



The Mustard Seed

Catholic Center 1000 Pinebrook Road Venice FL 34285

*Pastoral Bulletin**Vol. 4, No. 18**Sept. 22, 2006***ANNOUNCEMENTS*****Office of the Bishop***

Bishop John J. Nevins announces the following clergy appointments:

Reverend Thomas Zedar, Pastor of San Antonio Parish, Port Charlotte, retired effective Sept. 8, 2006.

Reverend William M. Smith, O. Carm., upon the request of his Prior Provincial, granted the faculties of the Diocese of Venice, effective Sept. 11, 2006.

Reverend Richard York appointed Administrator of San Antonio Parish, Port Charlotte, effective Oct. 1, 2006, at the same time relieved of his appointment as Parochial Vicar of Holy Cross Parish, Palmetto.

Reverend Jean Francois Simeon Jeannot appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Port Charlotte, effective Oct. 1, 2006, at the same time relieved of his appointment as Parochial Vicar of St. Michael Parish, Wauchula.

***Peace & Justice Department***

Farmworker Justice Sunday – The Florida Catholic Bishops have declared Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, as Farmworker Justice Sunday. Recognizing Bishop Nevins' deep commitment to bringing human dignity to the farmworkers and their families, our parishes may wish to start preparing for that day. The readings for that Sunday are most appropriate for homilies on the subject. For parishes that desire a "speaker" at the Masses, please contact Lucas Benitez, Coalition of Immokalee Workers, 239-657-8311, workers@ciw-online.org.

Check the Florida Catholic Conference Web site for more information on the event,

<http://www.flacathconf.org/farmworkers>, or contact the Peace and Justice Office, 941-484-9543,

peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org. The Florida Bishop's statement regarding the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and McDonald's Corporation, "Accountability in the Food Chain," can be found at

<http://www.flacathconf.org/Publications/BishopsStatements/Bpst2000/FoodSupplyChain4-4-06.htm>

***Respect Life Department***

Respect Life Sunday is Oct. 1. Suggested talking points are provided by the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities in the Oct. 2006 edition of the **Word of Life** series available on the Internet at:

<http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/Oct2006final.pdf>. WOL also features *Intercessions for Life* and *Bulletin Briefs*. The Spanish version is at: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/Octsp2006.pdf>.

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

Humanitarian Crisis in Darfur, Poverty in the United States, Comprehensive Immigration Reform, Fair Trade initiatives... Resource materials for parish and school prayer and discussion are available to support your efforts toward raising awareness of the church's social ministry and promoting solidarity with the world's poor and vulnerable peoples. Contact this office at 941-484-9543 or kirley@dioceseofvenice.org.

Ninety-two percent of JustFaith Graduates report involvement in new areas of social ministry and/or increased involvement in prior social action activities. You are invited to attend the JustFaith Introductory workshop with Jack Jezereel Saturday, October 28, at St. Columbkille Parish, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. This workshop will include an overview of the church's call to social ministry and a review of the Old Testament and New Testament emphasis on God's justice and the call to transform our hearts and the world. Attending the introductory workshop does not commit one to the JustFaith program. Two catechetical credits in Areas A and C will be awarded (the attached flyer is also available in pdf format upon request.)

Lives for Sale, recently premiered at the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking gathering in Lee County, will be available to PBS affiliates in October. The new one-hour documentary on immigration and human trafficking, funded in part by the Catholic Communication Campaign, premieres on PBS this fall. The Campaign release states, "*Lives for Sale* is the first documentary to go beyond the usual sensational media reports that fail to connect sex trafficking to other forms of human trafficking and addressed the larger root issues of economic and social justice - poverty, globalization, educational barriers and ineffective and contradictory immigration policies - that support the existence of this abhorrent abuse to human life."



Presbyteral Council

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Invitation to all active and retired priests to **Bishop John J. Nevins' 75th birthday party** scheduled to for Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007. It will commence with Vespers at 5 p.m. in St. Thomas More Church, followed by a full-course dinner in the Chelsea Center.

Annual Priests Retreat Monday, May 14, through Thursday, May 17, 2007. The presenter: Rev. Robert Joerger, C.P. at the Gasperilla Inn.

Convocation for all Priests of the Diocese starts Monday, Nov. 27, through Thursday, Nov. 30, 2007. The presenter: Rev. Roland Rolheiser of Toronto, Canada. The location: the Gasperilla Inn.

If you wish to receive the **minutes of the Presbyteral Council meetings**, please send your personal e-mail address to Father Luis Pacheco, the secretary of the Council, so that he can forward them to you. You can call or send him a message with your e-mail to: Father Luis Pacheco, St. Andrew Catholic Church, Cape Coral, FL 33904, telephone number 239-574-4545.



