



CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

CONFIRMATION 2007-2008

On June 25, 2007 I sent via e-mail and fax a memorandum to all priests and deacons regarding the Implications of Bishop Moeddel's Retirement. The second paragraph of this memorandum outlined how Confirmations would be scheduled for 2007-2008.

Parishes where the Archbishop will preside at Confirmation have been informed. Those parishes who have not received a scheduled date for Confirmation with the Archbishop are to contact the Dean to celebrate the sacrament. If for some reason, a pastor does not wish to invite a dean to celebrate the sacrament, the pastor is to write to the Archbishop to request faculties to confirm. Faculties are necessary for validity.

I had fondly hoped that this information would be communicated by parish priests to school principals, DREs, etc. However, the number of phone calls that have been directed to my office asking for information about Confirmation has led me to believe that my hope was vain. Hence this additional notice.

CLERUS CINCINNATENSIS

Copies of the 2007 edition of the *Clerus* will be distributed at the Priests' Convocation on October 23, 2007. Packets will be alphabetically arranged by the last name of the priest. Pastors will receive a packet containing their own personal copy of the *Clerus*, along with a copy for each parish, and a copy for each of the deacons assigned to the parish. The retired priests and deacons will receive a copy of the *Clerus* by mail shortly before the Convocation.

DEPARTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SERVICES

THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH

THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH- SOME REMINDERS

For the last several years, Archbishop Pilarczyk has requested that all parishes provide *The Catholic Telegraph* to at least 50 percent of the registered households in an effort to increase adult faith formation throughout the Archdiocese. The impetus for his request was the U.S.

Bishops' 1999 document on evangelization, *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*, which urged dioceses to use existing media and other venues for evangelization. The effort to evangelize has been manifested in many ways including the "Grateful Believers" series appearing currently appearing in *The Catholic Telegraph* which has provided the means for people to reflect on the many blessings God has given us.

The policy of *The Catholic Telegraph* is to bill parishes on July 1 for the coming year's subscribers. Parishes are free to ask parishioners to reimburse them for the cost of the paper. If so desired, *The Catholic Telegraph* will also mail a letter to parishioners asking them to support their pastor's efforts. Discount rates are offered to parishes that provide the paper to all of their registered households. Subscribers may be added and deleted throughout the year, but the billing remains static until the end of each fiscal year. An online system maintained by the Cathedral Foundation in Baltimore allows parishes to keep their lists current, saving money.

Additionally, available for schools and DREs is a free manual on using *The Catholic Telegraph* in an educational setting.

If you need any additional information about subscriptions to *The Catholic Telegraph*, please feel free to contact Mr. Greg Hartman, circulation manager at 513.421.3131. Thank you for your support of *The Catholic Telegraph*.

CHANCERY

CLERGY ALERTS

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, has notified the USCCB that a number of communications have been received by priests from someone claiming to be **His Eminence Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone**, Secretary of State of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. These communications, by telephone and by e-mail, are false, and have no merit whatsoever.

The Diocese of Manchester has advised the USCCB that **Fr. Patrick Slaney**, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. John's, Newfoundland, has made solicitations for Mass intentions and stipends to Catholic faithful. Fr. Slaney has had no canonical faculties for many years following a criminal conviction for sex abuse. If further information is needed, please contact the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of St. John's, Fr. Francis Puddister, at 709.726.3660.

The Diocese of Saginaw has advised the USCCB that **Fr. James Osimbo Okonya**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Mombasa (Kenya) has had his priestly faculties suspended and does not have permission to be outside the Archdiocese of Mombasa. If further information is needed, please contact the Diocese of Saginaw at 989.799.7910.

The Diocese of Colorado Springs has advised the USCCB of its concerns regarding **Fr. Joseph Khoa Tien Nguyen** and **Fr. Augustine Tuong Nguyen**. Even though they have presented themselves as priests in good standing, the Diocese of Colorado Springs has been informed that

they are absent from their diocese without permission. Their whereabouts are unknown. Those needing further information may contact the Office of Bishop Michael Sheridan at 719.636.2345.

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Nicholas has advised us that **Fr. Alexander Avramenko** has been suspended and no longer enjoys the faculties of that Eparchy. It is a possibility that he may seek a position in the United States. Those needing further information should contact the office of Bishop Richard Seminack of the Eparchy at 773.276.5080.

The Bishop of Sorsogon, Philippines has informed the USCCB about “**SMAHE**” and **Father Alejandro “Anly” Galias**. The group known as the Sons/Sisters of Mary, Adorers of the Holy Eucharist (“**SMAHE**”) is not a religious institute or congregation and has no juridical personality. The founder of “**SMAHE**,” Fr. Alejandro Galias (also known as Fr. Franz Mariae Crucis) is forbidden to recruit vocations or to solicit funds for this group. For further information, contact Bishop Arturo M. Bastes at bp_bastes@sorsogondiocese.org or Fr. Librado L. Baluarte at dioyo@usa.net.

The Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend has advised the USCCB of its concern regarding **Kenneth Maley**. He was dismissed from the Congregation of the Holy Cross and has not served as a priest in twenty years. There is reason to believe that he may travel to locations in the United States and conduct programs on behalf of Catholic organizations. The Diocese cautions recipients about their dealings with Kenneth Maley. For further information, please contact Fr. Robert Schulte, Vicar General of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend, at 260.399.1419.

