

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Feast Day

September 14

**Celebration with the
Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (SSVM)**



You are Invited. . .

Mass: Tuesday, September 14, 2010, @ 5:15pm

Dinner: Potluck, Immediately Following Mass

Contact: Karen Ruiz 408-988-4585 x2125

RSVP: By Monday, September 13, please leave a message with your name, number in your party, your phone# and some idea of what you plan to bring. Pls. call!!



The Cross of Matará

The Cross of Matará is an integral part of our religious habit. The Cross of Matará was carved in wood by a member of the native tribe of Matará in Argentina, which had been evangelized in the 16th century.

The fundamental mysteries of our Faith are carved on the Cross: the Creation, symbolized by the sun and moon; the Birth of Christ, symbolized by the Star of Bethlehem; the instruments of Christ's Passion and the Crucifixion; the Eucharist; the Blessed Virgin Mary depicted as a Spanish queen; and the fires of Purgatory.

It is one of the oldest crosses used in the evangelization of the New World and for this reason we have a great devotion to the Cross of Matará. Not only do we wear it as a symbol of the Evangelization of the Culture and of our total consecration to Christ Crucified, but we also take our name from it.

For this reason, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a very special one for the sisters and is celebrated with friends and family each year.