



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

(To be filed in loose leaf binder and kept in parish archives)

Wishing Everyone a Prosperous and Healthy New Year!

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

CONFIRMATION

At the December 3, 2008 meeting of the Deans, most of the Confirmations that had been assigned to Deans were reassigned to Archbishop Schnurr. Pastors have been informed about changes that affect their parish. If there are any questions please contact Linda Chouteau in Archbishop Pilarczyk's office.

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY

CLERGY ALERTS

We have been advised of the following by the Office of the Secretary of the USCCB:

Fr. Chijioko Placid Iheduru, Diocese of Okigwe, Nigeria, has been denied the faculties of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Temporary faculties from the Diocese of Arlington were withdrawn due to inappropriate conduct. If further information is needed, please contact Fr. Jay O'Connor of the Division of Clergy Personnel of the Archdiocese of Baltimore at 410.547.5550.

Concerns regarding **Fr. John A. Pender**, Diocese of Scranton, who left active ministry without the permission of the Bishop. Those needing further information are asked to contact James B. Earley, Chancellor at 570.207.2216.

Concerns regarding **Fr. Alberto A. Silagan**, Diocese of Mati, Philippines. He had been serving in the Diocese of Honolulu until his faculties were withdrawn in November 2008. His current whereabouts are unknown. Anyone needing further information should contact Fr. Khanh Hoang, Vicar for Clergy of the Diocese of Honolulu at 808.585.3348.

RECORD SEARCH

The Chancery Office is seeking the Baptismal record for Kerry O'Connor whose date of birth is June 17, 1955. His parents are James O'Connor and Elaine Baker. He recalls being raised around the Champaign County area. Please search your baptismal register for this record and notify the Chancery at 513.421.3131x2842 if your parish has this record. Thank you for your assistance.

CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS INDEX 2008 & MAJOR COLLECTION DATES 2009-2012

Inserted in this January issue is the *Clergy Communications* index for 2008. Also included is the sheet listing special collection dates and major feast days for the years 2009-2012.

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION ORIENTATION SESSIONS FOR FACILITATORS

Orientation sessions for the *Decree on Child Protection* will be held in **January 2009 for those who plan to facilitate** the *Decree on Child Protection* orientation workshops at a parish or institution of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. **Only those who have attended an orientation session given by the Chancery may facilitate an orientation workshop at a parish or institution of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.** A person must be designated by the pastor or administrator of a parish or institution to be a facilitator. Facilitators may be clerics, employees or volunteers. To register, please call the Chancellor's Office, **513.421.3131x2842** or e-mail **lheidi@catholiccincinnati.org**. The places, dates and times are:

St. John the Evangelist Parish, West Chester
Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m. until Noon - St. John Hall
9080 Cincinnati-Dayton Road - 513.777.6433

St. Peter Parish/Huber Heights
Monday, January 26, 2009, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Victor Ries Conference Room
6161 Chambersburg Road - 937.233.1503

FINGERPRINTING / ATTENDING AN ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

All employees and regular volunteers who work with children must receive an acceptable criminal background check through fingerprinting and attend an orientation workshop on the *Decree on Child Protection*. If an employee or a regular volunteer has not received an acceptable criminal background check through fingerprinting or has not attended an orientation workshop on the *Decree on Child Protection*, the employee or regular volunteer is not approved to work with children and may not work with children. Additionally, under our current policies, each time an employee or regular volunteer has a change in location of service, the employee or regular volunteer is required to be fingerprinted again. In addition, a B-4 Form must be completed, and the registry checks noted in B-4 Policy and the B-6 Policy must be completed before an employee begins working with children. If you have any questions, please contact **Fr. Joe Binzer** at **513.263.6601**. Thanks for all you do to protect children entrusted to our care.

DIACONATE OFFICE

DEACON ASSIGNMENT

Deacon Willard "Bill" A. Brunzman has been assigned to St. Aloysius Parish in Shandon effective December 20, 2008.

DEACON RETIRES

Deacon Roy Deardorff, ordained on June 24, 1979, retired on December 19, 2008 from his assignment as a deacon at St. Helen Parish in Dayton. Deacon Deardorff also served at Holy Trinity Parish in Dayton for six years. Deacon Deardorff retains his faculties as a deacon of the

Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the title deacon. He will continue to serve the people of the Archdiocese as he is able.

