



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
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DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION ORIENTATION SESSIONS FOR FACILITATORS

Orientation sessions for the *Decree on Child Protection* will be held in **August 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 Ms. Linda Heidi at **513.421.3131x2842** or e-mail her at **lheidi@catholiccincinnati.org**. The places, dates and times are:

St. Peter Parish/Huber Heights

**Tuesday, August 18, 2009, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Victor Ries Conference Room
6161 Chambersburg Road – 937.233.1503**

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Liberty Township

**Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. – Conference Room
5720 Hamilton-Mason Rd. - 513.777.4322**

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, sent to the Chancery, 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 **Father Joe Binzer** at **513.263.6601** or **jbinzer@catholiccincinnati.org**. Thanks for all you do to protect children entrusted to our care.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

The *Decree on Child Protection* includes this statement,

It is the intention of the Archdiocese that no person who has been convicted of sexually abusing a child will work with children in an office, parish, school, agency or institution of the Archdiocese.

The United States Department of Justice, the State of Ohio and many counties have websites that the public may use to find the addresses of registered sex offenders. The United States Department of Justice website is <http://www.nsopw.gov/Core/Conditions.aspx>. The State of Ohio website is http://www.esorn.ag.state.oh.us/Secured/p21_2.aspx#lblError. The State of Ohio site currently permits searches by zip code. We recommend the use of these sites so that you are aware of the presence and addresses of registered sex offenders in your area. If you have any questions, please call **Father Joe Binzer** at **513.263.6601**.

RECORD SEARCH

We have been asked to search for the baptismal record of **Richard Thomas Rawlins** who was born July 12, 1967 and baptized somewhere in Ohio. Unfortunately, there is no additional information available. Please search your baptismal register books and if the record is located contact the Chancery Office at 513.421.3131x2842. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

DIACONATE OFFICE

ANNIVERSARIES

Deacon Roy Deardorff will be celebrating the **thirtieth** anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate on June 24, 2009. Deacon Deardorff was assigned to Holy Trinity Parish in Dayton from his ordination until 1994. He was then assigned to St. Helen Parish in Dayton until his retirement in December of 2008.

Deacon Mark Desmond will be celebrating the **fifth** anniversary of his ordination to the Diaconate on June 4. Deacon Desmond was ordained in the Diocese of Nashville. He moved to Cincinnati in 2008 and is assigned to Holy Cross-Immaculata Parish in Mt. Adams.

We congratulate them.

VOCATION OFFICE

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

At 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2009, seven men will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati: Deacons Martin Bachman, David Endres, Robert Hadden, Shawn Landenwitch, Matthew Lee, Barry Stechsulte, and Anthony Tozzi. Please keep them in your prayers, including them in the petitions at Sunday Mass, if possible. Also, all priests are, of course, invited to concelebrate the Mass of Ordination. If you wish to bring a young man from your parish to the ordination, please let the Vocation Office know so that we can have a spot reserved for him with the seminarians.

SCHEDULING OF “ANDREW DINNERS”

Over the next few weeks we will be scheduling the series of *Andrew Dinners* for the fall with Archbishop Schnurr. The goal is to have them throughout the Archdiocese so that no one has far to travel. Please look for dates and locations in upcoming *Clergy Communications*. Our first Andrew Dinner was held April 22, 2009 at Holy Angels Church in Sidney and brought together 33 young men who had some interest in the priesthood. Vocations are certainly present; all people need is the encouragement and option to consider the possibility. Thank you for all that you do to promote vocations.

