal of time and energy was needed to switch the school calendar and personal calendars and your busy, busy lives. I'm very proud of each of you and to know that we can work together so quickly and that I can always count on you to assist our parish in special ways, means a great deal to me personally and to my parish staff as well. I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving vacation and enjoy the company of your family and friends.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Msgr Rob



## "Dance Away the LRA" Dance-A-Thon!

San Joaquin Memorial High School's "S" Club is putting on a fundraiser to help Invisible Children, Inc. raise money and end the longest-running war in Africa. Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army have committed senseless atrocities in Uganda and the Congo, kidnapping innocent children and exploiting them as soldiers. Invisible Children, Inc. exists to rescue, rehabilitate and educate these former child soldiers. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We want to celebrate every escape, every name, and every life! The money we raise helps drop fliers to encourage LRA defections, warn villages of potential child abductions/attacks, sponsor scholarships, and help escapees receive trauma counseling.

**WHO:** Everyone! This is a family-friendly event. We are reaching out to members of our school community, feeder schools, churches, and families.

**WHAT:** A dance-a-thon with themed hours/half hours where we will honor specific victims of LRA violence and celebrate their courage.

**WHERE and WHEN:** Saturday, November 30, 2013, from 5pm-10pm at The Dance Studio of Fresno, 7491 North Palm Bluffs Ave., Fresno, CA 93711.

**WHY:** SJM has been raising awareness for this cause for the past 8 years, and we are **SO CLOSE** to seeing an end to this war! Watch the "Invisible Children" documentary for background on this movement, or visit [invisiblechildren.com](http://invisiblechildren.com) for more information. Plus we love to dance! 😊

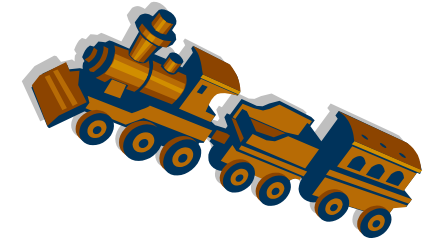
**HOW:** Register to dance and get pledges from family and friends to support you! The registration fee is \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Early registration is due by November 22. Any questions? Please email Carlie Frye at [cfrye@sjmhs.org](mailto:cfrye@sjmhs.org).

*"For every step you march in defense of others, you should dance in celebration of this beautiful life." --Sophia Bush*

Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary

in Southwest Fresno

# Toy Drive



*Give Christmas to the 450 low income children of King School. We are asking each SAS family & church member to donate an unwrapped toy. Santa will distribute on 12/20/13. Cash donations in lieu of toys also accepted*

*(Checks payable to ML King) Donations are tax deductible.*

*Collection bins will be located in each classroom.*

*Donations are needed by December 19, 2013.*

*Questions & to help please see the Baker, Chielpegian & Smittcamp families*



**450 toys**