



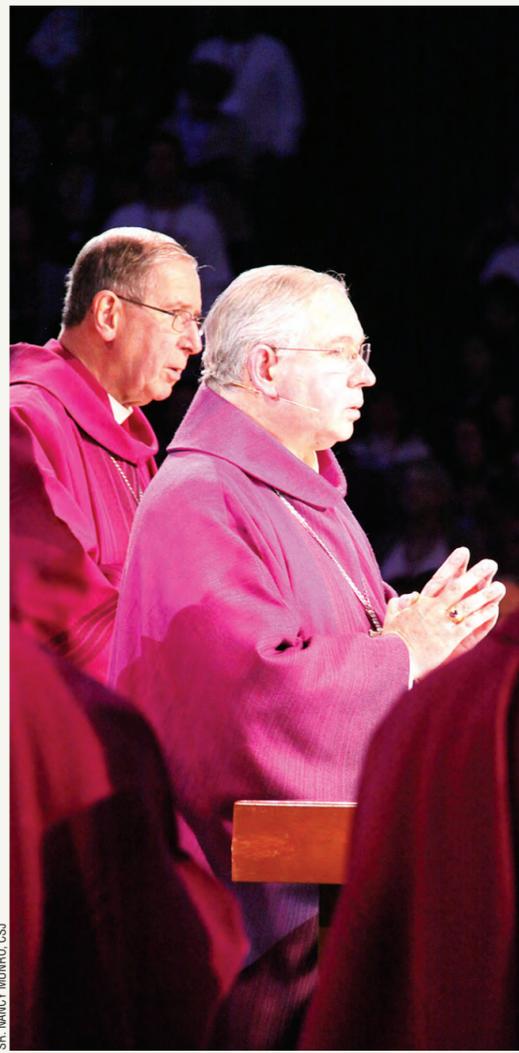
Archbishop José Gomez, with L.A. auxiliary bishops and bishops from others dioceses, begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist as thousands look on during the closing liturgy of the Religious Education Congress March 25.

CONGRESS 2012: 'VOICE INFUSING LIFE' IN THE ARENA

While the activity all throughout the vast Anaheim Convention Center complex was (as usual) spirited and abundant, events in the Arena (as usual) provided the impetus for much of the enthusiasm that permeated the 2012 Religious Education Congress March 23-25 (and, a day earlier, on Youth Day). On these pages, a few snapshots from the Arena events that took place during this most anticipated weekend of the year for thousands of Catholics in Southern California and beyond. **TD**



The Elect are blessed by Archbishop José Gomez during the Religious Education Congress' closing liturgy March 25.



Cardinal Roger Mahony flanks Archbishop José Gomez at the closing liturgy.



A lector awaits her turn to read at Congress' Friday Gathering Event March 23.



Liam Lawton cantors at the Celtic Mass on Saturday evening.



During a March 23 eucharistic liturgy, Native American Catholics celebrated the upcoming canonization of their patroness Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha this fall.



Participants show their enthusiasm March 23.



Liturgical dancers carry incense at the start of the Celtic Mass.



Cantors ValLimar Jansen and Tony Alonso rehearse music for the closing liturgy March 25.