



The Mustard Seed

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*Pastoral Bulletin**Vol. 4, No. 17**Sept. 8, 2006***ANNOUNCEMENTS****Office of the Bishop**

Bishop John J. Nevins announces the following clergy appointments:

Effective Aug. 28:

Father Dennis W. Killion, OSFS, granted the faculties of the Diocese of Venice for service to Bishop Verot High School, Fort Myers.

Effective Sept. 1:

Father Peter Sousa, CSSR, upon presentation of his Vice Provincial, granted the faculties of the Diocese of Venice for assistance to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, Venice, effective September 1, 2006.**Father Charles K. Sullivan**, Pastor of Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, Fort Myers, retired.**Father Marc Pierre Lussier, MSA**, appointed Temporary Administrator of Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, Fort Myers.**Office of the Chancellor****Priest available to assist** – Father John G. Barnes, a priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, is available to assist at a parish during the winter months. He has assisted several of our parishes in the Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda area over the past six winters but is willing to locate wherever he is needed. He may be contacted at 641-394-2394, or 114 S. Sheakley, Apt.8, New Hampton, Iowa 50659.**Worship and Ministries Department****White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) week, Oct. 29-Nov. 5** – This a prime opportunity to educate the public about the extent of the pornography problem and what can constitutionally be done about it. Fighting pornography, however, is a year-round challenge. A great way to do this, as an individual or group, is to wear or display a white ribbon during WRAP Week or all year long. People will see the ribbon and ask why you are wearing or displaying it. The diocese's Family Life Office has a limited supply of ribbons. Contact Betty K or Louise at 941-484-5590.**Respect Life Department****Speaker on "Decisions for Living" available** – Included in the *Bulletin Announcements* are notices of two "Decisions for Living" presentations. A third is in the planning stages for St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Port Charlotte, at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19. To schedule Dr. Mary Stegman to speak in your parish, please contact the Respect Life Department at 941-441-1101. Dr. Mary is able to address end of life issues with expertise, warmth and humor.**Office of Information Technology****Free office equipment available** – We have two pieces of equipment we will donate to any parish, mission or school who has a use for them:**Laser Printer** – Hewlett Packard 4si**Copy Machine** – Konica 3135 with document sorterPlease contact Pam Burke at 941-486-4704 or e-mail burke@dioceseofvenice.org if you are interested in the above items.



Communications Department

Use the diocesan Web site Calendar for your school events – The Catholic school year is a busy time of fund- and fun-raising and each school wants to extend the opportunity for the Catholic community at large to participate in its events without conflicting with the events of its fellow schools. A great way for each school to share and plan its event calendar for the coming year and to see what other schools have on their agendas for the year is through the Venice Diocese's Web site Calendar.

We encourage each school to submit its public events to the calendar to prevent overlapping and cutting participating at those events, as has happened in the past. The process is simple: E-mail your event information, including the time, date, place, school to benefit, contact person and contact's e-mail address to Judy Piper, Internet Web coordinator, at piper@dioceseofvenice.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:

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

Workshop postponed – The JustFaith (JF) workshop with Jack Jezreel has been postponed one week. The new date is Saturday, Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at St. Columbkille Parish in Fort Myers. Registration information will soon be made available.

CCHD 2006-07 Multi-Media Youth Arts Contest! – Catholic young people, grades 7-12, are invited to enter the Catholic Campaign for Human Development's annual arts contest. This year's theme is: *This is Life in Poverty in the U.S.A.* Go to www.usccb.org/cchd/contestmaterials.shtml for on-line resources and contact this office at 941-484-9543 to participate in this diocesan and national social ministry project.

The 2007 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, D.C. will be Feb. 11-14. You are invited to join social ministry leaders and national Catholic organizations from all over the U.S. in the parish and diocesan levels to receive detailed legislative briefings on domestic and international peace and justice issues that affect the poor and vulnerable.

"Human Trafficking: Migrant Worker Perspectives" – A panel of speakers from the migrant worker community will attend the next Coalition Against Human Trafficking of Southwest Florida meeting, 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, Sept. 25, at 2501 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers. All are welcome.