CELEBRATIONS FOR THE “YEAR FOR PRIESTS”

Plans are being made by the Vocation Office, the Priestly Formation Office, and Mount St. Mary's Seminary for celebrations during the "Year for Priests." Pope Benedict XVI announced this year which will run from June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010. Please watch *Clergy Communications* for more details. If priests or parishes are planning something that you would like to share, please inform the Vocation Office so that we might assist with the promotion.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE

HEALTH CARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Each spring all eligible employees receive a packet at their home address with updated Archdiocesan Health Care Plan information. Open Enrollment, April 13 through May 15, 2009, is the opportunity for members to make benefit elections and this year to enroll in the new Cafeteria Plan. Voluntary Life Forms as well as Health Care Plan enrollments and changes should be sent to Becky Daring at HealthSmart. Dental Care Plus Forms should be sent to Rachel Turansky. Cafeteria Plan Benefit Election and Compensation Redirection Agreement for pretax health care and dental premiums should be processed through payroll and should be given to the payroll administrator at the Archdiocesan location. If there are any questions regarding these benefit enrollments, please feel free to call Barb Walsh at the Finance Office, 513.421.3131x 6603.

IRS 403(b) APPROVED VENDOR LIST

The full list of Approved 403(b) Vendors was published in the April *Clergy Communications*. The May **addition** to the list is **New York Life Insurance and Annuity Company**. This list will continue to be updated as new vendors sign the Acceptance Agreement. Please feel free to contact Barbara Walsh in the Finance Office if you have any questions regarding this benefit.

ADDITIONAL COBRA CONTINUATION INFORMATION

Recently all locations received information concerning the implications of the recent Federal Stimulus Act on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Due to a change in the State of Ohio law, a **revised** memorandum outlining the ramifications of this legislation will be sent to all locations. Included with this communication will be a **new** template letter to be given to involuntarily terminated employees. Please call Barb Walsh in the Finance Office with questions or concerns about the application of this law to Archdiocesan locations.

COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR WOMEN AND MEN RELIGIOUS

A Compensation Package for Women and Men Religious who work in the parishes and institutions in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has been in effect since fiscal year 2000. These employees are eligible for the same benefits as lay employees. Beginning July 1, 2009 the "Other Benefits" that should be sent to the Religious Congregations have been revised to the following:

FICA	7.650 %
Unemployment Comp	0.350
Pension	6.000
LTD	<u>0.383</u>
Total	14.383 %

Archdiocesan locations may make these payments monthly or quarterly to the congregations for those women and men who are employed by the location. Worker's Compensation coverage is provided by the location through the self-funded program. Health Care may be provided by either the location or by reimbursement to the religious order. If you have any questions about these benefits, please feel free to call the Finance Office.

SELF INSURANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gallagher Bassett Services, who handles the property and liability claims for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, has announced a change in address of the office and personnel serving us. Effective May 4, 2009, the new address and contact information is:

Mr. Jerry Pachciarz, Interim Branch Manager
Ms. Robin Arnold, Claims Assistant
Westlake Center
4555 Lake Forest Drive, Suite 650, Cincinnati, OH 45242
Phone: 513.779.2980 or 1.800.779.2980 Fax: 513.779.8929

Risk Inspection Reports which are available on the Finance Office website are due in the Gallagher Bassett Office by May 31, 2009. Locations who submit reports by that date will receive a check/credit for \$100.00 from the Finance Office. All claims questions and requests for Certificates of Insurance should be referred to the new Blue Ash office.

PASTORAL SERVICES

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

FOCCUS TRAINING

FOCCUS Training will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009 and Wednesday, May 20, 2009 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Reading, Ohio. The cost is \$60/person (\$50 book and \$10 training). *Attendance is required for both evenings.* If you need further information, please call the Family Life Office at 513.421.3131.

FOCCUS SCORING

It is suggested that parishes begin moving to on-line scoring for FOCCUS. Please call Bonnie Mack at 513.421.3131x2623 or Louise Davis 513.421.3131x2621 with any questions. Please note that any FOCCUS on-line scoring done by the Family Life Office or the parish will have a slightly different look to it, and will be more user-friendly.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE

This event is Sunday, June 7, 2009. The walk begins at the World Peace Bell Center, 421 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky at 2:00 p.m. Please visit www.crossthebridgeforlife.com if you need more information.

NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY – MAY 22, 2009

Every year the U.S. Department of Justice takes time to commemorate the valiant and unselfish acts of the many organizations and individuals who reunite missing children with their families. This year, Ohio will be commemorating this day on Friday, May 22, 2009. Schools and community organizations are asked to participate. To assist you, there will be suggestions and helpful resource links on the Family Life Office website (www.catholiccincinnati.org/familylife) during the month of May.

MISSION OFFICE

ALL MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS TO BE SENT TO MISSION OFFICE

Thank you for hosting our guest speakers in our MCP (Missionary Co-op Plan) as that allows parishioners to consider missionary work themselves and to grow in the principle of global solidarity. After the MCP collection has been gathered, please forward it immediately to the Mission Office, not to the missionary or missionary group as it must be recorded at our office (Mission Office, 100 E. 8th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202). All missionaries accepted into our MCP know that 10% is taken out by the Mission Office to help those many other missionary organizations and dioceses that could not be accepted into MCP this year. MCP speakers also know that they are to have original letters of suitability with them when they arrive. Those who have never spoken in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are to participate in the MCP training workshop (Friday noon to Saturday noon) on either May 22 and 23, or June 5 and 6, 2009. If you have not already fixed a date with your MCP speaker, you may wish to invite him/her to visit your parish those weekends to save them time and travel expenses.

MISSIONARY ROSARY OR SPEAKER FOR YOUR SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

Allow our youth to become aware and proud of our mission church! Invite your MCP assignment to speak to your summer Bible school. If that's not possible, why not invite one of our returned missionaries to speak and to expand your students' vocations, world and hearts for the Lord! Could your summer Bible school support the Holy Father's "Holy Childhood Association" (HCA) that supports children in mission dioceses? Call Teresa Phillips at the Mission Office 513.421.3131 about HCA and for guest speakers, videos, and missionary support ideas like the World Mission Rosary of which we have many left.

YES, THERE ARE CATHOLIC YOUTH & ADULT MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

The Mission Office receives calls from concerned parents about their children taking mission trips with non-Catholic groups. Many Catholics are surprised to learn that there are more than 200 Catholic mission or volunteer organizations seeking Catholic youths, adults and semi or fully retired persons for short or long term programs around the United States or overseas. Please add to your bulletins that those interested in these Catholic missionary or volunteer groups can contact the Catholic Network of Volunteer Services at www.cnvg.org or 800.543.5046, and the Mission Office at mission@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131 for advice and recommendations about missionary possibilities.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP GUIDE BOOKLET!

Youth and campus ministers, and others who plan immersion/service trips for youth, should have a copy of our archdiocesan guide booklet, *Learning Through Service*, which explains the legal and liability issues as well as other practical matters to help organize and manage these trips. Hard copies are available from the offices of Mission and Youth & Young Adult Ministry at 513.421.3131 or <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/mission/YouthImmersionResource-Final.pdf>.

VISIT MEXICO TO LEARN CAUSES OF MIGRATION TO OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Bishop Carmona Ortega of the Puerto Escondido diocese on the Pacific Coast of southern Mexico invites us to visit and learn why many of his parishioners migrate to our area for a better life. He urges us to come when many Marian feasts will be celebrated between December 8 and 18, 2009. Travel subsidies are available through the Mission Office. For details, contact Dr. Mike Gable at 513.421.3131 or mgable@catholiccincinnati.org.

HAVE EXTRA MASS STIPENDS?

The Mission Office knows a number of missionaries who are very grateful for Mass stipends to help support their ministries. You may send them to the Mission Office at 100 E. 8th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.

POPE BENEDICT'S MISSION PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

That the recently founded Catholic Churches, grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, may be ready to share the universal mission of the Church, offering their availability to preach the Gospel throughout the world.

WORSHIP OFFICE

A CELEBRATION OF THE PAULINE YEAR

A **Concert and Hymn Festival** will be held on Friday, June 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains in Cincinnati. Dr. Helmut J. Roehrig will be conducting. Selections from the Oratorio *St. Paul* by Mendelssohn, hymns for choir and congregation based on Pauline texts, and singers from all over the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be featured. Enclosed is a flyer with additional information, or go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship.

CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

The closing of the Year of St. Paul is June 29, 2009. There will be an archdiocesan celebration of Solemn Vespers with Archbishop Schnurr presiding at St. Paul Church, Englewood on

Sunday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. Enclosed is a flyer that you may wish to reproduce and place on your bulletin boards or in your bulletins. The flyer is also posted on the Worship Office website. Additionally, the Worship Office will post the liturgy of Solemn Vespers for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on the Worship Office website so that parishes may use it if desired. Please see www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship. Thank you.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

LAUDATE: Forming Youth for Music Ministry is drawing near, June 15 – 18, 2009! The early-bird registration deadline has been extended to May 7, 2009. Registration forms and scholarship applications are available on the LAUDATE web page at www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/laudate. Once again, we are able to offer scholarships because of a generous grant. Students who demonstrate financial need are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Please encourage your music directors and music ministers to send students to this program!

Preaching Institute: In honor of the Year of St. Paul, there will be a preaching institute entitled *Inspired by Paul: Forming a Community of Disciples through Sunday Preaching*. This institute is being held at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's Seminary from June 22 – 25, 2009. The brochure is enclosed with this edition of *Clergy Communications*, or please visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship for information and online registration. This is a collaborative effort of the Priestly Formation Office, the Office of the Diaconate, the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's Seminary, and the Worship Office.

RCIA in the Parish: This workshop is designed to assist parishes in training new RCIA team members and coordinators. In order to make this workshop more financially feasible and time-friendly, the workshop has been shortened to a two-day experience, rather than three days. The workshop will be held August 6 and 7, 2009 at Bergamo Center, Dayton. Brochures were sent out earlier this month, and they are available on the Worship Office/RCIA/OEC websites.

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.

NEW! SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastors and youth ministers across the Archdiocese will receive in the mail salary recommendations for youth ministry leaders employed by parishes. There are three tiers that correspond to levels of responsibility, education, and youth ministry certification: Director, Coordinator, and Associate. For more on this, contact your regional OYYAM.

TIME TO SCHEDULE FALL “WILL OUR KIDS HAVE FAITH?” PRESENTATIONS

The presentation is most effective and reaches the most people when combined with a parent meeting related to sacramental preparation (e.g., First Eucharist, Confirmation, etc.). If you want to urge parents to get involved in their children’s’ faith formation, this is the program to do it.

THEOLOGY ON TAP IN YOUR AREA?

One of the best ways to ignite young adult ministry in your area is to sponsor a Theology on Tap speaker series. Contact your regional OYYAM to learn how and to get started.

MULTIPLY YOUR MINISTRY COURSE

Sean Reynolds will be teaching a course at the University of Dayton (UD) scheduled for June 22 - July 3, 2009 on growing an engaged parish and recruiting, nurturing and managing volunteers. Contact your regional OYYAM for more details or visit UD’s website to register. Note: this course is for *all* pastoral ministers, not just youth ministers.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE

Saturday, May 23, 2009 at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains at 11:00 a.m.

FIRST-TIME PASTORS WORKSHOP

Arrangements to be announced.

PREACHING INSTITUTE – INSPIRED BY PAUL:

Forming a Community of Disciples Through Sunday Preaching

The Institute will be held Monday, June 22 through Thursday, June 25, 2009 at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati. Also, please see the article above under Worship Office. Questions can be directed to the Priestly Formation Office or the Worship Office. This promises to be an extraordinary event, with plenary sessions, skill development sessions and workshop sessions, designed to help priests and deacons in this most important dimension of their ministry.

JUNIOR CLERGY OVERNIGHT

On Monday and Tuesday, September 14 and 15, 2009, the ordination classes of 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 will meet at the seminary.