CORRECTION ON DESIGNATED COLLECTION DATES

Two of the dates that appeared in the August Clergy Communications for the Designated Collections were wrong. The corrected dates are **Catholic Relief Services: April 5-6, 2008** and the **Holy Father’s Collection: June 28-29, 2008**. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

OCTOBER COUNT GRID 2007

Enclosed with this newsletter is the OCTOBER COUNT GRID 2007 for parishes and institutions where regular weekend Masses are celebrated. Please return the completed sheet before the **Friday, November 16, 2007** deadline. Thank you.

OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY UPDATE SHEETS

Please be on the lookout for a mailing from The P.J. Kenedy Publishing Company which can easily be mistaken for an ad. The mailing may contain update sheets for the 2008 Official Catholic Directory which needs your immediate attention. Please make the necessary corrections and additions as soon as possible and send the sheets to the Chancery.

FINGERPRINTING / ATTENDING AN ORIENTATION SESSION

All employees and regular volunteers who work with children must receive a positive fingerprint report and attend an orientation session on the Decree on Child Protection. If an employee or a regular volunteer has not received a positive fingerprint report or has not attended an orientation session 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, each time an employee or

regular volunteer has a change in service, the employee or regular volunteer is required to be fingerprinted again.

In addition, a B-4 Form must be completed, and the registry check noted in B-4 Policy must be completed before an employee begins working with children.

If you have any questions, please contact **Fr. Joe Binzer** at **513.421.3131x483**. Thanks for all you do to protect children entrusted to our care.

VOCATION OFFICE

MINISTRY EVENING AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati will host a Ministry Evening for men in their 20's, 30's or 40's who are interested in the priesthood. Those attending will learn what life is like as a seminarian and priest. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. To register, contact the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131 or over the internet at www.cincinnati vocations.org by Tuesday, October 16, 2007. Please encourage unmarried men in your parish to attend this event.

LIVE-IN WEEKEND AT THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2007

The Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus is holding a Live-In Weekend for young men in their Junior or Senior year of high school or those who are College Freshman and Sophomores. Over the weekend, the young men will get to attend classes, talk, pray and eat with seminarians. They will meet priests/faculty, attend Mass and have their questions answered about discernment, financial aid, student life, prayer and academics. The event begins at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25 and finishes with brunch at noon on Sunday, October 28, 2007. To register, the men should contact the Vocation office at 513.421.3131 or register over the internet at www.cincinnati vocations.org by Monday, October 22, 2007.

Please announce these events widely and encourage young men in your parish to attend. The Vocation Office will send out bulletin announcements closer to the events.

DIACONATE OFFICE

ANNIVERSARY

Deacon Susano Mascorro will be celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate on October 15. Deacon Mascorro is assigned to St. Helen Parish, Dayton.

DEACONS RETIRE

Deacon Michael Davenport, ordained on September 26, 1992, is retiring on September 9 from his assignment as a deacon at St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Cincinnati. Deacon Davenport served at St. Teresa of Avila Parish for fifteen years.

Deacon James Kowalski, ordained on September 26, 1976, is retiring on September 30 from his assignment at St. Joseph Parish in Hamilton. Deacon Kowalski has served at St. John the Evangelist, Deer Park, St. Aloysius, Elmwood Place, and St. Joseph, Hamilton.

Deacons Davenport and Kowalski retain their faculties as deacons of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the title deacon. They will continue to serve the people of the Archdiocese as they are able. The Archdiocese is grateful for the service they have provided up to now.

PREACHING WORKSHOP

A preaching workshop is being offered and is free to all deacons who would like to attend. The cost for all others is \$30 to cover lunch and materials. The workshop will take place on November 10, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Monroe. The title is “Making Just Faith Real: Preaching Social Justice – Reviving the Human Spirit,” and will be presented by Jessie Thomas. Jessie is presently working on her doctoral degree in homiletics at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis and is married to Deacon Dan Thomas. For a registration form or further information, please contact the Office of the Diaconate 513.421.3131.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

BULLETINS NEEDED

A major source of information that the Office of Communications and the Catholic Telegraph use in putting together “E-pistle,” the weekly electronic newsletter from the Archdiocese (www.catholiccincinnati.org/epistle), is parish bulletins. Some parishes send them each week to *The Catholic Telegraph* and some we glean from parish websites. But there are a large number of bulletins that we don’t get at all. Please be sure that your parish is sending the bulletin each week to: Bulletin Editor, Catholic Telegraph, 100 E. Eighth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

CATECHETICAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2007 ON WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS WITH BILL HUEBSCH

Do you think of Catechesis as more than a series of distinct programs? Do you often wonder how the entire experience of parish life can form people of all ages in faith? We will explore those questions and others on October 25, 2007 at our annual Catechetical Leadership Conference, led by Bill Huebsch, widely known for his pioneering work in Whole Community Catechesis (WCC). The conference will delve into the theory and practice of WCC. Since it involves the whole parish, it would seem fitting for the whole parish staff to attend and we encourage that. A growing number of parishes both locally and nationally are moving in this direction and it does not mean that you have to dismantle everything you are now doing. Mark your calendar today! Brochures will follow in the mail. For information, please contact the

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, 266 Bainbridge St., Dayton OH 45402, 937.223.4075.
To download the brochure go to this address:

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/Upcoming_Event.htm#Lifelong.

