WISHING YOU A YEAR FILLED WITH

JOY, HAPPINESS AND PEACE.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

BACH CONCERT TO HONOR ARCHBISHOP PILARCZYK
All are invited to attend a concert featuring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, presented by members of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra with Conductor Paavo Jarvi to honor Archbishop Pilarczyk in celebration of his Golden Anniversary of Ordination and his ministry of service as Archbishop of Cincinnati. The concert will take place on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Chains.

This free concert, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral’s Great Music in a Great Space Concerts, is made possible through the generosity of corporate sponsors in appreciation for Archbishop Pilarczyk’s many years of service.

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

CHANCERY OFFICE

SOME CANONICAL CONSIDERATIONS
With Archbishop Schnurr’s succession of Archbishop Pilarczyk as Archbishop of Cincinnati, the following occurred on December 21, 2009 by decree of Archbishop Schnurr:

- The pagella of faculties for priests revised in July 2007, and the pagella of faculties for deacons revised in July 2007 were approved.


- The following were confirmed as members of the Archdiocesan Finance Council: Deacon Francis Wagner, Mrs. Diane Brunst, Mr. Michael Haverkamp, Mr. J. R. Hochwalt, Mr. Richard Kelly, Mr. Thomas Klinedinst, Mr. Howard Pecquet, Mrs. Jan Scheid, Rev. Larry Tharp, Mr. James Van Flandern, Mr. Stephen Burger, Mr. John Wendeln, Rev. Joseph Binzer, and Mr. Michael McCuen.

- The following were confirmed as members of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council: Mr. Marvin Koenig, Rev. Christopher Armstrong, Mr. Thomas Asplan, Rev. Jeffrey Bacon, Ms. Mary Bellman, Mrs. Jan Bobay, Deacon Jerry Cain, Ms. Alice Daniel, Mr. Greg Feldkamp, Mrs. Diana Feldman-Smith, Mr. Skip Fellinger, Mr. Jim Frede, Mr. Andrew Gough, Sister Karen Hartman, SFP, Brother Hugh Henderson, Ms. Kathryn Kelly, Sister Catherine Kirby, SC, Ms. Regina Koon, Mrs. June Landrum-Springer, Deacon Virgil Lochtefeld, Rev. Thomas Mannebach, Mr. Daniel Marion, Deacon Jeff Merrell, Mr. Emmett Orr, Ms. Yvonne Peay, Rev. Bryan Reif, Mr. Rick Salerno, Ms. Patricia Stachler, Rev. P. Del Staigers, Mrs. Millie Tanner, Ms. Shirley Watson, Mr. Chip Williamson, Ms. Rita Yokers, and Dr. Robert Zimmerman.

- The following were confirmed as Deans: Rev. Joseph Robinson, Rev. Mark Burger, Rev. Leonard Wenke, Rev. James Walsh, Rev. George Jacquemin, Rev. David Brinkmoeller, Rev. Timothy Bunch, Rev. William Wagner, Rev. James Seibert, C.PP.S., Rev. Steven Shoup, Rev. Dennis Caylor. The Deans were granted these special faculties:
  
  • to grant the faculties to hear confessions for a period of two weeks;
  
  • to grant dispensations from Disparity of Worship, "in urgentioribus casibus" with the obligation of reporting to the Chancery within ten days the use of this faculty;
  
  • to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation throughout the Archdiocese (Canon 884).

- Rev. Leonard Wenke was appointed Director of the Department of Pastoral Services, while continuing as the Director of the Office of Priests’ Personnel.

- Rev. Joseph Binzer was appointed Vicar General.
Mr. Richard Kelly was confirmed as Finance Officer; Rev. Joseph Binzer was confirmed as Chancellor; Rev. Thomas Snodgrass was confirmed as Assistant Chancellor.

- Regarding the Tribunal:
  - Rev. Manuel Viera, O.F.M., was confirmed as the Judicial Vicar;
  - Rev. Steve Angi, Rev. Edwin Gearhart, and Rev. Barry Windholtz were confirmed as Adjutant Judicial Vicars;
  - Sister Victoria Vondenberger, R.S.M., was confirmed as Promoter of Justice;
  - Rev. Dennis Caylor, Sister Victoria Vondenberger, RSM, and Rev. William Wysong were confirmed as Defenders of the Bond;
  - Ms. Christine Gately and Mrs. Kelly Terry were confirmed as Assessors;
  - Mrs. Candy L. Engelke and Ms. Ami R. Quinn were confirmed as Canonical Notaries.