INSTALLATION AS ACOLYTE

The deacon candidates will be installed as Acolytes on Sunday, February 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will be held with Bishop Foys at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, Kentucky. The deacon candidates are:

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

John P. Back

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Liberty Twp.

Robert L. Basye

St. Peter, Dayton

Martin J. Brown

Holy Rosary, St. Mary's

Brian M. Campos

Ascension, Dayton

Michael J. Cassani

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cincinnati

Leo N. Cordonnier

St. Peter, Dayton

Jonathan M. Danner

St. Helen, Dayton

Ronald S. Dvorachek

St. George, Georgetown

Jeffrey P. Ehrnschwender

Queen of Peace, Millville

Michael C. Erb

Our Lady of the Visitation, Cincinnati

Russell J. Feldkamp

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cincinnati

Thomas H. Graber

St. Mary, Greenville

Timothy M. Helmick

St. Mary, Hyde Park

Michael W. Hinger

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Liberty Twp.

Richard D. Hobbs

St. Mary, Franklin

Tracy W. Jamison

Old St. Mary, Cincinnati

Mark U. Johnson

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cincinnati

Robert J. Leever

All Saints, Cincinnati

Michael E. Lippman

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Liberty Twp.

Terrance A. Martin

Our Lady of Good Hope, Miamisburg

William E. Miller

St. Peter in Chains, Hamilton

William F. Moore

St. Charles Borromeo, Kettering

Jeffrey M. Perkins

St. Margaret of York, Twenty Mile Stand

Michael F. Prier

Precious Blood, Dayton

Andrew R. Rammel

Precious Blood, Dayton

John M. Rettig

St. Francis de Sales, Lebanon

Steven A. Ryan

Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenhills

William E. Schaefer

Holy Name, Trenton

Richard D. Simpson

St. Luke, Beaver Creek

Hoang D. Vu

Sacred Heart, Fairfield & Our Lady of Lavang, Catholic Vietnamese Community

David M. Wallace

St. Philip, Morrow

James W. Walworth, Sr.

Holy Angels, Dayton

Mark J. Westendorf

Good Shepherd, Cincinnati

Diocese of Covington

Steven E. Alley

St. Timothy, Union

Timothy A. Britt

St. Mary, Alexandria

Charles Hardebeck

St. Thomas, Ft. Thomas

Hudson L. Henry

Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Mitchell

Lawrence L. Kleisinger

Mary Queen of Heaven, Hebron

Charles J. Melville

St. Timothy, Union

William R. Theis

St. Therese, Southgate

VOCATION OFFICE

The Vocation Office is pleased to be hosting a number of upcoming events including

- Vocation Awareness Week, January 11-17, 2009
- Vocation Night at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, January 14, 2009
- Call of the King Conference, North, January 18, 2009
- College Day at the Pontifical College Josephinum, February 16, 2009
- Cast Your Nets, Cincinnati, February 22, 2009

Information on all these events can be found at the Vocation Office website at www.cincinnati vocations.org, and bulletin announcements are included at the end of this *Clergy Communications*. Also, as a reminder, Fr. Kyle Schnippel, Director, and Wayne Topp, Assistant Director, are available for presentations in parishes, schools and other institutions within the Archdiocese on the importance of the priesthood in the life of Catholics, and how to discern a calling from Christ on a personal level.

The most important factor for men entering the seminary continues to be a personal invitation from a priest who knows them and invites them to consider the priesthood. Yet, only 30% of priests ever invite a young man to consider the priesthood. Do not be afraid to raise the possibility with the young men of your parish.

Prayer cards for National Vocation Awareness Week and post cards including the pictures of the seminarians for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are available upon request from the Vocation Office at vocations@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2890. For the full size poster of the current seminarians, please contact Mount St. Mary's Seminary at 513.231.2223.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE

ARCHDIOCESAN COMMON PAYROLL SERVICES PLAN

A big "Thank You" to everyone! We have received initial set-up information from 100% of Archdiocesan locations. An additional 59 locations will begin processing payroll with Paycor throughout January 2009. Thank you again for all of your cooperation with this important project.