AUTUMN RETREAT

From October 5 through 9, 2009 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Father Gene Hemrick of the National Institute for the Renewal of the Priesthood, will direct our annual autumn retreat. More information will be coming in future issues. For the time being, please note the dates.

STATEWIDE CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS

Registration brochures for the November 5 – 6, 2009 convocation will be mailed in the summer. For now, please mark your calendar.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

This year's presenter will be Doctor Bruce Malina. He will present in Cincinnati on November 11, 2009 and in Dayton on November 12, 2009.

PARISH PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Mary Kessler will return to the Archdiocese in January 2010 to present her very helpful and important workshop for pastors, business managers, and others, to help them supervise those who staff our parishes.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS (OEC)

MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD

Quality religious education for your adult parishioners, catechists, ministry volunteers and Catholic school personnel is available in the Cincinnati area this summer through the "Make Straight the Way of the Lord" Program. Please see the enclosed flyer for the schedule of classes and workshops. This flier can be reproduced for distribution in your parish and school. If you have questions please contact ctenhundfeld@catholiccincinnati.org.

FUNDAMENTALISM: CONCERNS AND RESPONSES

Parish leaders are encouraged to attend this three hour workshop at Good Shepherd Parish in Cincinnati on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. Please see the enclosed flyer for description and registration information. For more information, please call 513.421.3131x2733.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

CATHOLIC CLIMATE COVENANT

On Earth Day, April 23, the national Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, an effort sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and many other Catholic organizations, launched the "Catholic Climate Covenant: The St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor." This is a calling for Catholic individuals and families, parishes and schools, religious communities, colleges and hospitals, dioceses and other Catholic organizations to pledge to pray, learn, assess, advocate and act on the urgent issue of climate change. Archbishop Pilarczyk identified the Archdiocese of Cincinnati an "inaugural" diocese by endorsing this pledge in preparation for this national launch. He has authorized the formation of an Archdiocesan Climate Change Task Force, which will offer suggestions on how the Archdiocese and its entities can concretely live out the elements of the St. Francis Pledge. If anyone in your parish is interested in learning more about this task force, please contact Catholic Social Action at 513.421.3131x2660.

The national Catholic Coalition on Climate Change has mailed out to every parish in the country a packet of materials titled, "Who Is under Your Carbon Footprint?" We ask that pastors and parish staff consider using this valuable resource to help parishioners learn how they can become better stewards of God's creation. Please visit <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/> for more information.

Pope Benedict most recently referenced "troubling climate change" in his Easter message to the world and has insisted that, "Before it is too late, it is necessary to make courageous decisions that can recreate a strong alliance between humankind and the earth. A decisive 'yes' is needed to protect creation and also a strong commitment to invert those trends which risk leading to irreversibly degrading situations."

JUSTICE AND PEACE COURSE

The Springfield Social Action Committee will host a Justice and Peace Course at St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Church in Springfield in the church undercroft at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, May 6 - 27, 2009. Participants will become aware of the Catholic Church's rich tradition of social teaching. The course will focus on the basic principles of justice found in Scripture and Church documents, the seven basic themes of Catholic Social Teaching and how to apply them in daily life, in the community and within social structures. Participants will focus on the economic principles found in the United States Bishops' pastoral *Economic Justice for All*. The course will offer students the opportunity to identify and analyze situations in which their own and others' human dignity has been violated. They will also explore the concept of global solidarity and link missionary activities with peace and justice education. The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis recognizes this course for Catechist Certification, fulfilling the requirement of the "Justice and Peace" learning module. Archdiocesan teachers can receive Principal CEUs. Pam Long, regional director of the Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton, will be the instructor. For additional information and to register, please contact the Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton at 937.224.3026 or csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org. The cost of the course is \$20.