IN-SERVICE ON LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY FOR ALL PASTORS AND LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

In 2005 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) published *Co-Workers in the Vineyard*, a resource for guiding the development of lay ecclesial ministry in the United States. The Archbishop's Task Force on Lay Ecclesial Ministry was established to use this resource to develop archdiocesan guidelines for the formation and preparation for all those serving as lay ecclesial ministers in the archdiocese. This group of over 50 pastors, representatives from the colleges and universities in the archdiocese, archdiocesan staff, and parish lay ecclesial ministers has completed its work of preparing these guidelines.

Archbishop Pilarczyk will present these guidelines – intended for use by all parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati – at three in-services around the archdiocese:

- October 1, 2007 at Holy Redeemer Church, New Bremen, 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- October 17, 2007 at the Athenaeum of Ohio, 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
- October 18, 2007 at Ascension parish in Kettering, 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

These workshops are intended for Pastors, Business Managers, Deacons, those currently serving as lay ecclesial ministers, and those who may be interested in doing so in the future – including DREs and CREs, Coordinators of Youth Ministry, Pastoral Associates and Music Directors. (Please note that Catholic School Principals and Catholic School Teachers have a different formation and certification process; these guidelines will not apply to them.)

Registration information will be forthcoming. The in-services are free of charge, but registration will be necessary.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICE

YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORTS

We ask that parishes and schools that have not yet submitted their annual financial report to please do so as soon as possible. Please add a contact email address if possible. The due date was August 17. We thank those parishes who have already sent in their reports.

HEALTHCARE BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION

No cash compensation may be offered by Archdiocesan employers to those employees who elect not to be covered by the Archdiocese's healthcare plan because they are eligible to be covered by their spouse's healthcare plan.

Offering a choice between non-taxable benefits (e.g. health plan coverage) or higher compensation would result in constructive receipt of additional income for those employees who are covered by the health plan. As explained in IRS Private Letter Ruling 9406002, the IRS position is that when employees are offered a choice between higher pay with no benefits or lower pay with benefits, the employees who take the lower pay with benefits option will have imputed income equal to the extra pay they would have received if they had not taken the benefits option.

STOCK DONATIONS

Many parishioners satisfy pledges and yearly contributions to their parish/school by making gifts of stock. The Archdiocese has established several ways to accept such donations. We do experience situations in which a donor simply executes a transfer without notifying the Archdiocese and/or the parish/school of that action. This causes a delay in the donation being processed and requires an inordinate amount of time to settle. To avoid such situations, please **strongly advise** all donors that they must inform the parish/school **and** the Archdiocese of **all** transactions to ensure the parish/school is properly credited and that they are properly acknowledged in a timely manner. For all communications, please contact Annie Lipps by phone 513.421.3131x400, by fax 513.421.6225, or by email alipps@catholiccincinnati.org. Thanks for your cooperation.

RAFFLES USING OHIO LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

Selling tickets for a raffle that depends upon the winning Ohio Lottery number is illegal under Ohio law. Our attorneys advise us that such fundraisers violate O.R.C. Section 3770.08(B). Only the Ohio Lottery Commission and its authorized dealers can participate in any way in the Ohio Lottery. Selling tickets where the winning numbers are selected by the Ohio Lottery commission violates the statute.

PASTORAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

REVIVAL 2007 “YOU ARE NOT ALONE”

Revival 2007 is a part of the on-going faith formation opportunities offered by PMAAC (a group of Pastoral Ministers from St. Agnes, St. Andrew, St. Anthony, St. Joseph, St. Leo, St. Mark, St. Martin de Porres, The Claver Jesuit Community and the Office of African American Catholic Ministries) to assist parishioners to name their experience of God’s movement in their lives. Revival is rooted in the Catholic tradition to renew one’s baptismal commitment to follow the way of the Lord. All are invited to join us. Please see the enclosed flyer for further information, or contact Rev. Mr. Royce Winters at 513.421.3131x242, or visit www.pmaac.com.

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

FALL FOCCUS TRAINING

There will be a 2-evening FOCCUS training at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Anderson Township on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 and Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. If you have any interested couples in your parish, please contact Bonnie Mack in the family Life Office at 513.421.3131x226 to register.

PRE-CANA DATES FOR 2008

The following are the 2008 Pre-Cana dates for Cincinnati, Dayton and Sidney. 2008 brochures will be available at the end of the September.

Cincinnati classes are held at Muntz Hall on the campus of Raymond Walters College:

January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15.

Dayton classes are held at the Bergamo Center:

February 9, April 12, June 7, August 9, October 11, November 8.

Sidney Classes are held at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein:

January 26, March 1, April 5, June 14, September 13, December 6.

RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM

Respect Life Sunday is October 7, 2007, and the month of October is Respect Life month. USCCB packets “THE INFANT IN MY WOMB LEAPED FOR JOY” have been sent out. Any questions or requests call Mary Anne Boyd in the Family Life Office at 513.421.3131x219.

PROJECT RACHEL

The retreat is scheduled for the weekend of September 28 through September 30, 2007 at the Milford Spiritual Center. For registration forms or more information call 513.784.0531.

TRIBUNAL CASES INFORMATIONAL EVENING

This event will occur on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at St. Charles Center, 2860 U.S. 127 Celina OH 45822. Jean Borgert from the Family Life Office and Dr. Mary Ehret from St. Henry Parish, Dayton, OH, both Procurator/Advocates for the Tribunal will be speaking on the Declaration of Nullity process. For more information and/or to register, please call the Family Life office at 937.492.4449.