Annie Lipps is available to answer any questions or concerns you may have, and act as a liaison with Paycor. Her contact information is alipps@catholiccincinnati.org and 513.421.3131x2853.

EXTENSION OF CASH DISBURSEMENT FROM IRA / RETIREMENT FUNDS

With the passage of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Congress recently revived the non-taxable charitable IRA distribution provisions for qualifying charitable IRA distributions made during 2008 and 2009. This extension allows individuals aged 70 1/2 or older to avoid income taxation on direct IRA distributions up to \$100,000 cap annually to a 501(c) charity, income-tax free. The check, issued directly from the retirement company, must be made out to the individual church/charity under the individual church's/charity's tax identification number. The donor should ensure that the IRA trustee include the donor(s) name on the distribution check to the charity so that the donor can be identified. **Please note however, that because this is a tax-free transaction for the donor, the donor cannot also claim a charitable contribution deduction.**

PROPERTY APPRAISALS

The Finance Office has contracted with Gallagher Bassett Appraisal Services to begin the next five year rotation of property appraisals throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. In January, parishes in the St. Marys and Sidney Deaneries will be appraised. Mr. Rod Stecklein will contact parishes to make an appointment to view their properties. In subsequent years, properties in the other deaneries will be notified for appraisal appointments. If parishes have any questions concerning the appraisal process or have buildings being added, torn down or sold, please contact Barbara Walsh in the Finance Office. Thanks in advance for your cooperation with this important project.

IRS 403(b) IMPLEMENTATION

As of January 1, 2009 the 403(b) Plan Document adopted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is in effect. As of this date, tax deferred contributions from employees may only be submitted to Approved Vendors. The list of these vendors will be updated on a monthly basis and changes to the list will be published in *Clergy Communications*. The complete revised list will be sent to all locations each quarter. January changes to the Approved Vendor List follow:

- Additions:** Great American Annuity Investors Life
Great American Fund Connection
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Prime Financial Group
Union Central Life Insurance Company
- Deletions:** Merrill Lynch

Please feel free to contact Barbara Walsh in the Finance Office if you have any questions regarding this benefit.

GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES - WEST CHESTER OFFICE CHANGE

Gallagher Bassett Services has announced a staffing change in the West Chester Office. All Workers' Compensation claims will continue be handled by Ms. Karen Lenox, but her office will be moved to Dublin, Ohio. Her contact information follows:

Ms. Karen Lenox
Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc
545 Metro Place South, Suite 250
Dublin, OH 43017
Telephone: 1.614.764.7616x217 or 1.800.416.1826x217
Direct Fax: 1.866.644.7523

Please post this change and direct all Workers' Compensation claims and questions to Ms. Lenox. All claim forms are available on the Finance Office web site.

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

OHIO MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Effective January 1, 2009, the minimum wage in Ohio will increase to \$7.30 an hour. The minimum wage increase is the result of a constitutional amendment passed by voters in November 2006. The amendment required the Ohio minimum wage to increase on January 1 of each year by the rate of inflation. The increase is tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the prior 12 month period as of September 30, 2008. As a result of this increase, please make sure that none of your employees are being paid less than \$7.30 an hour beginning January 1, 2009. For questions about the minimum wage increase, contact Bill Hancock at 513.421.3131x6611 or visit the state's website at: www.com.ohio.gov/laws/docs/laws_MinimumWagePoster2009.pdf.

OFFICE OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

VACANT BUILDINGS

This is the season for frozen pipes in vacant buildings. For those parishes with vacant buildings, we ask that you please meet with your plumbing and/or heating and ventilating company to review the vacant building and determine what they recommend doing so that you do not have serious problems with frozen and bursting pipes, toilets, hot water heaters, etc. For further information concerning vacant buildings and this type of concern, please contact the Office of Property Management at 513.421.3131.

