



# The Mustard Seed

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*Pastoral Bulletin**Vol. 4, No. 12**June 16, 2006***ANNOUNCEMENTS****Office of the Bishop**

The Most Rev. John J. Nevins, D.D., announces the following:

**Reverend Jean-Marie Fritz Ligonde** incardinated into the Diocese of Venice on June 1, 2006.

**Reverend Robert Mattingly**, pastor of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Port Charlotte, retiring June 30, 2006.

**Reverend Arnold Zebrowski** relieved of his appointment as parochial vicar of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Naples, and appointed administrator of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Port Charlotte, effective June 30, 2006.

**Reverend Robert Dziedziak** relieved of his appointment as parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Punta Gorda, and appointed parochial vicar of St. Jude Parish, Sarasota, effective June 30, 2006.

**Reverend James G. Simko** relieved of his appointment as parochial vicar of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Port Charlotte, and appointed parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Punta Gorda, effective June 30, 2006.

**Office of Stewardship and Development**

**Increased offertory program available** – Letters will be sent shortly to each pastor concerning the Cavan Program, which is an increased offertory program. The diocese is willing to share the expense of this program. If your parish needs to increase offertory to meet expenses, please watch for this letter or call Mary Campo, 941-441-1117.

**Stewardship Opportunity!** Father Chester Domaszewicz and the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Heaven in LaBelle, hope to build a playground to provide a safe place for the 400 children of the parish to play. Volunteers cleared the ground and fences were donated, but \$15,000 is needed to purchase the playground equipment. This is a poor parish and donations would be greatly appreciated. If your parish is looking for a project to fund, please contact Father Chester directly. The parish number is 863-675-0030.

**Planned giving** – Start thinking now about hosting a financial planning seminar for your parish in the fall. This is a great way to inspire planned gifts to benefit your parish. Call the Stewardship and Development Office to get started at 941-484-9543.

**Catholic Faith Appeal** – Still short of your goal? Give Mary Campo, director of Stewardship and Development, a call and she will brainstorm together with you for alternate fund-raising ideas. Mary Campo, 941-441-1117.

**Catholic Charities**

**Be Prepared for the 2006 Hurricane Season** – The 2006 hurricane season is here and there are things everyone can do to be prepared. The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., Website offers disaster preparedness brochures for the individual, parish, school and business. These four brochures can be found at [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org). Click on the *Hurricane Preparedness* link on the right side of the home page.



### Legal Department

**Sales tax exemption information** – Please find below a Web address for instructions for processing sales tax exemption application information. <http://www.flacathconf.org/SalesTaxExemption.htm>. For further information, contact Ken Roeder at the Florida Catholic Conference at 850-222-3803.



### Office of Vocations

**Seminarians begin summer assignments** – The Diocese of Venice has seminarians participating in a variety of summer assignments. If one of these men is assigned to your parish, please make him feel welcome and help him to use this time to experience parish life more fully. Your prayers for these men are greatly appreciated!

Justin Bianchi	St. Joseph Parish, Bradenton
Bernard Chojnacki	Epiphany Cathedral Parish, Venice
Andres Convers	St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami
Alexis Ibarra	St. Andrew Parish, Cape Coral
Robert Marino	Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, NY
Mieczyslaw Mertin	St. Thomas More Parish, Sarasota
Nelson Perez	St. Andrew Parish, Cape Coral
Russell Ruggiero	St. William Parish, Naples
Brian Ryle	Incarnation Parish, Sarasota
Deacon Leo Smith*	St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Port Charlotte
Filip Wodecki**	Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, MI
Deacon Tomasz Zalewski*	St. Frances Xavier Parish, Fort Myers
Deacon Gordon Zanetti*	Ss. Peter and Paul the Apostles Parish, Bradenton

\* Anticipates ordination to priesthood October 25, 2006.

\*\*Not yet affiliated with the Diocese of Venice.

### **Attention Youth Ministers, Campus Ministers, Teachers and DREs: Save the dates!**

As you are planning your calendar of events for the 2006-2007 year, don't forget to note the following dates:

**October 25, 2006** – Clergy ordination at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice, 5 p.m. – Three men anticipate ordination to priesthood and two men ordination to the permanent diaconate. You don't need an invitation to attend this awe-inspiring event, but you do need to plan ahead if you want to bring a group of youth to the ordination as there is limited space reserved for groups. It's a great way to follow up on or lead into a presentation on vocations in your parish.

**January 8-12, 2007** – National Vocation Awareness Week – The Office of Vocations provides programs to schools and parishes during this weeklong national observance. Available time slots are filling up fast, so contact us now to schedule a speaker/program for your group.

**February 4, 2007** – World Day for Consecrated Life (WDCL).

**April 29, 2007** – World Day of Prayer for Vocations (WDPV).

Contact the Office of Vocations to learn about the services and resources available to help you get your class, youth group or parish involved in WDCL and WDPV.

To schedule a presentation or program or for more information, contact Bridget Olson at 941-486-4723 or e-mail [olson@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:olson@dioceseofvenice.org).

**Vocations Office relocation** – Effective July 1, the Office of Vocations will be centralizing its ministry at the Catholic Center in Venice, which will help us better serve the diocese and our seminarians. The satellite office, which we maintained for the past five years at Ss. Peter and Paul the Apostles Parish in Bradenton, will close. Please update your files with our Venice contact information. Starting in July, all correspondence and telephone calls previously directed to our satellite office should go to:

Bridget Olson, Diocese of Venice – Office of Vocations, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285

Phone: 941-486-4723

Fax: 941-486-4745

E-mail: [olson@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:olson@dioceseofvenice.org)

A heartfelt and special thank you to the Very Rev. Edward Moretti, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul the Apostles Parish, for his generous hospitality in providing us such a wonderful home for so many years and for his ongoing and steadfast support of vocations and seminarian formation.

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:*

### **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 or e-mail [project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org).

**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 we have other ways to punish criminals and protect society." The entire statement may be found online at: [www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/penaltyofdeath.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/penaltyofdeath.pdf). For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-484-9543.



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

**Nationally acclaimed speaker Jack Jezreel**, founder of JustFaith Ministries, will present a workshop Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at St. Thomas University in Miami. To reserve a space, contact Brian Stevens at 305-762-1338 or [bstevenx@ccadm.org](mailto:bstevenx@ccadm.org). Additional information and brochures are also available through the CCHD/CRS Office at 941-484-9543 and [kirley@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:kirley@dioceseofvenice.org).

**USCCB awarded grant for trafficking victims** – The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Office of Migration and Refugee Services was awarded a Health and Human Services (HHS) grant to aid victims of human trafficking. Victims of "severe human trafficking" are eligible for the same kind of assistance the federal government offers to those who are granted the legal status of refugees. The USCCB has been a strong advocate of federal legislation to provide support services for human trafficking victims and to raise public awareness of human trafficking. The agency will distribute HHS funds through service agencies across the country to help victims get food, housing, medical and legal assistance. Additional information is available at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) or the CCHD/CRS Office at 941-484-9543 or [kirley@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:kirley@dioceseofvenice.org).



### **Communications**

**Catholic singles, including widows, widowers, and divorced**, are invited to join the Southwest Florida Singles. The purpose of the group is to provide spiritual, social and service activities to members in a safe, Christian environment, encouraging a deeper relationship with God and support for each other. For more information, contact Pam at [pamelakaym@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelakaym@yahoo.com) or call 239-989-7077.

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