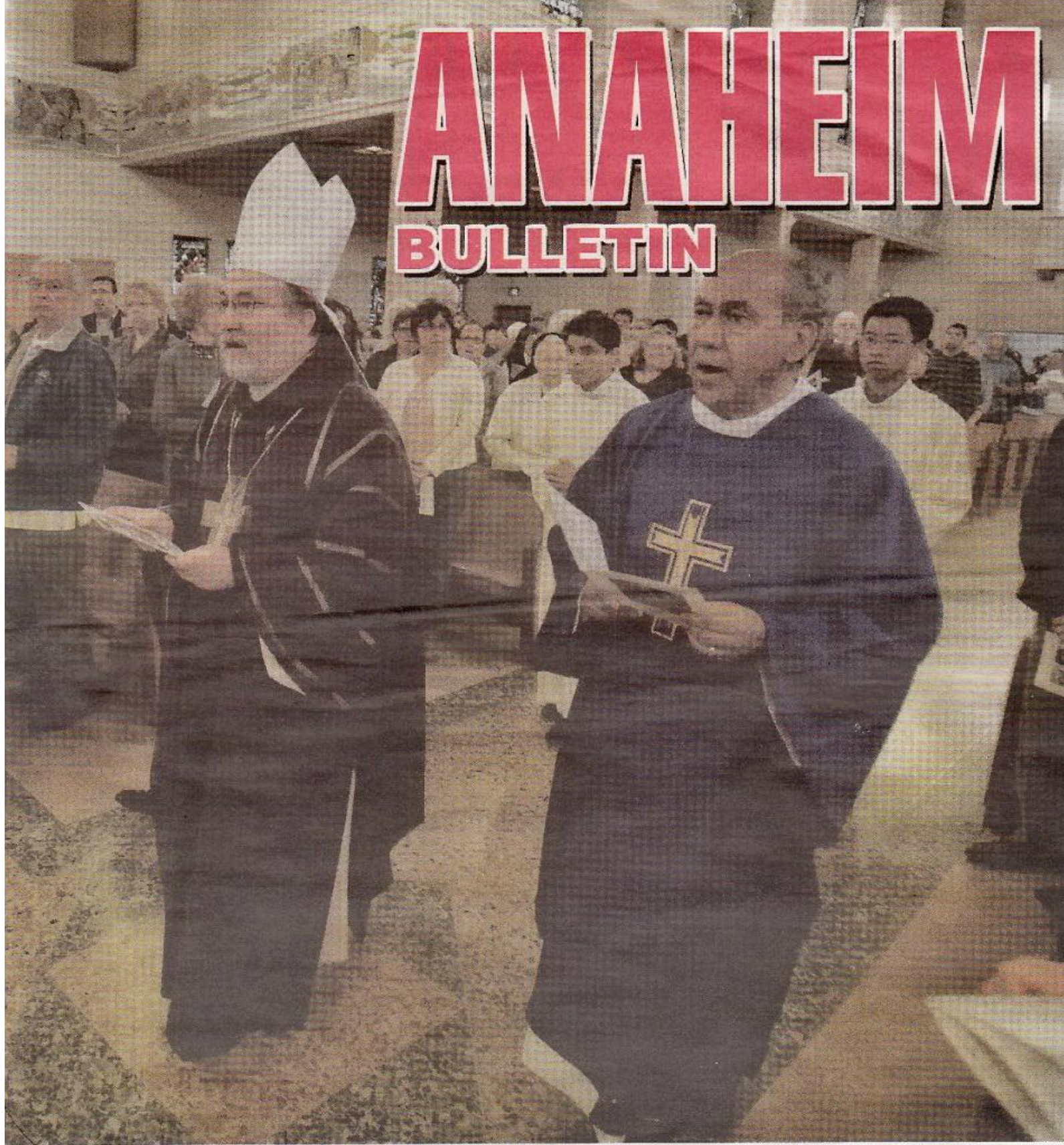


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Anaheim parish celebrates 150th year

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ANAHEIM - Parishioners at St. Boniface celebrated Mass on Saturday to officially begin a yearlong celebration of the church's 150th year.

The Most Rev. Jaime Soto, the bishop of Sacramento who lived at St. Boniface for several years, joined in the Mass.



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St. Boniface, named by Anaheim's early German immigrants for the apostle of Germany, is Orange County's oldest continuously operating Catholic church – only Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano is older, but it held no Masses for many years.

St. Boniface's roots date back to 1860, so 2010 is the 150th year. Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the start of the Catholic liturgical year, which is why church officials chose to kick off the celebration this weekend.

A temporary museum set up to document the church's history with photos and memorabilia is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the church, 120 N. Janss St. in Anaheim.