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION ORIENTATION SESSIONS FOR FACILITATORS
Orientation sessions for the Decree on Child Protection will be held in January 2010 for those who plan to facilitate the Decree on Child Protection orientation workshops at a parish, school, agency 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, school, agency or institution of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. A person must be designated by the pastor or administrator of a parish, school, agency 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. Peter Parish/Huber Heights**
Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Victor Ries Conference Room
6161 Chambersburg Road – 937.233.1503

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Liberty Township**
Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 1:00 – 4:00 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 and 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.

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION ORIENTATION WORKSHOP WEBSITE SCHEDULE
Employees, volunteers, coaches and others who are required to attend an orientation workshop on the Decree on Child Protection find it most helpful to open the Archdiocesan website to search for parishes where the workshops are being offered. Please ask facilitators to notify the Chancery with dates and times so that they might be posted on the website by contacting Father Joe Binzer at jbinzer@catholiccincinnati.org. Thank you.

FREE HEALTHPLEX MEMBERSHIP FOR CATHOLIC PRIESTS
Effective October 1, 2009, any Catholic priest ministering in a parish in the Cincinnati region of Mercy HealthPlex is eligible for a free membership to any of the three Mercy HealthPlexes. To redeem the free membership, the priests should identify themselves as a Catholic priest to a membership representative. Proper paperwork will be completed by both the priest and the membership representative to finalize the process for free membership. If anyone knows of a Catholic priest currently paying for their HealthPlex membership, please suggest he register for the free membership. At the point the priest is registered, he will no longer have to pay membership dues; please note that any past dues paid by priests will not be reimbursed. The telephone number for Mercy HealthPlex is 513.942.PLEX.

ARCHBISHOP PILARCYK AND THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
The USCCB has advised that Archbishop Pilarczyk's name should not be mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer.

TRIBUNAL OFFICE
On December 15, 2009, the motu proprio of Benedict XVI Omnium in mentem dated October 26, 2009, was made public. This legislation presents two changes in the Code of Canon Law. The change that affects tribunal matters modifies canons 1086, 1117 and 1124. All these canons mentioned the possibility of a person leaving the Catholic Church by a formal act. On March 13, 2006, the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts notified the USCCB that leaving by a formal act had to be a valid juridical act externally concretized and manifested to competent Church authority, after which the defection was to be explicitly noted in the baptismal registry. Such formal notifications were rare. With the new legislation, the reference to the possibility of any such formal defection from the Church is eliminated from canons 1086, 1117 and 1124. Since
November 27, 1983, when the Code was promulgated until this latest change, a person could leave the Church by a formal act and no longer be obliged to canonical form for marriage. That is no longer a possibility. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribunal.

The other part of the change announced in the *motu proprio* involves clarification of canons 1008 and 1009 that bishops and priests receive the mission and power to act in the person of Christ. Deacons receive the faculty to serve the People of God in the diaconates of the liturgy, of the Word and of charity. This parallels paragraph 1581 in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

**VOCATION OFFICE**

**VOCATION NIGHT AT MOUNT ST. MARY’S SEMINARY**
On January 27, 2010, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary will host the annual ‘Vocation Evening’ for those men, college age and older, who are interested in pursuing the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The evening begins at 5:15 p.m. with the celebration of Mass and includes dinner and a presentation on life in the seminary. Priests are encouraged to invite men from their parish who might have a vocation to the priesthood to attend this event. More information and registration can be found at [http://cincinnativocations.org/frm012710.php](http://cincinnativocations.org/frm012710.php).

**VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK MATERIALS**
Materials for *Vocation Awareness Week*, which runs this year from January 10-16, 2010, are now posted and online at [http://cincinnativocations.org/vaw.shtml](http://cincinnativocations.org/vaw.shtml). As this is the Year for Priests as called for by Pope Benedict XVI, we have focused the materials on the various aspects of ordained priesthood and the relationship between ordained and baptismal priesthood. We have again provided materials to cover all aspects of parish life from pre-school through adult faith formation. Please distribute these materials as widely as possible in your parish and school. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, contact the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2860 or vocations@catholiccincinnati.org.

**NEW DVD’S COMING SOON**
During the Andrew Dinners, we debuted a new DVD entitled ‘Come, Follow Me…’ focusing on life at the two college seminaries supported by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus and Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis. We are finishing the production of the video and a few companion videos, hopefully in time for Vocation Awareness Week. Please be on the look out for these videos in early January.