Office of Vocations

Bishop John J. Nevins and Coadjutor Bishop Frank J. Dewane plan to ordain **three men to priesthood and two men to the permanent diaconate** on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, 5 p.m. at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. The culmination of many years of spiritual, human, intellectual and pastoral formation, this ordination is a time for the Diocese of Venice to gather together to joyfully celebrate and to welcome the newest members of the clergy who will serve well the growing number of Catholics in southwest Florida.

Those anticipating ordination are:

Priesthood

Rev. Mr. Leo Smith
Rev. Mr. Tomasz Zalewski
Rev. Mr. Gordon Zanetti

Permanent Diaconate

M. Donald Healy
Eugene H. Willis

All are welcome. Seats are limited. For more information, please contact Bridget Olson or Louise Tokarski at 941-484-9543.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:

Department of Communications

Blessed Edmund Rice School annual dinners and auctions are being held in the North on October 8 at the University Park Country Club, and in the South on October 20 at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers. The cost is \$50 per ticket. Call 941-766-7334.

Southwest Florida Catholic Singles of Fort Myers Area; including widowed or divorced age 25-50ish. **Oct. 14, 2006** (Saturday) Parrot Key Caribbean Grill at 7 p.m., 2500 Main St, Fort Myers Beach, Music 7 p.m.-10 p.m. <http://www.myparrotkey.com> RSVP to Pam at 239-989-7077 or pamelakaym@yahoo.com if you plan to attend the event.

You Are Invited - Oct. 28, 2006—St. Joseph Catholic School's 22nd Annual Auction/Gala.

This year's auction theme is "The Road to Bali" Oct. 28, 2006. Chairpersons for the event are Patti Tibbetts and Deidre Bedford. The event will be held in the St. Joseph Catholic Parish Center from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$100 each, and all proceeds benefit the children. The evening will feature the auction of a Jubilee Angel, live entertainment, an exquisite dinner by Mattison's Catering Company, dancing, raffle, silent and live auction, specialty bar Sponsored by Bonefish Grill, and open bar. To inquire about opportunities for corporate sponsorships or to purchase tickets for this charitable event, please call the School's Development Office, 941-755-6420 or cholmes@sjsfl.org. Your contribution to St. Joseph Catholic School (a 501 3-C organization) is tax deductible as the law allows.

"Music of Everyone" 2006-2007 Concert Series - St. Thomas More Parish, Sarasota, is hosting a concert series featuring a variety of performances. The second concert will feature The Mad Monks of Melody, known for their Dixieland, jazz and Christian music. Playing for 30 years, the "joie de vivre" of their Dixieland excites congregations who are led in jazz worship and the singing of old time hymns New Orleans style. They will perform at St. Thomas More Parish at 7:00 p.m, Friday, Nov. 3. For tickets, call 941-923-1691. No tickets will be sold at the door.

COURAGE Meeting Announcement. A group for men and women in the Diocese of Venice with same-sex attractions (SSA) who desire to lead a chaste life meeting bi-weekly. The diocesan-sanctioned, sacrament-oriented meetings seek to mutually strengthen Christian spirituality. Confidentiality and anonymity are assured. For further information, phone 239-910-0189 or 239-479-7698. All inquiries are welcome.

Cruise for Christ 2006. All are invited to register for an unbelievably affordable "Cursillo Fundraiser Vacation." We will depart from the Port of Tampa on Holland America Cruise Line's beautiful "Veendam" cruise ship on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2006, at 5 p.m., then on to Grand Cayman, Cayman Island, followed by Montego Bay, Jamaica, and winding up with Costa Maya, Mexico. We will return on Saturday morning, Dec. 9. Enjoy seven fun-filled days at sea with great dining, dancing, singing and much more. Check out the great fares and register now online at Cursillotravel.com. There will be charter bus transportation supplied from various locations in the Diocese of Venice. We will have the opportunity to attend Mass each day and to enjoy an Ultreya spiritual experience while at sea. For more information call Alice Hofer, 239-541-2525 or e-mail her at Goaskalice113046@swfla.rr.com.



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 or e-mail 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: No act, even an execution, can bring back a loved one or heal terrible wounds. The pain and loss of one death cannot be wiped away by another death. 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.



Office of Vocations

If you are a woman who is interested in, or even just curious to know more about religious life, consider one of these retreat opportunities. The retreats are open to Catholic, single women between the ages of 18-39. No fee, meals and lodging provided. Contact: Sister Debbie Drago, 160 Conover Road, Wickatunk, NJ 07765 (732-946-0515), or e-mail: srdebbie@optonline.net (Web: www.goodshepherdsisters.org)

Discernment Retreat, The Call to Religious Life: How Do You Know?

