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# The Shape of Things to Come



For many years the staff and board of the *Pacific Church News* have striven to bring you the most complete and timely collection of diocesan, national, and international news possible. For all of our successes, however, we have had disappointments. We have long wanted to bring you the PCN monthly, so that our news coverage can be even more complete and up-to-the-minute. Unfortunately, our budget simply does not allow us to print and distribute our magazine more than six times per year. So, like good soldiers, we have taken our limitations in stride and continued to do our best.

With the advent of the internet, however, our options of how to bring news to you are expanding. We are ecstatic to report that our dream of being a monthly is near to being realized—and then some!

Via a combination of print and web editions, the PCN will soon be coming to you *16 times per year!* Starting in January 2002 (remember, that's only eight months away!) the *Pacific Church News* will come to your web browser twelve times per year, and our print edition to your mailbox four times per year.

Our new monthly webzine, tentatively titled the *Pacific Church News Bulletin*, will focus on up-to-the-minute news reports from diocesan congregations and institutions, as well as national and international news, available simply by pointing your browser at our

web page ([www.diocal.org/pcn](http://www.diocal.org/pcn)) the first of every month.

The new quarterly edition of our print magazine (which we will continue to call the *Pacific Church News*) will feature the most important news stories, parish histories, theological reflection, and soulful spirituality.

Not only will our website offer the new PCNB, but it will be updated in other ways as well. The PCN website will offer new ways for you to connect to your diocesan community via a diocesan email list, a news mailing list you can join for important updates, and more ways as yet undreamed of. If you have ideas for how our website can be more complete, please email me ([john@apocryphile.net](mailto:john@apocryphile.net)) and let me know!

This is truly a time of expansion for the PCN, for seeing visions and dreaming new dreams. We continue to seek ways of more creatively and completely executing our mission of connecting you with our sisters and brothers in faith in our diocesan family and around the world. We are moving into the 21st century in a big way, and we hope that

you will joyfully join us.

We are going to need your enthusiasm for new forms of ministry, your patience as we work out the bugs in our new formats, and your support—both emotional and financial—as we seek to exponentially expand the ways that the PCN ministers to you.

In the meantime, please visit our newly-designed website ([www.diocal.org/pcn](http://www.diocal.org/pcn)) and explore. Catch up on issues you may have missed, and revisit favorites. And dream. Please share your dreams with us.

The world may be shrinking, but the PCN is expanding. We hope you will grow with us! s

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