**CAST YOUR NETS – CINCINNATI**
The popular youth rally, *Cast Your Nets*, is returning to Cincinnati on January 31, 2010, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Montgomery. While we continue to tweak the schedule, the time remains between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Fr. Anthony Brausch, from the faculty at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, is serving as our keynote speaker with music again by The Lee Roessler Band. Please see [http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/CYN/](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin/CYN/) for information and registration, or contact Wayne Topp in the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2891. Area priests are invited to be a part of the event as they are able. We are specifically in need of help for confessions.
COLLEGE DAY AT THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM
High school juniors and seniors are invited to spend the day at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, to discern the possibility of college seminary. Held on February 15, 2010, the day gives interested men the opportunity to experience the rhythm of life at one of two college seminaries supported by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Information and registration can be found at http://cincinnativocations.org/frm021510.php.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE

GENERAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS
Payment of the first half General Assessment billing was due by December 31, 2009. All parishes were invoiced in December. Please notify Anne Morrow in the Finance Office at 513.421.3131x6604 if you did not receive an invoice. Please note that if payment was not received by December 31, 2009, a late payment fee of 1% will accrue each month on the unpaid first half balance. If you have not completed your financial report for the year ended June 30, 2009, your General Assessment invoice was an estimated bill based on the prior year figures plus 10%. You will receive an adjusted invoice upon receipt of the actual completed report. However, payment of the first half amount was still required by December 31, 2009.

NEW MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE
The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2010 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business purposes. Beginning January 1, 2010 the standard mileage rate for the use of a car (including vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be 50 cents per mile for all business miles driven. As usual, this reimbursement rate is for mileage incurred for business travel and excludes mileage to and from work. As a practical matter, it may be beneficial to review rental car rates for business trips over 150 miles. In some cases, it may be more economical to have an employee rent a car and pay for gas rather than reimburse the employee at the standard mileage rate. If you have any questions regarding the mileage reimbursement rate, please contact the Finance Office.

HEALTH CARE PLAN: DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY AUDIT
As announced in the December Clergy Communications, the Finance Office has authorized a firm, Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., to conduct a Dependent Eligibility Audit during January and February 2010. All members with dependents enrolled in the health care plan will receive a letter in early January and be asked to complete an audit survey; some will be asked to provide proof documents. The audit is mandatory and there are penalties for non-compliance. Please encourage your employees to comply with this effort to assist us in maintaining the integrity and affordability of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Health Care Plan.

PRESCRIPTION SOLUTIONS: NEW PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT MANAGER
As previously announced, Prescription Solutions is the new prescription drug benefit manager as of January 1, 2010. Members who are enrolled in the Health Care Plan have received new drug cards at their homes. If members have questions about medications, refills, or mail service, they
should be instructed to call Prescription Solutions, Member Service at 800.797.9791 and identify themselves as Archdiocese of Cincinnati members. If you have any questions or concerns about this vendor change, please feel free to contact Barb Walsh at 513.421.3131x6603.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) NOTICE
Periodically the CMS office requests information for the IRS/SSA/CMS Data Match Program from our diocesan locations. This office now requires that these questionnaires be completed using an interactive web application. Please continue to send the notifications to Barb Walsh in the Finance Office. Our office will complete the form, send a copy to the parish, and electronically submit the form within 30 days of receipt to CMS. Please send the notices to the Finance Office as soon as possible so that we might be in compliance with this directive. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Barb Walsh, 513.421.3131x6603.

NEW COBRA HEALTH CARE CONTINUATION GUIDELINES
The COBRA Health Care Continuation guidelines for employees who are involuntarily terminated were sent to all schools and parishes this spring. We have received notification that the Federal and State of Ohio rules have been extended for employee terminations through February 28, 2010. We are now subject to the State of Ohio COBRA which includes a twelve months federally funded subsidy reimbursement for those former employees who qualify and make application. As soon as the new directives for this extension and notice requirements are available, we will communicate these rules to all locations. Please call Barb Walsh in the Finance Office, 513.421.3131x6603 with questions or concerns about the application of these changes in the law.

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.

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
Just a reminder that the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements are due for 2010. Each year responsible individuals who hold decision making or policy setting positions or who purchase equipment, supplies or other goods, must sign the form. The Statement can be downloaded from: http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/files/personnel/pdf/conflict_of_interest_disclosure_statement.pdf. As in the past, only Disclosure Statements that have potential conflicts of interest listed must be sent to the Director of Human Resources. All other Disclosure Statements must be kept in a confidential file (at your location) under lock and key. If you have any questions regarding this reminder, please contact Bill Hancock at 513.421.3131.
PASTORAL SERVICES

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: FEBRUARY 14, 2010
World Marriage Day is a day to honor husbands and wives and the Sacrament of Marriage. Please visit the WorldWide Marriage Encounter website at www.wwme.org to download the WMD: Clergy/Family Life Package and the Celebration Planning Package for review.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION MASSES
The Cincinnati Mass will be held at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on May 1, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The Dayton Mass will be held at St. Christopher Parish in Vandalia, Ohio on April 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. More details are forthcoming.

STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY?
Come join us for prayer, support and information on fertility treatments in line with Church teaching and adoption. This program will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal in Ludlow Falls, Ohio. Cost: $10/person (includes lunch). To register please see the flyer included with this mailing or email jborgert@catholiccincinnati.org. Registrations are due by February 22, 2010.

RETREAT FOR TEENAGERS STRUGGLING WITH THEIR PARENTS’ SEPARATION OR DIVORCE
Please join us for an interactive retreat being held on Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12, 2010, at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center in Maria Stein, Ohio. Cost: $50/person, which includes overnight stay, food and materials. Scholarships are available for those in need. To register please see the flyer included with this mailing or email jborgert@catholiccincinnati.org. The deadline for registration is February 5, 2010. Space is limited.

CANA II
A marriage preparation program for couples entering into a second marriage is being offered by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for 2010. For more information, please see the flyer included with this mailing or contact the Family Life Office at 513.421.3131.

MISSION OFFICE

2010 MCP ASSIGNMENTS COMING, 2009 MISSION COLLECTIONS DUE
Thank you for hosting our annual missionary speakers who help educate and enliven our parishioners about our church’s evangelization efforts. Some missionaries who spoke at parishes in 2009 are still waiting for the donations collected at some of our parishes through our annual Archdiocesan Mission Cooperation 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 2010 assignments to our
pastors. So to avoid confusion, please send in 2009 MCP donations ASAP. If you are unsure if your parish has mailed in these donations, please feel free to contact Melonise Knight in the Mission Office at 513.421.3131x 2631.

HAVE EXTRA MASS STIPENDS?
Some of the missionary priests from our Archdiocese request Mass stipends to help support their ministries. If you have extras at your parish, please send them to the Mission Office, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202. Thank you!

ENCOURAGE THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY AND HCA FOR LENT
Expand the spiritual horizons of students and parishioners with the World Mission Rosary! Bishop Fulton Sheen designed it to promote prayer and awareness for our sisters and brothers on other continents, our missionaries, and our mission dioceses. Let the Mission Office bring these rosaries and an explanation program to your parish. Discover more about the World Mission Rosary at www.worldmissionrosary.org. For more information, contact Teresa Phillips in the Mission Office at 513.421.3131 or email mission@catholiccincinnati.org. This can also be an opportunity for students to learn about the Holy Childhood Association (HCA) that supports solidarity among young Catholics worldwide. Find more information at www.hcakids.org.

PARISH TWINNING WORKSHOP MARCH 6, 2010
Many of our parishes continue to find twinning relationships with another parish in the United States or overseas to be very spiritually and culturally rewarding. Mike Haasl of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Mission Office will be giving a workshop on parish twinning in our Archdiocese on Saturday, March 6. Mr. Haasl, a former lay missioner, has done excellent research and theological reflection on twinning from which our Archdiocese has directly benefited. Exact time, topic and location of the workshop will be announced soon. For more information about parish twinning, contact the Mission Office at mission@catholiccincinnati.org or phone 513.421.3131.

MISSION AWARENESS/GLOBAL SOLIDARITY/TWINNING TRIPS COMING
Currently the Mission Office is seriously considering the following trips in 2010 for adults of the Archdiocese: Guatemala with Fr. Joe Braggotti in early June; Palestine and the Holy Land for teachers in early-mid July; and Brazil to commemorate the fifth anniversary of Sr. Dorothy Stang’s martyrdom in late July. Calendar year 2011 may include trips to Ghana and Vietnam. Limited airfare subsidies are available once an application is approved. Applications are available from the Mission Office. For more details contact the Mission Office at mission@catholiccincinnati.org or phone 513.421.3131.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

LEBLOND LECTURE – YEAR FOR PRIESTS
“In persona Christi and the Legacy of the Second Vatican Council,” will be presented by Father Guy Mansini, OSB, STD, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at St. Meinrad Seminary, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, at the Bartlett Pastoral Center, Athenaeum of Ohio.
JUNIOR CLERGY OVERNIGHT  

SPRING RETREAT FOR PRIESTS  
March 22 – 26 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein Retreat House. Father Jim Farrell will direct the retreat. He is a graduate of St. Meinrad Seminary College and Angelicum University; he also took one year of additional studies in moral theology at the Institute of St. Alphonsus. Ordained in 1975, he has served in several parishes of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; in addition, he has been a Dean, a member of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission, and currently sits on the Priests’ Personnel Board. He has recorded four guided meditations on compact disc entitled “Pathways to Prayer.” He is currently Director of the Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. Next month, a registration form for the retreat will be available.