PASTORAL SERVICES

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

FOCCUS CHANGES

The Family Life Office asks that you pay special attention to a letter mailed to all pastors the week of December 15, 2008 regarding the changes in the marriage preparation assessment tool **FOCCUS**. If you have any questions, please contact the Family Life Office at 513.421.3131.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

The Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend schedule for 2009 has changed. Please remove the July 24 – 26, 2009 weekend scheduled at Mt. St. Joseph College. This is no longer available.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT

The Family Life Office has mailed information regarding the *Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign*. If you have any questions, please contact the Family Life Office at 513.421.3131, or by e-mail at mboyd@catholiccincinnati.org. More information can be found at www.nchla.org.

MISSION OFFICE

2009 MCP ASSIGNMENTS COMING, 2008 MISSION COLLECTIONS DUE

Thank you for hosting our annual missionary speakers who help educate and enliven our parishioners about our church's evangelization efforts. However, certain missionary orders who spoke at some of our parishes in 2008 are still waiting for the donations collected at some of our parishes through our annual Archdiocesan Mission Co-operation Plan (MCP). If your parish's MCP and/or Mission Sunday collections have not yet been sent in, please **mail them DIRECTLY and addressed to the Mission Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202** as they need to be properly recorded in the Mission Office for the Society of the Propagation for the Faith and for the missionary orders. The Mission Office will soon be sending MCP 2009 assignments to our pastors. So to avoid confusion, please send in 2008 MCP donations as soon as possible. If you are unsure if your parish has mailed in this collection, please feel free to call Melonise Knight of our Mission Office at 513.421.3131x2631.

WORLD MISSION ROSARY FOR LENT AT YOUR PARISH/SCHOOL?

Because the World Mission Rosary was so well received in some parishes and schools this past October, the Mission Office would like to offer this rosary to others in an educational and prayerful program, especially during Lent. It's a great opportunity to:

- renew interest in this wonderful Catholic prayer to Mary;
- enhance our understanding of the work of our church in missions;
- increase solidarity with our sisters and brothers struggling around the world.

For more details and to schedule a World Mission Rosary event, contact the Mission Office at: mission@catholiccincinnati.org or Teresa Phillips at 513.421.3131x2632.

AFRICA SUMMIT AND MASS: MARCH 28, 2009

The Mission Office will sponsor another "Africa Summit" at Purcell/Marian High School followed by an African-style Mass at St. Francis De Sales Church in Cincinnati on Saturday, March 28, 2009. The goals are to develop a deeper appreciation of the spiritual and cultural contributions of the African church to our global church and to better understand the challenges of Africa. Please share this with your parishioners. More details to come.

LOOKING FOR ASIAN CATHOLIC LEADERS

The Mission Office is developing a new five-year Archdiocesan Asia Solidarity program. If you know of some local Catholic Asian leaders, or those with expertise in Asian culture and church issues, please contact the Mission Office so we might invite them to aid us in this coming effort at mission@catholiccincinnati.org or Dr. Mike Gable at 513.421.3131.

WORSHIP OFFICE

UPCOMING LITURGICAL CALENDAR DATES OF NOTE FOR WINTER 2008

Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade (January 22) In the dioceses of the United States, this day is to be observed as a day of penance for violations against the dignity of the human person. The Mass for Peace and Justice (#22) should be celebrated with *Lectionary* readings from Vol. IV, nos. 887 – 891. Violet vestments should be worn.

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25) Because of the Year of St. Paul, the Holy See has given permission for parishes to celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul on Sunday, January 25, 2009. (Normally, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time would take precedence.) Since there is not a Second Reading provided for this feast day, parishes should use the Second Reading from the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

As part of the Archdiocesan celebration of the Year of St. Paul, Archbishop Pilarczyk will preside over Solemn Vespers on Sunday evening, January 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the **Athenaeum of Ohio**.

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion: The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the **First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2009**. We will continue to have four celebrations, two at the Cathedral and two at Immaculate Conception Church in Dayton. The Rite of Election mailing was sent out to parishes during the last week of December. Remember that seating is based on a first come, first served basis, which is determined by the date a parish sends their reservation form into the Worship Office. The deadline for returning the forms is **January 26, 2009**.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Lay Leaders of Prayer: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2009 from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Centerville. The presenters are Ms. Emily Besl, Ms. Karen Kane, Fr. Larry Tensi, and Fr. Steve Walter. A letter was sent to pastors asking for names of those wishing to participate. It is important that pastors recommend persons they feel are qualified for this ministry.