Join the Sisters of the Good Shepherd as we take a deeper look at the call to religious life, the steps of discernment, and the skills needed to live religious life well - Vocation Discernment Live-In Weekend, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2006, Wickatunk, NJ.

Spirit and Mission Retreat, Do You Have the Heart of a Shepherd?

Sisters of the Good Shepherd dream of a world where all God's people are revered and valued as children of God. We strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus the Good Shepherd, who sought out the lost, healed the suffering, brought liberty to captives and proclaimed the Good News to the poor. Vocation Spirit and Mission Live-In Weekend, Nov. 10 - 12, 2006, Wickatunk, NJ.

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Tribunal

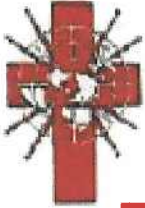
Are you currently in a marriage which the Catholic Church does not recognize as valid? Have you or the person you hope to marry been previously married and divorced? If so, the Tribunal for the Diocese of Venice wants to help in assessing your situation. Please contact your parish for additional information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



Catholic Charities

Childcare volunteers needed for children four-months to three-years-old at Our Mother's House, Venice, new childcare center, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., (occasionally some evenings), Monday through Friday. Volunteers are needed for four-hour shifts. Our Mother's House is a residential program for needy mothers and their children, where the mother works to gain self-sufficiency through furthering her education/vocational and life skills. Anyone interested in volunteering please call Elizabeth Gibbons, Our Mother's House at 941-244-9048.

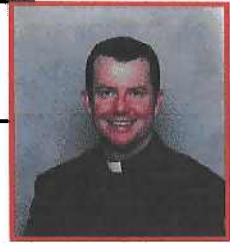
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The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

Rev. John J. Ludden



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY IS FAST APPROACHING!

Mark your Calendar

World Mission Sunday

October 22nd.

October 22 is a special day for all of us who are called, by Baptism, to be involved in the missionary work of the Church: It is **World Mission Sunday**.

World Mission Sunday serves as an occasion to heighten awareness of the missionary work of the Church and to gather financial help. Our generosity is greatly needed for the Church and for those who share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ and His love with our brothers and sisters in more than 1,150 mission diocese throughout the developing world.



In a village in Pakistan – St. Mary's parish in Issanagri in the Faisalabad Diocese, a local priest, Father Khalid Rashid, and his team of five Religious Sisters and five catechists serve about 5,000 Catholics scattered throughout 75 predominantly Muslim villages. "We promote education among the children sweepers, brick makers, and other day-laborers. Father Rashid continues, "Education is a top priority – a path toward the full development of the person, giving each a sense of basic human rights." He goes on to say "We like to say, blessed are those who are providing education to the poor because they will bring peace to the world."

In Ghana, "The people are beside themselves with joy," says Bishop Francis Lodonu, of the Diocese of Ho in Ghana. Their joy stems from the completion of a church for a small mission parish in Tokokoe. Bishop Lodonu explains, "A church built in the village is a consolidation of their faith.

There is their faith, visible in concrete, so to speak, for all to see."

Throughout the Developing World, missionaries proclaim Jesus' message of peace and love to those who suffer with devastating poverty and the violence of war. In his missionary catechesis for this year's celebration of World Mission Sunday on October 22, Pope Benedict XVI encourages us to reflect on the impact of God's love for each one of us:

WORLD MISSION ROSARY:- In February 1951, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in a radio address inaugurated a World Mission Rosary. "We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. To this end, I have designed the World Mission Rosary. Each of the five decades is of a different color to represent the different continents. The World Mission Rosary is available through our office for \$10. (Pray Booklet included.) Children's Rosaries also available for \$5.

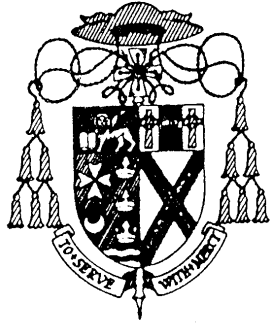
Mission Office:- 941 625-4754

"God's love, which gives life to the world, is the love that was given to us in Jesus, the Word of Salvation, it was after His Resurrection that Jesus gave the Apostles the mandate to proclaim the news of this love, and the Apostles, inwardly transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, began to bear witness to the Lord who had died and was risen. Ever since, the Church has continued this same mission, which is an indispensable and ongoing commitment for all believers. Every Christian community is therefore called to make known God Who is Love."