ORIENTATION TO THE THIRD EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL  
On Thursday and Friday, April 15 and 16, priests of the Archdiocese will have an opportunity to begin their orientation to the new Roman Missal. The Worship Office and Priestly Formation Office are in the process of developing a series of sessions for priests, so that they can help the people of the Archdiocese pray with the new texts when they become our official texts for the Mass.

GEORGE C. FINDLEY MEMORIAL LECTURE  
“Marriage in Minority Communities: the Contribution of the Catholic Church,” will be presented by Helen M. Alvare, JD, Associate Professor of Law at George Mason University School of Law on Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bartlett Pastoral Center at the Athenaeum of Ohio.

PRIESTS’ ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
Monday, May 3, Bergamo Center.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION  
Saturday, May 22, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

WORSHIP OFFICE

ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE: JANUARY 22, 2010  
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 should be used with Lectionary readings from Vol. IV, nos. 887 – 891. Violet vestments should be worn.

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, February 21, 2010. 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 in mid-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 to the Worship Office. The deadline for returning the forms is January 19, 2010.
ROMAN MISSAL UPDATE
The Worship Office is providing informational/hearing sessions for clergy, musicians, parish staffs, liturgical ministers, worship commissions, and parishioners to find out what to expect for the reception of the Roman Missal and to gather your input on how best to prepare parish communities. The sessions are free of charge and last two hours. Please call the Worship Office to reserve a space. The information sessions are as follows:
- January 6 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish, Dry Ridge (Northwest of Cincinnati)
- January 7 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Kettering (Dayton)
- January 9 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Parish, Troy (North of Dayton)
- January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s Deanery Training Center, Celina (Northern Area)
- January 14 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Chapel, Fayetteville (Fayetteville, OH)
- January 19 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours Parish (West of Cincinnati)
- January 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (East of Cincinnati)
- January 21 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John Parish, West Chester (North of Cincinnati)

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the Roman Missal workshop being offered by the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship, the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), and NOCERCC on April 15 and 16, 2010 at Good Shepherd Parish in Cincinnati. Brochures will be mailed as soon as we receive them.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

- **Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi: Praying, Believing, Living – Making Connections in the Liturgy:** Through prayer, music, and reflection Fr. Larry Tensi, Karen Kane, and a qualified catechist will invite participants of all ages into a deeper understanding of the celebration of the Eucharist and assist them in connecting this Sunday experience to their everyday lives. Children in grades 1 – 6 will have a separate, spirit-filled program from the adults. The five nights include: Gathering Faithfully Together; The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God; Lift Up Your Hearts; Say Amen! To What You Are; Ite Missa Est. This five evening retreat like experience will be held on January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2010 at All Saints Church in Cincinnati, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. each evening. Parishes can take advantage of registration discounts. See the Worship Office website for more information.

- **Youth Cantor Workshop (rescheduled):** January 23, 2010 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Centerville from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 (noon). The presenter is Sr. Kathleen Harmon, SNDdeN.

- **Our Eucharistic Praying and Devotion: On Eucharist, Adoration, and Exposition:** January 30, 2010 at Bergamo Center, Dayton. From 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The presenter is Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.PP.S

- **LAUDATE: Forming Youth for Music Ministry** to be held June 14 – 17, 2010 at Bergamo Center, Dayton, OH.
For more information on these and other workshops, see our brochures or go to our web site at www.catholiccincinnati.org/worship. You may also contact Karen Kane or Lisa Weber at 513.421.3131.

**OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (OYYAM)**

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

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

- **Boy Scouts Religious Awards Ceremony, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral:** At 2:00 p.m. on January 24, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will preside at the annual Scouting awards ceremony, with a reception following at which Scouting leaders can meet our new Archbishop.

- **Cast Your Nets, 2010:** The next CYN event will take place in Cincinnati on January 31, 2010, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish, sponsored by the OYYAM, Vocations Office, and regional youth ministry associations. Teens come for an evening of Sunday Eucharist, praise and worship music, a keynote presentation, snacks and more, with priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information, please see the article under “Vocation Office” in this mailing.