Many Catholics are hurting because of their marital situations. Some are divorced and remarried outside of the Catholic Church. Some are married to a divorced person. Many families have parents, children, grandchildren who are divorced and are concerned about their relationship with the Catholic Church. Can anything be done for these individuals? In many cases, the Catholic Church provides a solution through the Declaration of Nullity process. For others, information is all that is needed to help get an understanding of the Church’s teachings and get them on the path to reconciliation. This evening is an opportune time to deal with these hurting situations.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

Sunday, September 9, 2007 is National Grandparent’s Day. Perhaps there is something that your parish could do to celebrate this with all the grandparents in your faith community.

OCTOBER IS PREGNANCY & INFANT AWARENESS MONTH

In 1988, President Ronald Regan declared October Pregnancy & Infant Awareness Month. The first walk was held in Washington D.C. in October, 1989. Since then, thousands of memorial walks have happened around the country. The early walks were small and usually attended by parents, a few family members, and some caregivers. The walks were held at cemeteries with a stroll through the grounds. Perhaps your parish would like to join in and remember the value of human life during October 2007. The website, www.nationalshareoffice.com has many ideas, statistics, and resources for the families and caregivers in your parish who have experienced the loss of an infant.

NORTHERN AREA GRIEF SHARE AND DIVORCE CARE SERIES

The Family Life Office is offering series of classes for those grieving and/or those going through a separation or divorce. Please see the inserts included with this mailing.

MISSION OFFICE

WHAT WAS THE QUALITY OF YOUR MISSION SPEAKER?

The Mission Office is grateful to all pastors and parishioners for hosting the MCP (Missionary Co-op Plan) speakers as they remind us of our church's universality and our privilege to be involved in global evangelization and solidarity efforts. The Mission Office also appreciates any positive or negative comments from our pastors or parishioners about your visiting missionary's pulpit appeal as they help us determine who will invite back the following year. Phone or e-mail your comments to us at 513.421.3131x202 or mission@catholiccincinnati.org.

Please remember that once the MCP donations are collected they need to be sent promptly and addressed to the **Mission Office**, 100 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202. So they can be properly recorded in our Archdiocesan Mission Office for Vatican records, please do NOT send these collections to Chancery Office or the missionary organization. If you have outstanding MCP or past October Mission Sunday collections from past years, please mail them to the Mission Office ASAP.

STAND WITH AFRICA! INVITE PARISHIONERS TO THE...“AFRICA SUMMIT”

This is an educational/advocacy program co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Offices of Mission and African American Ministries. It will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Kettering. **Fr. Michael Perry, OFM, Ph.D.**, who helped to author the U.S. bishops' document, "A Call to Solidarity with Africa" will be our keynoter. Local African doctors and professors such as Dr. Oliver Mogga and Dr. Zama Ndefru will speak at workshops on African economic, health, refugee, immigration and other issues. Members of all cultures are invited. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. Registration required by September 7, 2007 with checks payable and mailed to: Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. 8th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. Please download our flyer for further information at www.catholiccincinnati.org/mission.

“AFRICAN WORLD MISSION SUNDAY MASS”

Will be joyfully celebrated on Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Church in Dayton. Bishop Gabriel Mante of Jasikan Diocese in Ghana will be our main presider. The prelude of music and dance begins at 2:30 p.m. The liturgy will be followed by wonderful African music, singing dancing, food, art and vendors. Members of all Catholic cultures are welcome to these spiritually up-lifting and joyous events. Please download our flyer for further information. The website is: www.catholiccincinnati.org/mission.

LEARNING AND “SHINING” ABOUT PARISH TWINNING OCTOBER 7, 2007

Why are 50 of our archdiocesan parishes in twinning relationships and more are on the way? What is it about? Are you proud of your parish’s twinning efforts with another parish in the US or abroad? On Sunday, October 7, 2007 members of parish twinning teams are welcome to set up displays and hand-outs after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses in the St. Therese, Little Flower school cafeteria in Cincinnati. It will be a great time to exchange stories and ideas to deepen our mission, solidarity and spiritual growth. For details, contact Teresa Phillips at the Mission Office at 513.421.3131, or e-mail mission@catholiccincinnati.org. See our website for helpful descriptions, theological foundations, and examples of various parishes already being graced by twinning at www.catholiccincinnati.org/mission.

MATERIALS COMING TO PROMOTE THE ANNUAL WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007 AT YOUR PARISH

Some parishioners from various parts of the archdiocese tell the Mission Office that during some Octobers there are no homilies, posters, or bulletin announcements provided to instruct them at their parish about the vital efforts of Pontifical Mission Societies like the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. A thousand mission dioceses heavily depend on the October 21, 2007 global World Mission Sunday collection that is channeled through that papal mission society. The Mission Office is mailing each parish a World Mission Sunday resource packet with liturgy and homily helps, posters, announcements, etc. Many of these resources, bulletin clips, Holy Father’s message, etc. can be easily downloaded from www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org.