Department of Communications

Irish tenor, football coach, former news anchor speak about faith on TV special – Legendary former college football coach Lou Holtz, internationally renowned Irish tenor Anthony Kearns and former network news anchor and radio personality Nicholas Clooney will speak about the role of faith in their lives during a one-hour special that will be distributed to ABC-TV affiliates on Sept. 17.

The program, *Personally Speaking*, is hosted by Msgr. Jim Lisante and produced by the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). A list of stations that have scheduled broadcasts of the special will be posted on the Internet at www.personallyspeaking.org as they become available. Viewers can also call their local ABC station to ask about plans to air the program.

Lou Holtz coached the University of Notre Dame football team for 11 years and became the head coach at the University of South Carolina in 1999.

Nicholas Clooney was a radio and television personality in Cincinnati. He began writing a column for *The Cincinnati Post* in 1989 and in 1994 became a host for the cable channel American Movie Classics.

Anthony Kearns and The Irish Tenors have sold millions of CDs and performed in the United States, Italy, Ireland, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/cc.

"Music for Everyone" 2006-2007 Concert Series – St. Thomas More Parish, Sarasota, is hosting a concert series featuring a variety of performances. The first concert will feature Olivia Swaan, a Celtic harpist born in Dublin, Ireland. Swaan, who now lives in Sarasota, has toured Europe and appeared on radio and television shows in the Netherlands and Germany. She will perform at St. Thomas More Parish at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. Watch the bulletin for more concerts. For tickets, call 941-923-1691. No tickets will be sold at the door.



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.

Did You Know? The scheduled execution of Clarence Hill on September 20, 2006, will be the 61st in Florida since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1976. For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-484-9543.

(For Lee County Parishes)

Now is the time to learn what you need to know about making moral medical decisions. “Decisions for Living” will be presented by Mary Stegman, M.D., following the 8 a.m. Mass Saturday, Oct. 21, at St. Columbkille Parish, Fort Myers. Dr. Stegman is the End of Life Issues chairman for the Diocese of Venice Respect Life Department and chief of Medical Services for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care in Fort Myers. With wisdom and wit, Dr. Stegman will cover such topics as pain management, nutrition and hydration, living wills, health care surrogates, physician-assisted suicide, individual and family concerns. Anyone 18 or older is encouraged to attend. Bring your questions.

(For South Sarasota County)

Now is the time to learn what you need to know about making moral medical decisions. “Decisions for Living” will be presented by Mary Stegman, M.D., End of Life Issues chairman for the Diocese of Venice Respect Life Department 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, at San Pedro Parish Hall, North Port. With wisdom and wit, Dr. Stegman will cover such topics as pain management, nutrition and hydration, living wills, health care surrogates, physician-assisted suicide, individual and family concerns. Anyone 18 or older is encouraged to attend. Bring your questions.



Worship and Ministries Department

(Central and Southern Deaneries)

Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Oct. 7, Mother of God House of Prayer, Alva. The presenters are Ed Savoy and Bob Fasulo. This workshop covers the basics of Centering Prayer for those who may be new to this practice and are seeking a deeper relationship with God by means of a meditative practice. The cost is \$25 per person and includes workshop and follow-up sessions. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee, drinks, cakes and snacks will be provided. Register by calling the House of Prayer at 239-728-3614.

(Northern Deanery)

“Ten Great Dates” Marriage Enrichment Program, Saturdays, Sept. 9, 23, Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18, Jan. 6 and 20. Facilitated Joan and Dan Lilly at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice. There will be 10 fun evenings to explore and energize your relationship as a couple. If you are engaged to be married or have been married for a number of years, this is for you. Each 30-minute session consisting of a DVD presentation and focus on one marital skill for an alive and growing marriage. Each session is followed by your own fun date together. No registration fee. Suggested donation for materials: \$10. For information, call Sister Christa at 941-484-3505.

Divorce & Beyond, an eight-week program for adults who have gone through a recent divorce or who have filed for divorce, will be presented by Irene Varley, 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 20-Nov. 8, in the Soy Building, Room 109, at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice. Suggested donation for materials: \$15. For information and reservations, call Sister Christa at 941-484-3505.

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