RCIA: Advanced Issues: This workshop will focus on the tough issues that pastors and RCIA coordinators have to handle: marriage questions of annulments and convalidations; sacramental issues around the three sacraments of initiation, the sacrament of penance, etc.; the Catholic way of interpreting Scripture in an age of fundamentalism. The presenters are Fr. Joe Binzer, Fr. Jeff Kemper, and Deacon Jerry Barney. This workshop is for priests, deacons, RCIA coordinators and teams. The workshops will be on January 14, 2009 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at St. John Parish, West Chester, and on January 15, 2009 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Newport, OH.

For more information about these workshops please call 513.421.3131x6609 or visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LAUDATE: Forming Youth for Music Ministry will be held June 15 – 18, 2009 at Bergamo Center, Dayton, OH.

Preaching Institute – “Inspired by Paul: Forming a Community of Disciples through Sunday Preaching” will be held June 22 – 25, 2009 at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. Please see the Priestly Formation Office section below.

OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (OYYAM)

Please see the OYYAM home pages for more information on current activities

- Young Adult Ministry: www.catholiccincinnati.org/yamin.
- Youth Ministry: www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin.

Check the OYYAM home pages (above) for more details and other upcoming events and services:

- ***“Engaging Young Adults in your Parish Community – Best Practices in Ministry with Young Adults”***

A Regional Conference Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Offices of Evangelization and Catechesis, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, and Family Life, and the University of Dayton’s Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, and the National Pastoral Life Center

Date: Monday, February 2, 2009

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Place: Ascension Church, 2025 Woodman Dr., Kettering, OH

Cost: \$50

For registration and more information, visit www.nplc.org/cincinnati, or call 212.431.7825, or email pdenio@nplc.org

- ***Cast Your Nets! Upcoming Youth Vocations Programs***

Cast Your Nets! Cincinnati

Date: Sunday, February 22, 2009

Time: 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Parish

Cast Your Nets! Northern Area

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2009

Time: 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Holy Redeemer Parish - New Bremen

- ***“Will Our Kids Have Faith?” Presentations – Online Info & Scheduling:*** Visit the OYYAM website for information and a schedule of upcoming presentations at parishes across the Archdiocese (more than ninety have been scheduled so far, and word is spreading.) The presentation is best scheduled in conjunction with sacramental preparation or other gatherings of parents (e.g., Parent-Teacher Organizations, Athletic Boosters, etc.). The presentation is also suited for in-services for parish staffs and elementary school faculties.

- ***Theology on Tap, Dayton South Winter Series, January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 2009***
Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion series for people in their 20's and 30's, single or married. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Offices of Evangelization and Catechesis and Youth & Young Adult Ministry, and Catholic parishes in Dayton. *ToTDS* will meet at *The Pub at The Greene*, in Beavercreek for food, drink and lively discussion about things that matter to young adults and the Catholic faith. There is no charge for attending, however food and drink are on your own. All young adults are welcome. For more information, contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at 937.223.1001.
- ***Thinking about hiring a youth minister?*** Contact your regional OYYAM for important information and assistance.
- **Another upcoming event for young adults *not* sponsored by the OYYAM or Archdiocese, but worth a look: *Your Call to Greatness, Friday January 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m.*** World-renowned speaker and best-selling author, Christopher West, will present "Your Call to Greatness" at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) in the Student Union Ballroom. Join young adults from all over southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky to explore God's plan for who you really are—and what you are called to be. God's plan for us is stamped right in our bodies, and understanding this plan will give us a new lens through which to see our lives, our relationships and the world around us. Return on Saturday morning for a day with Christopher West for a free workshop for young adults on "Freedom to Love" on Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Although these two events are FREE, reservations are strongly requested. Email your reservations to newmanclub@nku.edu. Sponsored by NKU's Catholic Newman Club.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

“WHAT HAPPENED AT VATICAN II”: THE AUTHOR REPORTS BACK

On Sunday, January 25, 2009 (the fiftieth anniversary of Pope John XXIII's announcement of his intention to convene the Second Vatican Council) at 7:00 p.m., Fr. John O'Malley, SJ, PhD will speak at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington. For information, call 614.985.2497.