WORSHIP OFFICE

MOTU PROPRIO: *SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM*

As many are already aware, Pope Benedict XVI expanded the use of the preconciliar liturgy (Tridentine Mass), or now known as the *extraordinary form* of Mass, in his recent apostolic letter, *Summorum Pontificum*. Even with the expanded permission to celebrate the *extraordinary form* of Mass, the Holy Father has certain expectations which must be met prior to any celebration of this form of the liturgy. A letter from Archbishop Pilarczyk with the accompanying norms for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be sent out to all priests in the very near future. If there are any questions regarding the norms, please contact Karen Kane in the Worship Office.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS AND SOURCEBOOKS

The Worship Office is taking orders for the LTP *Lector Workbooks* and *Sourcebooks for Sundays and Seasons*. The cost of the books are:

A Workbook of Lectors and Gospel Readers 2008 (Lector Workbooks)

1-49 copies	\$9.50 each
50 +	\$8.50 each

Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons 2008

Single copy	\$11.00
2 or more copies	\$10.00 each

Please contact Lisa Weber at the Worship Office, 513.421.3131x220 or email her at lweber@catholiccincinnati.org.

49TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The 49th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Quebec City, Canada the week of June 15 – 22, 2008. The theme of the Congress is: *The Eucharist, Gift of God for the Life of the World*. It will be “a gathering of the universal Church celebrating Jesus alive and present in the Eucharist...” The Archdiocesan Worship Office has been delegated to take reservations and provide information regarding the Congress for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. A letter and brochure will be sent to each pastor in early September to provide more information about the Congress. There will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John Church, West Chester. Any pastor or parish staff member interested in learning more about the Congress is invited to attend the informational meeting. Please contact the Worship Office to RSVP for the informational meeting. To learn more about the Congress you can go to www.cei2008.ca.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Role of Parish Worship Commission Workshop: September 6, 2007 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Kenwood or September 10, 2007 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. Peter Parish, Huber Heights. The presenters are Rev. Steve Walter and Ms. Mary Bellman.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Workshop: September 12, 2007 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. Vivian Parish, Cincinnati. The presenters are Ms. Karen Kane and Ms. Mary Lee Rossbach.

Introduction to Liturgy: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2007 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cincinnati. The presenters are Fr. Larry Tensi and Ms. Karen Kane.

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For more information on the following, we invite you to visit the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry home pages at: www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin (youth ministry) and www.catholiccincinnati.org/yamin (young adult ministry).

FORMING YOUNG DISCIPLES AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS ON THE NATIONAL STUDY OF YOUTH & RELIGION

The National Study of Youth & Religion has profoundly challenged the status quo of Catholic faith formation here in the United States. In response, the OYYAM and the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis have developed Archdiocesan guidelines on parish-based faith formation for adolescents which are available on a CD titled "Forming Young Disciples." Each of our parishes should be familiar with and utilizing these guidelines. To receive the CD, an orientation to Forming Young Disciples and/or a special presentation on The National Study of Youth & Religion, contact your regional OYYAM or OEC.

INTRODUCTION TO CATECHETICAL MINISTRY WITH ADOLESCENTS

Training for Youth Ministers and Parish Catechists of Grades 7 through 12

Introduction to Catechetical Ministry with Adolescents: Forming Young Disciples in the Catholic Faith is mini-course of four, 2-1/2 hour sessions on The Vocation and Ministry of the Catechist, Catechetical Process, The Creative Catechist, and Catholic Identity. The sessions will occur respectively on **September 13, 20, 27 and October 4**, from **7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. Vivian Parish, Cincinnati**. This training fulfills requirements for Catechist Certification from the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, and Youth Ministry Leader Certification from the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. For more information or to register, go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/youthmin or contact your regional OYYAM in Cincinnati at 513.421.3131 or in Dayton/North at 937.223.1001.

OHIO CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE:

Get A Grip: Real Faith for the Real World

Mark your calendars: On Saturday October 6, 2007, for the 2nd year in a row, the Catholic dioceses of the State of Ohio are holding their annual statewide Young Adult Conference at Good Shepherd Parish in Cincinnati. The conference will feature praise and worship, music, a conversation with Archbishop Pilarczyk, a special workshop with Bill Tonnis (<http://www.billtonnismusic.com/>), and a variety of workshops from relationships to politics to social justice, all geared to today's Catholic young adult. For more information or to register online, go to www.OhioYoungAdultMinistry.com.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC) IN COLUMBUS IN NOVEMBER 2007

The NCYC is the place to be in November 2007 if you're a Catholic youth! Youth in the high school graduating classes of 2008-2011 and their adult chaperones are welcome. The conference should draw 20,000 - 25,000 teens and their adult leaders, and features the best in Catholic keynoters, music, inspiring workshops and fun-with-a-purpose. It's a great opportunity to experience the vitality of the young Catholic Church gathered from across the country. Some details: This year the conference is right up the road: November 8-11, 2007 at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, OH. Our group will stay at the Holiday Inn Columbus City Center. We will provide a bus or you can get there on your own. Visit the OYYAM website for more details.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 / SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA & SIDNEY, OHIO

Parishes and individuals interested in traveling to Australia for World Youth Day 2008 can visit the OYYAM website for more information. Can't make it to Sydney, Australia for World Youth Day 2008? For those who would like to join in the celebration for significantly less time and money, the dioceses of Ohio and Michigan are planning a terrific event. On the very same weekend as our friends who have journeyed to Australia, July 19-20, 2008, we will host an event in Sidney, OH on the grounds of Lehman High School. The event will be complete with the experience of sleeping outside under the stars, great music, great speakers and terrific prayer 12 times. In addition, we will have a jumbo screen to broadcast some of the live events in Australia – all this for a cost in the neighborhood of \$80 per person. We will keep you posted as the details progress – but **mark your calendars now** to join youth from all of Ohio and Michigan at this special event. Follow these links to our band www.spiritandsong.com/artists/whodoyousayiam and our main speaker www.mikepatin.com.