- **Re-Ignite – Rediscover Your Vision for Life-Changing Youth Ministry:** On March 8, 2010 at Incarnation in Centerville, Jim Knowles of Group Publishing will present this inspiring ministry enrichment day for youth ministry leaders.

- **Connecting Young Adults to Catholic Parishes - Best Practices in Catholic Young Adult Ministry:** Create a young adult friendly parish using the wisdom, insight, and examples from the authors of this unique book. This resource highlights how to do ministry with the young adults who are already present in the life of your parish. This text builds on the vision of the bishops' pastoral statement *Sons and Daughters of the Light* to motivate parish leaders to draw young adults into the life of the community and receive the gifts that they bring. Visit the USCCB Publications website to order a copy.

**OFFICE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC MINISTRIES**

**ARCHBISHOP KARL J. ALTER SCHOLARSHIP**

The Archbishop Alter Scholarship was established in 1964 to promote African American Catholic Leadership. Its purpose is to assist graduating senior high school students in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who are African American and Catholic to attend a college or university. The scholarship deadline is **April 21, 2010.** The scholarship application and forms can be accessed at [http://catholiccincinnati.org/africanamericanministries](http://catholiccincinnati.org/africanamericanministries) or contact the African American Catholic Ministries Office at 513.421.3131x2640.
Catholic Schools Week will be January 31 – February 6, 2010, with the theme being “Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life.” In recognition of Catholic Schools Week, we are asking parishes to ring their church bells at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 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. We are asking parishes to please announce the coming of Catholic Schools Week two weeks prior to the event. Sample bulletin announcements are included with this mailing.

Where two or three are gathered...
Please see the infusion bulletin for Ordinary Time - Lent, January 17, 2010 – Palm Sunday, inserted with this mailing. Thank you.

Help Promote Comprehensive Immigration Reform!
Comprehensive immigration reform legislation is due to be considered by Congress and the Administration sometime in early 2010. The U.S. bishops' Justice for Immigrants effort has launched a postcard campaign to help us advocate with our federal legislators for a more humane immigration system that does not tear families apart. Postcards will come 3-to-a-sheet to facilitate mailings to both Senators and a Representative. The Catholic Social Action Office will be ordering cards, so please contact us in Cincinnati at 513.421.3131x2660 or Dayton at 937.224.3026 if you would like to receive some for your parish, school or religious community. No quantity is too large if you can use them all! You can also learn more about the U.S. Church's work on immigration at www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

Upcoming “Salt and Light”
Catholic Social Teaching Faith Formation Programs
“Salt and Light” is a program designed for adult Catholics to facilitate the integration of the Church's social mission into the life of the parish. The program, consisting of five, two-and-a-half hour sessions, focuses on Catholic social teaching, prayer, and skill development for social justice ministry. The cost is $25 per participant. Priority will be given to host parish parishioners; if participants from other parishes are interested, we request that two or more come from any particular parish, so that participants can work together in developing social ministry in their own parishes.
St. Xavier Church (607 Sycamore St. Downtown, Cincinnati)
Mondays, January 25 and February 1, 8, 15, 22; 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Registration: Deacon Tim Crooker (contact St. X at 513.721.4045)
Information: Tony Stieritz, Director, Catholic Social Action Office, 513.421.3131x2660

Good Shepherd Church (8815 E. Kemper Rd., Montgomery)
Wednesdays, January 27, February 3, 10, 24, and March 10; 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Registration: Mark Westendorf, Coordinator of Outreach Ministries, 513.489.8815

St. Peter, New Richmond and St. Mary, Bethel (taking place at St. Peter Church)
Sundays in Lent, Feb. 21, 28 and March 7, 14, 21; 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Registration: Tony Stieritz, Director, Catholic Social Action Office, 513.421.3131x2660

St. Patrick (409 E. Main St., Troy)
Thursdays, February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11
Information: Pam Long, Regional Director for the Catholic Social Action Office, 937.224.3026

St. Leonard Faith Community, 8100 Clyo Road, Centerville
Wednesdays, April 28, May 5, 12, 19 and 26
Information: Pam Long, Regional Director for the Catholic Social Action Office, 937.224.3026

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE
The St. Martin Deanery Rural Life Conference will be hosting a “Buy Local Foods” seminar on Sunday, January 31, 1:30 – 3:45 p.m. at St. George Parish, Georgetown. The dates of the conference’s regular meetings for 2010 will be on the second Thursday of every other month: February 11, April 8, June 10, August 12, October 14 and December 9. For more information, please contact the Catholic Social Action Office.

