

Akehurst Creative Management

Jerry Berndt - Solo Exhibition

Spirit in Action - From 9 February 2008 to 13 April 2008

Main Library, Lower Level, Jewett Gallery, 100 Larkin Street (at Grove), San Francisco.

Religion is one of the most powerful social forces shaping the world. While religion may reveal differences, it also provides the basis for finding common ground. The photographs in this exhibition express the important roles that religious communities play in the 21st century and demonstrate how religion may inspire people to make our cities more humane. From serving meals to the homeless, public demonstrations for migrant rights, to individual moments of devotion, The Religion and Immigration Project at the University of San Francisco (USF) and the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at the University of Southern California (USC) present photographic evidence of urban dwellers' 'spirit in action.' San Francisco and Los Angeles, two of the nation's most diverse cities, boast rapidly changing religious landscapes. The religious diversity celebrated in these cities manifests itself in a commitment to serve those in need and provides a window into these complex cities manifested through the lens of photographer Jerry Berndt, who was commissioned for this project. Berndt spent nearly six weeks in San Francisco photographing Mexican, Filipino, Salvadoran, Chinese and Vietnamese faith communities and his photographs reflect the cultural vibrancy of San Francisco as it translates into a religious social action.

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