THE NEXT CHURCH: ENVISIONING CHRISTIANS OF THE FUTURE

The Ohio Ministries Convocation of the Ohio Council of Churches will convene in Columbus on Monday and Tuesday, January 26-27, 2009. Information and registration is available on line at www.ohcouncilchs.org.

JUNIOR CLERGY OVERNIGHT for the Ordination Classes of 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, Wednesday and Thursday, February 4-5, 2009, at **The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein Retreat House**.

SPRING PRIESTS' RETREAT

Fr. Bill Sheehan, OMI, will offer the retreat from Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20, 2009, at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein Retreat House. Since 1983, Fr. Sheehan has been involved with Contemplative Outreach, founded by Fr. Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O. During that time, he has led many Centering Prayer workshops and retreats in different parts of the country.

The theme for this retreat will be “Seeking His Mind.” A registration form is included with this mailing.

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND INCULTURATION ETHICS

Fr. Simon Kofi Appiah, Director of the Diocesan Formation and Counseling Centre in the Diocese of Jasikan, Ghana, will offer the George C. Findley Memorial Lecture on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bartlett Center of the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER FOR PRIESTS

Monday, May 4, 2009 at Bergamo Center.

FIRST-TIME PASTORS WORKSHOP

Monday through Thursday, June 1 - 4, 2009 at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati.

PREACHING INSTITUTE

Fr. Ron Knott of Louisville, Director of the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates at St. Meinrad, and Fr. James Wallace, CSSR, Professor of Word and Worship at Washington Theological Union, will be the keynote speakers for the program to be held Monday through Thursday, June 22 – 25, 2009 at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati.

FOR YOUR READING

Did you make any New Year’s resolutions? Was one to work on becoming a better listener? If so (maybe even if not so), the article entitled “Question Marks” and reprinted here with the permission of **Leadership** magazine just might help.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OFFICE

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

In recognition of Catholic Schools Week, we are asking parishes to ring their church bells at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, in honor of National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools. This day calls the attention of the entire community to the contributions which Catholic Schools have made for over 150 years and continue to make to our communities.

Catholic Schools Week is January 25 - 31, 2009, with the theme being *Catholic Schools Celebrate Service*. We are asking parishes to announce the coming of Catholic Schools Week two weeks prior to the event. Included in this issue of *Clergy Communications* are sample bulletin announcements.

THE ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

At its meeting on November 17, 2008, the Archdiocesan Commission on Education recommended a policy to Archbishop Pilarczyk regarding parishes that have schools with

enrollments of 225 or less (K-8). Archbishop Pilarczyk approved the policy on November 19, 2008. The Catholic School Office was directed to assess for the Archdiocesan and the Area Education Commissions the direction in which schools are moving. In order for this to happen, the parish/school will be contacted by letter and asked to present a short report to the Superintendent of Catholic Schools so that the Commissions and the Catholic School Office can plan with the parish/school for the future.

Because the Catholic School Office is already working with many schools with enrollments of 225 or less, those principals and pastors will not be receiving a letter. For those principals who receive a letter, with a copy to the pastors, the Archdiocesan Commission on Education has asked that the principal respond within two months. The request will be for some background information regarding enrollment, parish membership, parish monies that support the school, etc. This exercise is not meant to be a burden for the principal. The purpose is to raise the awareness of the principal and pastor regarding the need to look at the direction of the school and consider various options to maintain or strengthen the ministry of Catholic education.

These letters will be mailed out the first week of January 2009. The Commission did state that the Superintendent has the authority not to send letters to schools that the Catholic School Office is currently working with or if the Catholic School Office is aware of a current situation at a particular parish/school.

The Archdiocesan and Area Education Commissions along with the Schools Office seeks to work with parishes and clusters of parishes to strengthen Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED...

Please see the infusion bulletin for Ordinary Time, January 18, 2009 – February 22, 2009 inserted with this mailing. Thank you.