FAREWELL TO JOE WEBER, CRS VOLUNTEER

The Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton will bid farewell to Joe Weber, a volunteer from Catholic Relief Services who has worked in the Dayton office since September. He ends his assignment at the end of May. Since September, Joe has worked with the Catholic Social Action Office to build awareness and participation in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD); parishes are invited to have a representative who can promote the United States Bishops' domestic and international poverty relief efforts through CRS and CCHD respectively. Joe served in Zambia in Africa for nine months before his assignment to the Catholic Social Action Office. Through his presentations to parishes and their youth groups, Joe shared his experiences in Zambia, helping his listeners gain a deeper awareness of standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We thank him and wish him well.

FARM MASS

Father Steven Shoup will preside at the annual Farm Mass Friday, May 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 6788 SR 66, Newport, Ohio. Fr. Shoup is the pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish and the dean of the Sidney Deanery. The Mass will be held outdoors, weather

permitting. Lawn chairs are encouraged. May 15 is the feast day of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers and rural communities. He and his wife Maria are the patron saints of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. Parishioners at Sts. Peter and Paul will host a reception in the church hall after the Mass. Members of the St. Marys and Sidney Rural Life Conference are coordinating the Farm Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

2009 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

As of the time of this printing, the 2009 CMA has raised nearly \$3 million toward our \$4 million goal. YOU make it possible for us to marshal these financial resources for spreading the Gospel, so THANK YOU! Over 60 parishes have exceeded their goals, and several parishes have nearly tripled their goals.

The third direct mail letter, which is intended to conclude the Appeal season, will be in parishioners' homes May 16 – 22, 2009. We estimate that 130,000 of our 168,000 registered households will receive the letter. If your parish has not yet met its goal, PLEASE CONTINUE the Appeal with pulpit announcements, bulletin inserts, bulletin announcements of your progress toward goal, and please continue thanking and asking parishioners for their participation. Clergy encouragement of the Appeal is crucial for us to meet our goal. Thank you!

Progress reports are continually posted at CatholicAppeal.info. Click the "Info for parish staff" button, enter the password: cma2007 and then click on the "CMA Progress" button. The second detailed donor report of all parishioners responding from your parish will be mailed the first week of May. Thank you for your continuing work and support of the 2009 CMA.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Michael Vanderburgh and Brian Doyle are available for free consultation with any pastor who is interested in capital campaigns, planned giving, and new methods of engaging parishioners with their faith using "total stewardship" principles. Contact us today for resources, presentations or a beginning conversation.

2009 STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

Early Bird Registration for this conference has been extended to May 8! The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is hosting the "Our Sunday Visitor" national stewardship conference on June 24-26, 2009 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel. Living lives of stewardship can be transformational for parishes and families, especially in these difficult economic times. We encourage clergy and staff from ALL parishes and institutions to attend this excellent conference. The Stewardship Department will reimburse \$100.00 of the conference fee and \$100.00 of the hotel room expense for anyone who lives or works in the Archdiocese. Reimbursement forms will be available at the conference. Register by May 8th at www.osvenvelopes.com to receive an additional \$100.00 off with your early registration.

MISCELLANEOUS

MELCHISEDECH OPEN ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date! The 45th Annual Melchisedech Open will be held on Monday, August 3, 2009 at the Pipe Stone Golf Club in Miamisburg, Ohio. Invitational letters and registration forms will be mailed in early June. All priests and deacons are welcome!

MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD CLERGY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at the Mercer County Elks. Golf: Pay at the Pro Shop; Dinner (for golfers and others) is \$10.00. Please send in your remittance no later than June 16, 2009. Make checks payable to Br. Gregory Frantz, C.P.P.S., St. Charles Center, Carthagen, OH 45822.

CHALICE RE-PLATING OFFER – BE CAREFUL

Recently, one of the pastors was approached by two men who claimed they could re-plate gold chalices on site. The men could not sufficiently explain their re-plating process, and did not seem capable of performing the services they were selling. The pastor declined the offer. In cases like this (and there are countless other deals too good to be true), the phrase "caveat emptor" (let the buyer beware) comes to mind.

**Please submit articles for the June-July *Clergy Communications*
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Thank You.**

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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."