HOLDING THE EARTH LIGHTLY:
A CALL TO CARE FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET is the theme of the fourth annual Catholic Relief Services Conference held on Saturday, February 27, at Kennedy Union at the University of Dayton. Dr. Shaun Ferris, Senior Technical Advisor of Agriculture and Environment for Catholic Relief Services will be the keynote speaker at the conference. Dr. Ferris is a food aid expert, who provides technical assistance to CRS programs overseas with an emphasis on agro-enterprise development. This includes developing best practices that enable poor farming communities to engage with markets more successfully. As a result, new methods are now being implemented in more than 35 countries that provide better incomes for farmers. Speakers for the breakout sessions include Kelly Bohrer, Ralph Dull, Sr. Paula Gonzalez, Sr. Leanne Jablonski, Mary Niebler, members of the Precious Planet Ministry from St. Francis of Assisi in Centerville, and Tony Stieritz.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Pastors: If you were unable to attend one of the 2010 CMA Workshops held December 1-3
throughout the Archdiocese, please contact Michael Vanderburgh or Brian Doyle. We want to ensure that you have all the details for a successful appeal in your parish.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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Thank you for your participation and leadership in supporting the six regional ministries of the 2010 CMA. We look forward to a successful appeal!

**PARISH ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS**

We currently have over 50 parishes that have not submitted additions, deletions, and corrections to their parishioner mailing lists since Fall 2008. Please ensure that your parish submits periodic updates (either hardcopy or by email) throughout the year. If you are still using the old AAFD forms (green, pink, yellow – addressed to the old Office of Financial Development), that is also acceptable. Please call Michael Vanderburgh at 513.257.6266 with any questions or concerns.

**SAVE THE DATE – PARISH STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE BRIEFING**

Pastors, please plan to attend a briefing for the Offertory Enhancement component of the Parish Stewardship Initiative (PSI). The Cunneen Company will present information and enrollment forms for parishes to sign up for their own nine-week process, which will be customized for each parish. Please look for future communications from your dean and our office. All pastors, as well as any staff or volunteer whom a pastor chooses, should attend one of the deanery meetings below. Each of these meetings will include a meal, so when the time grows nearer, please let the dean know how many are coming from your parish:

- **Hamilton Deanery** (Father Tim Bunch, dean) Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at St. Julie Billiart Parish, Fenmont Center, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., beginning with lunch.
- **Cathedral Deanery** (Father Joe Robinson, dean) Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at the Cathedral Synod Hall, 12:15 - 2:15 p.m., beginning with lunch.
- **St. Martin Deanery** (Father Bill Wagner, dean) Thursday, February 4, 2010 at St. George Parish, Georgetown, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. beginning with lunch.
- **St. Lawrence Deanery** (Father Jim Walsh, dean) Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at St. Dominic Parish, O’Connor Hall, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., beginning with lunch.
- **Springfield Deanery** (Father Dennis Caylor, dean) Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at St. Raphael Parish Hoban Hall, 1:00 -3:00 p.m. beginning with lunch.
- **St. Andrew Deanery** (Father Mark Burger, dean) Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at St. John Parish, Favret Hall (formerly St. John’s Hall), 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. beginning with lunch.
- **St. Francis de Sales Deanery** (Father Len Wenke, dean) Thursday, February 18, 2010 at The Athenaeum, 12:00 p.m. optional lunch, with the meeting 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- **St. Margaret Mary Deanery** (Father George Jacquemin, dean) Thursday, March 4,
2010 at Clovernook Country Club, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., beginning with lunch.

**Dayton Deanery** (Father Dave Brinkmoeller, dean) Thursday, March 4, 2010 at St. Christopher Parish, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

**St. Marys Deanery and Sidney Deanery** (Fathers Jim Seibert and Steve Shoup, deans, respectively) Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at St. Charles Center, Carthagena, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. with optional lunch to follow.

SAVE THE DATE – STEWARDSHIP SUMMIT
Registration brochures for the first-ever Stewardship Summit for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be mailed to all pastors soon. This gathering will be a faith-filled forum for sharing best practices of engaging parishioners. We will feature a variety of speakers from across the United States, including Fr. Leo Patalinghug (gracebeforemeals.com), and Leisa Anslinger (thegenerousheart.com). The event will be held at the University of Dayton, Kennedy Union, on Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 24, 2010. Archbishop Schnurr requests that all pastors attend. If a pastor cannot attend, he is asked to send a parish representative in his place. Each parish receives one free registration. We also have a limited number of additional registrations available “at cost” ($150 per person, with a maximum of two additional registrations per parish). Our maximum capacity for this event is 350 attendees, so please register as soon as you receive the brochure. You won’t want to miss this conference!

