



The Mustard Seed

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office of the Chancellor

Requiescat in pace – We are saddened to report the death of Mrs. Irene Marie Wantland, 94, mother of Father Thomas Wantland of St. Andrew Parish, Cape Coral. Mrs. Wantland died the evening of May 15 at an assisted living facility in Anderson, Ind. Father Tom and other family members were at her side.

The Funeral Home of Brown, Butz and Diedring, 515 East 53rd Street, Anderson, IN 46016, is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Mary School, 1115 Pearl Street, Anderson, IN 46016-1789.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Marie Wantland and for the Wantland family.



Vocations Department

Attention Youth Ministers, Campus Ministers, Teachers and DREs – Looking for something to challenge the youth of your parish? Want to mix things up a bit with the middle-school, high-school and college-age members of your parish community or school? Putting together your youth/campus ministry calendar for 2006-2007 and need an activity or two?

Here are just a few ideas from the Office of Vocations:

- *God or the Girl?* – A&E recently produced and broadcast this cable-TV documentary that follows four young men through their discernment of a call to priesthood. If you're looking for something to get the kids engaged in a discussion about where God is calling them, this program can be just the thing.
- *Fishers of Men* – This 17-minute high energy DVD created by Grassroots Productions for the USCCB captures the heroic aspects of priesthood. Reactions from youth groups around the Diocese of Venice who have seen *Fishers of Men* range from applause to tears to serious focused discussions and dialog.
- Exploring Biblical models of call – Scripture is jam-packed with stories of men and women called by God to step out of their comfort zone, to do something counter-cultural, to rally the courage to do something extraordinary. Some accepted willingly and readily, but, more often than not, they, like us, tried to find a way out of whatever God was asking. Explore Biblical stories in a "real-life" approach that counters the typical excuses:

- When God doesn't accept "no" for an answer.
- Excuses, excuses, excuses.
- Can you hear me *now*?
- Who invited you?
- Hey buddy ... I need some help here.
- Who me? You've got to be kidding. I'm not good enough.
- Just Do It.

For more information on how you can bring these and other programs to your parish or school, contact Bridget Olson at 941-486-4723 or olson@dioceseofvenice.org.



Respect Life Department

The English version of the June 2006 edition of the **Word of Life** series provided by the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities is on the Internet at <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/June06Engfinal.pdf>. It features Intercessions for Life and Bulletin Briefs. The Spanish version is at

http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/June06final-SP2_1.pdf.



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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:

Catholic Campaign for Human Development/Catholic Relief Services (CCHD/CRS)

Thanks offered – In an April 15 communication to Bishop John J. Nevins, Bishop William Skylstad, USCCB president, expressed his “heartfelt gratitude” to the priests of the Diocese of Venice “for their efforts to promote the CRS collection in their parishes. Their commitment and generosity demonstrates genuine love and compassion for all who are helped by the collection – those who are truly – Jesus in disguise.” There was a 28 percent increase in 2005 over 2004.

The **Coalition Against Human Trafficking of Southwest Florida** will host the first statewide task force meeting Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m.-noon in Fort Myers. The exact location will soon be announced.

Justice Walking, JustFaith ministries youth program, will offer a weekend training and retreat for youth ministers and teachers in Louisville, Ky., June 9-11. “J-Walking Against the Flow,” is an intensive format that invites adults to actually practice J-Walking for a weekend. The previous two immersion retreats have proven to be both inspiring and challenging experiences for participants. For additional information, contact this office at 941-484-9543 or Joe Grant at 502-584-5977 or joe@justfaith.org.



Permanent Diaconate

Bishop John J. Nevins will install five men as candidates of the diaconate during the 11 a.m. Mass at Epiphany Cathedral Saturday, June 3. The five men are Joseph Allison of St. Raphael Parish, Lehigh Acres; Philip Fontaine of St. Leo Parish, Estero; Thomas Grant of Sacred Heart Parish, Punta Gorda; Epimaco Roca of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Venice; and Kevin McKenney of St. Martha Parish, Sarasota. The Catholic faithful are invited to share in this special event. The men anticipate ordination to the diaconate in June 2009.



Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities USA has created a “Developing a Disaster Plan” brochure to aid families in creating a best protection plan. Preparedness will bring peace of mind and knowing what to do is every family’s responsibility. Use the information in this brochure to create an emergency ready home environment for the safety and well being of you and your loved ones. The brochure is available on the Internet at http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/downloads/Family_final.pdf.



Respect Life Department

Struggling after abortion? Project Rachel, a confidential healing ministry for women and men who have been touched by abortion, can help. Call Project Rachel in Florida toll-free at 877-908-1212.

Did You Know? In their November 2005 statement, *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*, the U.S. Catholic bishops state: “Our nation should forgo the use of the death penalty because state-sanctioned killing in our names diminishes all of us.” The entire statement may be found online at: <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/penaltyofdeath.pdf>. For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 1-941-484-9543.

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