INVITING CATHOLICS HOME WORKSHOP

“Inviting Catholics Home,” developed by Sally L. Mews, is a six-week program that is aimed at helping Catholics return to the Church. The program uses a nonjudgmental approach that is designed to recognize the feelings of each participant, and to help all participants understand that they are not alone. Program activities point out shared experiences and help participants to view old problems in a new light. Although “Catholics Returning Home” is presented as a lay-based, team-outreach ministry to non-practicing Catholics, the program encourages clergy participation especially in the areas of the Mass and changes brought about by Vatican II. The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis will sponsor a workshop on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, introducing “Inviting Catholics Home.” The presenter will be Kenny Graves; the workshop will take place at St. John Parish in West Chester. For a brochure and registration, please see http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/Upcoming_Event.htm.

ENGAGING YOUNG ADULTS IN YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY

This a regional conference with Mike Hayes, Timone Newsome and Peter Denio, co-sponsored by the National Pastoral Life Center, the University of Dayton Institute for Pastoral Initiatives,

the Archdiocesan Offices of Evangelization and Catechesis, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, and Family Life. It will be held on Monday, February 2, 2009 at Ascension Parish, 2025 Woodman Dr., Kettering from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Young adults come in all shapes and sizes. College students, factory workers, single with no children, single with children, married with no children and married with children name many of the young adults in our parishes. However, they do share something in common: they are tenuously connected to our parishes, or not connected at all. This is a concern for all members of the Church community.

Mike is regarded as one of the leaders across the country in young adult ministry. Timone and Peter have practical experience of working with young adults in parish settings. Please see the enclosed flyer with this mailing. To register and for more information, please go to this website: <http://www.nplc.org/pastoral/dayton.php>, or call 212.431.7825.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

PRAYER SERVICE FOR IMMIGRANTS

In recognition of the Church's "National Migration Week" (January 4-10, 2009), the Catholic Social Action Office will be co-sponsoring an interfaith prayer service for immigrants on Thursday, January 8, from noon - 1:00 p.m. on Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati. All are invited to join in this special prayer that we may achieve a better respect for immigrant and refugees' rights and a comprehensive reform of our nation's immigration laws in the New Year. For more information, please contact the Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE MASSES

Thank you to all the parishes which sent "peace delegates" to the two Archdiocesan Masses in celebration of the World Day of Peace on January 1 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains in Cincinnati and Our Lady of Mercy Church in Dayton. Your special participation in these Masses advances our local Church's commitment to greater peace in our families, communities, church, nation and world. For additional copies of the U.S. bishops' bulletin insert resource on Pope Benedict XVI's Peace Message, "Fighting Poverty to Build Peace," please visit: <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty/>.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)/CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) PARISH PROMOTERS

Thanks to the 57 parishes who have identified a parishioner or staff person to be the CRS/CCHD Coordinator/Promoter. The Catholic Social Action Office hopes this initiative will enhance the ministries of participating parishes and raise awareness of the Church's effort to fight poverty in the U.S. through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and abroad through Catholic Relief Services.

Are you or your parish council or social action committee still giving this consideration? Outreach calls will be made to you the first couple of weeks of January in order to invite new promoters to one of our regional orientations.

Orientations in the Greater Dayton area will be on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 and Saturday, January 31, 2009 at Trinity Center (Dayton) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – (lunch provided). Orientations in the Greater Cincinnati area are scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, and Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (lunch provided) at locations yet to be determined. Dates and times are still pending for Springfield and Coldwater orientations. Many thanks in advance to all pastors, parish staff and leaders who are participating!

THE POWER OF YOUR CHANGE: HOW YOUR EVERYDAY PURCHASES CHANGE THE WORLD

Listen to any news account of the status of the economy and the thought has probably occurred to you that there have to be better ways to respect human dignity in our economy. Please plan on attending *The Power of Your Change: How your everyday purchases change the world*. We'll be focusing on financial choices inspired by the Gospel. The event will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the University of Dayton.

Our speakers will look at the question from local initiatives to fair trade in developing nations. Jacqueline DeCarlo, the Senior Fair Trade Advisor with Catholic Relief Services, is the keynote speaker for this 3rd annual Global Solidarity Conference. Tom Allio, the Director of the Social Action Office from the Cleveland Diocese, will talk about PayDay Lending and Credit Card Debt. Mr. Allio led the statewide campaign for PayDay lending reforms.

This event is co-sponsored by the Catholic Relief Services Committee of the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Commission and the University of Dayton. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Student rate is \$10.