MISCELLANEOUS

ADULT SPIRITUALITY INSTITUTE AT THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO
Three sessions are scheduled:

- **“Looking for God”** by Father Timothy Schehr, PhD, on Mondays, January 11 – February 1 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon).
- **“Healing and Reconciliation in the Church Today”** by Father Earl K. Fernandes, STD, on Thursdays, March 4 – 25 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- **“Approaching God in Teresa of Avila’s Interior Castle”** by Gillian T.W. Ahlgren, Ph.D., on Mondays, April 12 – May 3 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (noon).

All sessions will be held at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. Fees are nominal. For additional information please call 513.231.2223x143.

Please submit articles for the February *Clergy Communications* before January 22, 2010

Thank You.

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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.”

Project Rachel is a Post-Abortive Healing Ministry. There will be a retreat held on March 12-14, 2010, at the Bergamo Center, Dayton, Ohio. For more information, please call our confidential help line at 513.784.0531 or email mboyd@catholiccincinnati.org.

ROE VS. WADE - January 22, 2010 – Please pray for all victims of abortion on the anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision to legalize abortion.

FOCCUS Facilitator Training will take place on Thursdays, February 11 and February 18 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 25 E. Harrison Avenue, North Bend, Ohio. Please call the Family Life Office at 513.421.3131 to register. Also, training will be held on Tuesdays, February 2 and February 9 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the Family Life Office, 119 E. Water Street, Sidney, Ohio. Please call Jean Borgert at 937.492.4449 to register. Cost: $80.00 for materials and training.

Ruah Woods - Theology of the Body is offering “God’s Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage – A Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples, Friday, February 6, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 7, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, please visit www.ruahwoods.org. This class does not replace Pre-Cana; couples can register in addition to the Pre-Cana classes offered by the Archdiocese.

Struggling with Infertility? Come join us for prayer, support and information on fertility treatments in line with Church teaching and adoption, held on Saturday, February 27, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at the Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal, Ludlow Falls, Ohio. Cost: $10/person (includes lunch). To register please email jborgert@catholiccincinnati.org. Registrations due by February 22, 2010.

Retreat for Teenagers Struggling with their Parents’ Separation or Divorce - Please join us for an interactive retreat held on Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12, 2010, at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center, Maria Stein, Ohio. Cost is $50 per person, which includes overnight stay,
food and materials. Scholarships are available for those in need. Space is limited. To register, please email jborgert@catholiccincinnati.org. Deadline for registration is February 5, 2010.

**Lunch, Laughter and Learning**, sponsored by the Maria Stein Spiritual Center, Family Life Office, Deanery Center, and Miami Valley Pastoral Counseling Center, is offered the third Tuesday of the month through May 2010. Sessions are held at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center, Maria Stein, Ohio from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. To register, call the Spiritual Center at 419.925.7625. Cost: $7.00/person (includes lunch).

**CANA II**, a marriage preparation program for couples entering into a second marriage, is being offered by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for 2010. For more information contact the Family Life Office at 513.421.3131.

**Vocation Night at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary** - On January 27, 2010, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati will host their annual ‘Vocation Night’ for men, college age and older, who are interested in pursuing the priesthood at the post-graduate level. The evening begins at 5:15 p.m. with Mass and is followed by dinner and a short presentation on life in the seminary. Those interested in attending can register online at http://cincinnativocations.org/frm012710.php or by calling the Vocation Office at 513.431.3131 x2890.

**College Day at the Pontifical College Josephinum** - On February 15, 2010, the Pontifical College Josephinum opens her doors to high school juniors and seniors who are interested in pursuing college seminary with an eye toward the priesthood. The day provides interested young men the opportunity to experience the rhythm of life in a college seminary, meet current seminarians and attend class with the community. Information and registration can be found online at http://cincinnativocations.org/frm021510.php or by calling the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2890.
Catholic Schools Week - We are asking parishes to please announce the coming of Catholic Schools Week two weeks prior to the event. Below please find sample bulletin announcements to be placed in your parish bulletins.

For the Church bulletin of Sunday, January 17, 2010

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 – Dividends for Life.” Each day beginning Sunday, January 31, 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.

For the Church bulletin of Sunday, January 24, 2010

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 – Dividends for Life.” Throughout the week, we will focus on different parts of our community. Open House is next week Sunday – visit the classrooms.

For the Church bulletin of Sunday, January 31, 2010

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.