PRIESTLY FORMATION OFFICE

CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

At our Convocation in October of 2005, the priests of the Archdiocese overwhelmingly ratified Futures Proposal #9, which included raising the number of days required each year for continuing education of priests from two to four. Exclusive of the retreats listed below, the programs here can help meet those requirements that we priests have expected of ourselves. In addition, many offices of the archdiocese also offer programs throughout the year which can assist each priest in his ongoing formation. Priests are not limited to programs in the archdiocese; the opportunities are almost endless. Our Priests' Personnel Policies provide that the Priestly Formation Office is responsible for the cost of tuition/registration for any ongoing formation/education endeavor; the priests' assignments are responsible for overnight expenses when those are involved; the priests themselves are responsible for transportation expenses (and can charge those to Professional Reimbursement). Please feel free to address any questions or concerns to the Priestly Formation Office.

FAITH LEADER ACADEMY OF REVIVING THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Reviving the Human Spirit is a collaborative effort to increase the capacity of faith communities to effectively prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug problems among the people they serve. The Faith Leader Academy is a training program specifically for clergy and other faith leaders. The Academy is conducted in a series of five Thursdays, beginning September 20, 2007. For more information, contact Cameron Foster, of the Alcoholism Council of the Cincinnati Area, at 513.287.7880, or visit the website www.asapcenter.org/rths.index.html.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, September 26, 2007 from 9:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., five experienced Business Managers will present an introductory workshop on Best Practices in the areas of Office Management, Financial Management, Buildings and Grounds Management, and Labor Law for Parishes. A workbook with very useful checklists and other kinds of information will be provided to participants, along with several essential documents from the central offices of the

Archdiocese. If you have not received a registration flyer, contact the Priestly Formation Office. The program will be held in the Pavilion Building at St. John Church, West Chester. Pastors, Business Managers, and others involved in parish administration will benefit from the day.

ICONS - REVEALING THE MYSTERY OF GOD

Virginia M. Kimball, STD, Adjunct Professor in the Religious Studies and Theology Department at Merrimack College in Massachusetts, will provide both information and prayer opportunities with and about icons on Saturday, September 29, 2007. For information and registration, contact the registrar at the Athenaeum, 513.231.2223, or check the Athenaeum website, www.athenaeum.edu.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND ITS AFTERMATH: ISSUES IN PASTORAL CARE

Kathleen A. O'Connor, EdD, psychologist for the Northern Kentucky Youth Development Center, will present this important program for all concerned with the safety of our children in our schools on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at the Athenaeum. For information and registration, contact the registrar at the Athenaeum, 513.231.2223, or check the Athenaeum website, www.athenaeum.edu.

FALL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS

From dinner on Monday evening, October 8, 2007 through lunch on Friday, October 12, 2007 archdiocesan priests will have the opportunity to gather for prayer and reflection at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford. Directing the retreat will be Father Tom Boyer, a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Ordained in 1968, he has served as pastor of four parishes, as well as in leadership in youth ministry, vocations ministry, and liturgical ministry. He has directed retreats in several seminaries, and priests' retreats from Stockton, California to St. Augustine, Florida. He directed our spring retreat in March of 2005. The theme of this fall's retreat is "The Journey Narratives of Luke's Gospel." If you have misplaced the retreat registration form, contact the Priestly Formation Office.

ONE-DAY CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS

This will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Incarnation Parish, Centerville. The theme of the Convocation will be "Becoming a Community of Salt and Light: Catholic Social Teaching in the Mission of the Parish." John Carr, Director of the Secretariat for Social Development and World Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be the keynote speaker. In addition, a panel of local leaders in parish life and social action will present their perspective on implementing the social teachings of the Church in parish life.

CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS: BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR DIALOGUE

Dr. Amir Hussain, from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and Fr. Elias Mallon, SA, of Franciscans International in New York City, will present a one day introduction to Islam for priests, deacons, and religious educators. The program, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., will be at the Bainbridge K of C Hall in Dayton on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, and at the Bartlett Pastoral Center of the Athenaeum on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. The Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, which is co-sponsoring this important program, will also be hosting the

two speakers at public presentations, in Dayton on November 6 and in Cincinnati on November 7. The registration brochure will be mailed soon.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

On Wednesday, November 14, 2007, and Thursday, November 15, 2007, Father Ken Morman, Dean of Students and Co-Director of Field Education at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, will offer a day on Matthew's Gospel. Father earned a License in Sacred Scripture from the Biblicum in Rome. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. The brochure will be mailed in a few weeks.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION FOR PRIESTS

On Thursday, December 13, 2007, Father Leo Klein, SJ, will offer an Advent Day of Reflection for priests at the Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal in Ludlow Falls. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. The flyer will be mailed in a month or so.

REGIONAL FORUM FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

From Monday, January 7, 2008 through Thursday, January 10, 2008, at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor, priests, deacons and lay ecclesial ministers from Michigan and Ohio will gather around the topic, "The Prophetic Spirituality of Jesus." John Carr will be joined by Joan Rosenhauer, Special Projects Coordinator for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, as the speakers. Mark your calendars now.

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT IN THE PARISH

Mary Kessler, nationally renowned consultant for the National Association of Church Personnel Administrators, will return to the archdiocese to present her two-day program on parish personnel management to Pastors and Business Managers, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 23 and 24, 2008 at The Spiritual Center at Maria Stein. Mark your calendars now.

