



The Mustard Seed

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*Pastoral Bulletin**Vol. 4, No. 10**June 2, 2006***ANNOUNCEMENTS*****Office of the Chancellor***

Peter's Pence Collection – Attached is a letter, in both English and Spanish, for the annual Peter's Pence Collection to benefit the good works of the Holy Father. Please publish this letter in your parish bulletin the weekend of June 24-25. The collection is to be taken up the weekend of July 1-2 with the proceeds sent to the Finance Office no later than July 20.

***Respect Life Department***

The English version of the July 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/July2006.pdf>. It features *Intercessions for Life* and *Bulletin Briefs*. The Spanish version is at <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/Julio06finalSP.pdf>.

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

Hurricane relief still underway – May 29, 2006, Baltimore, MD - Catholic Relief Services (CRS) emergency response teams continue to provide relief materials to the victims of Saturday's devastating 6.3-magnitude earthquake in Indonesia. The quake, which struck in the early morning close to the former Javanese royal capital of Yogyakarta, has so far killed 5,136 people, wounded nearly 6,504 and left 100,000 homeless. It is estimated that it may take up to two years for those affected to fully recover.

CRS, along with the Caritas network and other Catholic agencies, is part of a \$1.2 million Catholic response and is working closely with all UN and international agencies on the ground. CRS is also working with three local partners on the ground, each of which is responsible for carrying out assessments in specific geographic locations.

CRS' short-term response includes the procurement and distribution of shelter materials, blankets, hygiene kits, clothes, kitchen sets and family kits to 5,000 beneficiaries. CRS has also provided funds for medical supplies to a local non-governmental organization that is providing medical attention to 10,000 people in Pundong and shelter to 1,800 people. CRS is focusing its interventions in three sub-districts within the most affected areas: Kretek and Pundong in the district of Bantul, and Prambanan in the district of Jogjakarta.

CRS will focus its medium and longer-term relief operations on cash for work programs and the establishment of semi-permanent and permanent shelters for those left homeless.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:

Respect Life Department

If you're struggling after an abortion, don't struggle alone. For confidential 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 its application is deeply flawed and can be irreversibly wrong, is prone to errors and is biased by factors such as race, the quality of legal representation and where the crime was committed.” 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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For additional information, go to crs.org or contact the CRS diocesan office at 941-484-9543 or kirley@dioceseofvenice.org.

Catholic Campaign honored – The Catholic Campaign for Human Development received the 2006 “Making a Difference Award” presented by the National Neighborhood Coalition (NNC) April 20 in Washington, D.C. CCHD was selected for the award in recognition of its generous support of low income community groups in the Gulf region in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Within days of the storm, CCHD reached out to communities affected by the catastrophe, quickly granting a total of \$665,000 in one-time funding before year’s end to help national and local low-income organizations begin the process of rebuilding and ensuring that the poor would have a voice in planning the rebirth of their communities. This extraordinary allocation came atop the nearly \$9 million CCHD awarded in September 2005, as part of its annual grant cycle assisting local projects that attack the root causes of poverty.



Communications Department

“Sisters: A Life of Love” retreat for single, Catholic women ages 18-45, is being offered July 21-22 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Convent in St. Augustine.

The retreat begins with an optional Friday evening starting at 4:45 p.m. On Saturday, the treat begins with 8 a.m. Mass and ends at 3 p.m. The cost is \$5 per day per person.

This retreat includes prayer, meals and discussions with the sisters as they share the blessings and difficulties of their lives, as well as information about the call to religious life for women today.

To register or obtain more information: Sister Kathleen Power at 904-829-3735 or ssjflvocations@bellsouth.net.

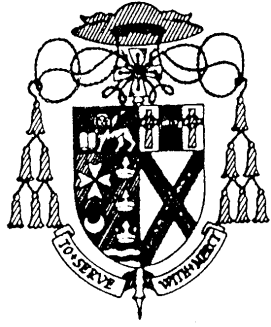
Mark your calendar! The **episcopal ordination of Msgr. Frank J. Dewane** as coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida will be aired live on television throughout the diocese on July 25. Watch your parish bulletin and upcoming editions of *The Florida Catholic* for further details including time and channels.



Tribunal

Are you currently in a marriage which the Catholic Church does not recognize as valid? Have you or the person you hope to marry been previously married and divorced? If so, the Tribunal for the Diocese of Venice wants to help in assessing your situation. Please contact your parish for additional information or contact the Tribunal directly at 941-484-9543.





DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
Office of the Bishop

June, 2006

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the annual Peter's Pence Collection, in support of the works of the Holy Father, is held in parishes across the country. The proceeds from this collection fund emergency relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters. The theme for this year's collection is *Anyone who has discovered Christ must lead others to Him*. Through works of charity, Catholics provide a quiet but powerful witness of love and deeds to empower the weak, the defenseless, and the voiceless, and to sustain those who suffer.

As we participate in this special appeal, we join with the more than one billion Catholics worldwide in an expression of solidarity. We share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the universal Church and for the relief of those most disadvantaged throughout the world.

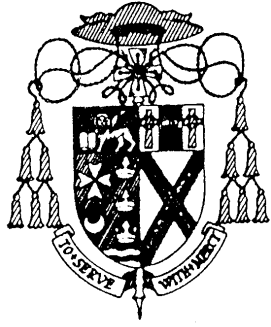
This year, the Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up in all parishes of the Diocese the weekend of July 2nd.

God bless you and your families for your generosity. Let us ask Almighty God to bless our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, in his ministry to those in need throughout the world.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Nevins".

John J. Nevins, D.D.
Bishop of Venice in Florida



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Office of the Bishop

Junio, 2006

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

La **Colecta Peter's Pence** que apoya la labor del Santo Padre, se realiza anualmente en parroquias de todo el país. La colecta permite proporcionar fondos de asistencia y socorro inmediato a todos aquellos que sufren como resultado de guerras, de opresión y de desastres naturales en todo el mundo. El tema para la colecta de este año es *Quien ha descubierto a Cristo debe llevar a otros hacia él*. Mediante sus obras de caridad, los católicos dan un firme testimonio de amor y de acción a fin de empoderar al débil, al indefenso y al que no tiene voz, y de apoyar a todo aquel que sufre.

Al participar en este llamado especial, nos unimos a miles de millones de católicos en el mundo entero en una expresión de solidaridad y de amor. Junto al sucesor de Pedro, compartimos su preocupación por las múltiples necesidades de la Iglesia universal y por brindar ayuda a aquellos que más lo necesitan en el mundo.

Este año, la colecta en su diócesis se realizará el fin de semana de Julio 1 y 2.

Les pido por favor que contribuyan a la colecta de este año y de antemano les agradezco su generosidad. Todos juntos roguemos a nuestro Señor para que derrame sus bendiciones sobre el Santo Padre, sobre nosotros y sobre todos aquellos que sufren necesidades en el mundo.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

John J. Nevins, D.D.
Obispo de Venice in Florida