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SHEETS

REPORTING ABUSE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI - If you know someone who has been abused at any time by an agent of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (priest, deacon, employee or volunteer), the Archdiocese urges you to contact Sister Mary Garke, the Victims' Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, at **513.421.3131** or **1.800.686.2724** as well as the victim's secular legal authorities.

REPORTING FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT - In a spirit of good stewardship, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has instituted a financial misconduct hotline to allow employees, volunteers, vendors and other interested parties to report what they believe to be financial misconduct at any level – parish, deanery or archdiocese. As an additional safeguard, the hotline is administered by an independent third-party company, EthicsPoint. You may report a concern on this hotline either by calling one of EthicsPoint's trained specialists at 1.866.294.5256 or by visiting the website www.ethicspoint.com. There is also a link on the archdiocesan website, www.CatholicCincinnati.org, under the label "To Report Financial Misconduct."

2009 PRE-CANA - The 2009 Pre-Cana dates have been posted on The Family Life Office webpage located at www.catholiccincinnati.org/familylife.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT - Project Rachel is a Post-Abortive Healing Ministry. There will be a retreat held on March 6 through 8, 2009, at the Bergamo Retreat Center, Dayton, Ohio. For more information, please call our confidential help line at 513.784.0531.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK - is being held from January 11-17, 2009, centered on the theme of *'Not I, but Christ who lives within me.'* Once again, the vocation office has provided materials for use throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, which can be downloaded from <http://cincinnati vocations.org/vaw.shtml>; hard copies can be mailed upon request. Prayer cards are now available, please contact the Vocation Office: vocations@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131.

VOCATION NIGHT - On Wednesday, January 14, 2009, Mount St. Mary's Seminary is hosting a 'Vocation Night' for men, college age and older, who are interested in a vocation to the priesthood. The evening begins at 5:15 p.m. and includes Mass and dinner with our current seminarians, and finishes with a presentation on the academic life of the seminary by Fr. Earl Fernandes, Dean of the Seminary. For more information, please call the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2890 or visit <http://cincinnati vocations.org/frm011409.php>.

CALL OF THE KING CONFERENCE - The next Call of the King Conference is to be held on Sunday, January 18, 2009, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 528 North Broadway, Piqua, OH, 45356. Fr. Earl Fernandes, Dean of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, will be delivering the keynote address on personal holiness as an avenue for renewal. Over 350 parishioners from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati attended our inaugural event; we are expecting a similar attendance at this first northern area conference. Please see <http://cincinnati vocations.org/prayerwarriors.shtml> for more information.

COLLEGE DAY - Monday, February 16, 2009, the Pontifical College Josephinum is hosting their annual 'College Day,' which provides high school men who are interested in pursuing the priesthood as a college seminarian an opportunity to visit the seminary program, meet current seminarians, and have their questions answered about college seminary programs. To register online, visit: <http://cincinnati vocations.org/frm021609.php>, or call the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2890.

CAST YOUR NETS - A high energy event drawing together youth from the various regions of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is coming to Cincinnati on Sunday, February 22, 2009, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8815 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. The program begins at 5:30 p.m. and includes Mass with Fr. Kyle Schnippel, a keynote address by Mother Seraphina of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary, music by Lee Roessler Band and other activities for the youth to engage their faith. Register through the youth minister at your parish or online at: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/CYN/>

ROE v WADE - Mark your calendar...January 22, 2009 is the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please remember those lives lost in your prayers.

SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

For the Church bulletin of Sunday, January 11, 2009



Catholic Schools Week Coming This Month

In two weeks, our parish will begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service." Each day beginning Sunday, January 25, we will celebrate our theme as it relates to our parish, community, students, nation, volunteers and teachers. Watch for detailed announcements in next week's bulletin.

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Celebration of Catholic Schools Week Begins Next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday, we join more than 8,000 Catholic Schools nationwide to observe Catholic School Week using the theme, "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service." Throughout the week, we will focus on different parts of our community. Open House is next week Sunday – visit the classrooms.

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Sunday is Open House at school. Visit the classrooms after Mass to see a sampling of our Students' work. All parishioners are invited, not just parents of our students.