SPRING RETREAT FOR PRIESTS

Fr. George A. Aschenbrenner, S.J., will lead this retreat from February 18 through February 22, 2008, at The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein Retreat House. The retreat is much earlier than usual, because of the very early date of Easter in 2008 (March 23).

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION RETREAT FOR PRIESTS

"Memory as Event" is the retreat conducted by Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete, March 24-28, 2008, at The Jesuit Retreat Center, Los Altos, California. The theme considers how "The Catholic priest does that which allows the memory of Christ to become the Event that generates our humanity." For information about this retreat, contact the National Office of *Communion and Liberation*, 212.337.3580x102, or send an e-mail request for information to cnationaloffice@clhac.com.

TWO PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE PASTORAL EFFECTIVENESS

The Department of Pastoral Case & Counseling of Miami Valley Hospital offers the **Pastoral Care Specialist Program** and the **Pastoral Consultation Group**, for both clergy and laity. For further information, call 937.208.6606, and ask for Fr. Tom Schroer, SM, or Dr. Steve Ingram.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION

COURSE ON HOMELESSNESS AT TRINITY CENTER

Sign up for a faith formation class on the 10-year plan to End Chronic Homelessness and Reduce Overall Homelessness in Dayton and Montgomery County. This course is being offered twice – Wednesday evenings in September (5, 12, 19, 26) and during the lunch hour on October 17, 24, 31 and November 7. For a flyer, more info, or to register visit:

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction/homeless_page.html

DEATH PENALTY

At their June meeting, Archbishop Pilarczyk along with all the other Ohio bishops signed a letter calling for a moratorium against executions in our state. Their endorsement of this letter is a strong reminder that the Catholic Church hopes to see an end to the use of capital punishment in Ohio. A copy of the text of this letter is included in this month's Clergy Communications. It will be presented to Governor Strickland with the signatures of other religious leaders throughout the state.

STAND UP FOR AN END TO EXECUTIONS

Please help us play an active role in bearing witness to our Church's prophetic stance by attending and/or advertising an upcoming, "Stand Up for an End to Executions" event in Columbus, on Wednesday, September 26, 2007. This is organized by Ohioans to Stop Executions (of which the Catholic Conference of Ohio is a founding member). A flyer/bulletin insert is enclosed in these Clergy Communications. Everyone who registers in advance will receive a FREE T-SHIRT at the Day of Action!

To Register and Carpool:

- If you are coming from the South/Cincinnati area, please contact the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center at 513.579.8547.
- If you are coming from the North/Dayton area, please register online at <http://www.acluohio.org/dprally/>. **The Catholic Social Action office** is organizing car pools. After registering online, please contact the Social Action office if you are interested in a car pool. E-mail Cori at csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org for more information.

3RD ANNUAL FAITH AND JUSTICE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES: A River to Challenge, A Bridge to Build: A Discussion about Poverty and Racism featuring Alex Kotlowitz: October 2, 2007

Each year Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSS) and Catholic Social Action co-sponsor a formation event and fundraiser for CSS' Mission Services. This year will feature Alex Kotlowitz -- best known for the best selling *There are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing up in the Other America*. Small group discussion questions are available from the Social Action office. During this event we will also present the work and creative effort of youth groups, highlighting the multi-cultural perspectives within our community. Parishes are

encouraged to sponsor this event. For more details please contact Cori Thibodeau at 937.224.3026 or Nympha Clark at 937.223.7217x1136

COURSES IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY “Communities of Salt and Light”

Do you have parishioners who are interested in forming or joining a social action committee or project at your parish? If so, invite them to attend one of the “Communities of Salt and Light” courses being held at Holy Angels Parish in Dayton or St. James Parish in White Oak. They are sponsoring five-week “Communities of Salt and Light” programs, and they are opening them up to other parishioners in the area.

In Cincinnati: St. James, White Oak (3565 Hubble Rd.): Courses will be held Mondays, October 22, 29 and November 5, 12, and 19, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Contact Tony Stieritz at 513.421.3131x239 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org for more information.

In Dayton: Holy Angels (1322 Brown St.): Courses will be held Tuesdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25, and October 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information contact Cori Thibodeau at 937.224.3026 or csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org.

ST. MARTIN DEANERY FARM MASS

The Catholic Rural Life Conference of the St. Martin Deanery is organizing a Farm Mass the evening of September 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Phillips’ farm, located at 2235 Bethel-Maple Rd. in Clermont County. Archbishop Pilarczyk will be presiding, and the choir of Holy Trinity Parish in Batavia will be providing music. Please contact the Cincinnati Catholic Social Action Office for more information.

RURAL LIFE VISIT TO FUTURE ENERGY AND CONSERVATION CENTER

This event will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dull Homestead Farm near Brookville, OH, on Route 40 (from I-70 take exit 21 north to stop sign, then turn left and go one mile). The Catholic Rural Life Conference is organizing a visit to this innovative facility. The Center, a branch of the Dayton International Peace Museum, features exhibits on alternative energy technologies and ways to conserve resources and the environment. To register, please contact the Cincinnati Catholic Social Action Office. The event is free.

DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

WORKSHOPS ON ELECTRONIC GIVING AND CMA

The Archdiocese is now providing all forms of electronic giving to all parishes and related institutions. Please plan to attend one of our seven upcoming workshops on electronic giving for your parish. The new procedures for the Catholic Ministries Appeal will also be covered. We encourage all pastors and all staff engaged with administering weekly offerings to attend. The time for each workshop is 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with complimentary lunch following:

Monday, October 1, 2007

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Parish Center, Incarnation Church, Centerville

Ursuline Hall, St. Vivian Church, Cincinnati

TBA (check the web at www.catholicappeal.info)

St. Rita School for the Deaf, Cincinnati

Friday, October 5, 2007
Wednesday, October 10, 2007
Thursday, October 11, 2007

Transfiguration Center, West Milton
St. Charles Center, Carthagen
TBA (check the web at www.catholicappeal.info)

Register for one of these workshops on the Web at www.catholicappeal.info. Pastors and staff from the same parish may attend different sessions if scheduling is an issue, though we recommend attending together. If you have questions or concerns about the workshops, please email Michael Vanderburgh at mvanderburgh@catholiccincinnati.org, or call Michael directly at 513.257.6266.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

To better inform and engage the faithful about the regional ministries of the Archdiocese, **all pastors are requested to survey parishioners at Mass on October 13-14, 2007**. The Stewardship Department will print and deliver a number of survey cards to you, based on your 2006 October count. The survey is only one question: "Which of the following regional ministries of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati would you like to learn more about in the next few months?" We will provide sample homilies to you for that weekend, and we request that you conduct the survey at the end of your homily. The survey will take only 20 seconds or so to complete, and ushers can collect them along with offertory. We ask that you tally the "top voted" ministry, and report that information back to the Stewardship Department. Specific instructions will accompany the survey cards. We will use this information to schedule regional speaking engagements in November, December and January. This will ensure that your parishioners have meaningful opportunities to participate in regional church ministries in advance of our solicitation for their financial support in February. The survey cards and instructions will be shipped to you by September 30. Electronic versions of the materials will be posted at www.catholicappeal.info. Please contact Michael Vanderburgh if you have questions or concerns.

GRATEFUL BELIEVERS STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE

Grateful Believers is a parish process which invites parishioners to invest their prayer, time, talent and treasure in the ministries, programs and services of the parish to accomplish the work of Christ in the Church. The process is facilitated by RSI Catholic Services Group, through a contract with the Archdiocese.

The *Pastors Training Workshop* was conducted at the Transfiguration Center in West Milton on August 14, 2007. Ten pastors and permanent deacons were present for the workshop presented by Mr. Dan Conway, President of RSI and nationally recognized author and educator on stewardship. Workshop topics included resources on stewardship themes in the Sunday liturgical readings, a lectionary resource for stewardship readings, guidelines on developing stewardship themed homilies and sample homilies on stewardship. A listing of those parishes participating in the pilot wave of the *Grateful Believers Stewardship Initiative* can be found in last month's *Clergy Communications*.

The next wave of fifteen parishes participating in the initiative will begin in March of 2008. Please contact Brian Doyle at bdoyle@catholiccincinnati.org or at 513.578.9212 to sign up for

this next wave of the initiative. Please contact Brian or the parishes currently enrolled for testimonials about the initiative.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE ATHENAEUM OF OHIO

The Athenaeum of Ohio's Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is pleased to sponsor a workshop entitled "How to become Culturally Competent." on Friday, October 5, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon in the Bartlett Pastoral Center. This workshop will focus on the topic of cultural diversity. Participants will be exposed to an awareness of differences in our culture and how those differences can enhance our lives.

The presenter for this workshop is Shirley Walker Powell. Ms. Powell is a nationally known speaker on the topic of communication skills, interpersonal relationships, quality of life and self-image. She attended Central State University, University of Cincinnati and graduated cum laude from Xavier University. She has over 35 years of experience in health care practice and education.

This program will benefit persons working in parishes, non-profit organizations, corporations and is open to the general public. Reservations for this workshop are now being accepted. Further details and reservations are available through the Lay Pastoral Ministry Office at 513.231.1200. The cost for this program is \$20.00.

ADULT SPIRITUALITY INSTITUTE

The Adult Spirituality Institute will continue its seventh year of study this fall at the Athenaeum. On Mondays, beginning September 17, 2007 through October 8, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. – noon, Rev. Timothy Schehr will present "Words for the Wise." On Thursdays, beginning October 25, 2007 through November 15, 2007, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Rev. Theodore Ross, S.J. will present "Vatican II-That Council". There is a nominal fee. For additional information please call 513.231.2223x143.

**Please submit articles for the October *Clergy Communications*
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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET

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COUNSELING ASSISTANCE FUND

The Catholic Bishops, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, have created a fund, independent of the Church, to help adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The Counseling Assistance Fund is designed to provide counseling or similar mental health services for persons who were sexually abused as minors by clergy or other representatives of the Catholic Church. The Counseling Assistance Fund is different from existing forms of assistance offered by Dioceses throughout Ohio, because it is directed toward those who are reluctant to contact the Church for help. For more information, please call 1.800.366.0494 or go to this website, www.counselingassistancefund.org. The Counseling Assistance Fund will accept claims for 18 months, beginning November 16, 2006.

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 **513.421.3131x352** or **1.800.686.2724** as well as the victims' secular legal authorities.

MINISTRY EVENING AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati will host a Ministry Evening for men in their 20's, 30's or 40's who are interested in the priesthood. Those attending will learn what life is like as a seminarian and priest. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. To register, contact the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131 or over the internet at www.cincinnati vocations.org by Tuesday, October 16, 2007.