On World Mission Sunday, October 22, I ask you to join Catholics of the world at the Eucharist in celebrating our common mission vocation. I ask you to offer prayers for the Church's missionary efforts and also to offer your financial help, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to support all those who day after day bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all nations and peoples – to support those who "make known God is love."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. John J. Ludden



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
Office of the Bishop

October, 2006

My dear Friends in Christ,

At Baptism, each of us is given the responsibility to be missionary – to share our faith and to be active participants in the Church’s mission to all peoples.

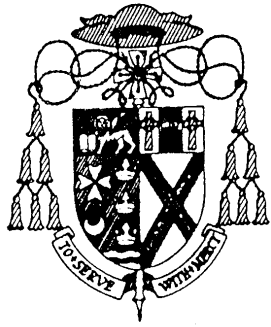
World Mission Sunday, celebrated this year on October 22, gives us the opportunity to reach out in faith to more than two-thirds of the world’s people who have yet to hear the “Good News” of Jesus Christ, their Savior, or to experience — through the word and witness of missionaries — His abiding love. On World Mission Sunday, within the context of the Eucharist, we can offer our prayers and support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for the mission of making Jesus known “to the ends of the earth.”

World Mission Sunday does not just happen here in our local church or even only in the United States. It is truly a universal celebration – a worldwide recommitment to the Church’s evangelizing mission, taking place in parishes throughout the Missions, as well. Therefore, on October 22, united with Catholics throughout the world, let us pray for the Church’s missionary work and offer our personal sacrifices — our own sufferings, cares and concerns — in union with the sufferings of Christ on the Cross for the salvation of the world. We also should offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for the Church’s work in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

The missionary work of the Church depends on each one of us. As Pope Benedict XVI noted in his missionary catechesis for World Mission Sunday this year, “My wish is that this participation may always increase through the contribution of all.” Please be as generous as your means will allow and continue to pray that all of us in the Diocese of Venice may be eager and effective witnesses of Jesus in our world so in need of His love and peace.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

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



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
Office of the Bishop

October, 2006

Estimados Amigos en Cristo,

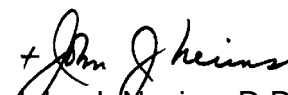
En el Bautismo, cada uno de nosotros recibimos la responsabilidad de ser misionero—de compartir nuestra fe y ser participantes activos en la misión de la Santa Iglesia para todos los pueblos.

El Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, celebrado este año el 22 de octubre, nos da la oportunidad de alcanzar en fe a más de dos tercios de la población mundial que aun no han oído la “Buena Noticia” de Jesucristo su Salvador o sentido – a través de la palabra y proclamación de los misioneros – Su amor infinito. En el domingo Mundial de las Misiones, dentro del contexto de la Eucaristía, podemos ofrecer nuestras oraciones y apoyo, por medio de la Sociedad de la Propagación de la Fe, a la misión de hacer que Jesús sea conocido, hasta “los confines de la tierra.”

El domingo Mundial de las Misiones no solamente ocurre, aquí, en nuestras iglesias locales, o solo en los estados unidos. Es verdaderamente una celebración universal – un pacto mundial – a la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia, tomando lugar también en parroquias a través de las Misiones. Por eso, en el 22 de octubre, unidos con católicos a través del mundo, oremos por la obra misionera de la Iglesia, y por nuestros sacrificios personales – nuestros sufrimientos, nuestras cuitas y preocupaciones – en unión con los sufrimientos de Cristo en la Cruz para la salvación del mundo. Deberíamos también ofrecer ayuda monetaria por medio de la Propagación de la Fe para la obra misionera de la Iglesia en mas 1,150 diócesis en Asia, África, Islas Pacificas y regiones remotas de la América Latina.

La obra misionera de la iglesia depende en cada uno de nosotros. Como el Papa Benedicto XVI noto en su catecismo misionero para el domingo Mundial de las Misiones este año, “Mi deseo es que esta participación siempre aumente por medio de las contribuciones de todos.” Por favor sean generosos conforme les permitan sus circunstancias y continúen rezando para que todos nosotros en la (Archidiócesis) Diócesis de Venice seamos testigos fieles de Dios en un mundo tan necesitado de Su amor y paz.

Sinceramente suyo en el Señor,


John J. Nevins, D.D.

Obispo de Venice en Florida

Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services

invites you to a workshop introducing:

Just FAITH

Please join us for this workshop presented by JustFaith author and founder, Jack Jezreel. JustFaith is an intensive and successful model of justice education and spiritual formation that is having dramatic results in parishes across the country.

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2006

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: St. Columbkille Parish Center
12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers

Directions to the Parish from I-75: Exit#131. Go west on Daniels Road (Daniels Road becomes Cypress Lake Drive when you cross U.S. 41). Cross U.S. 41 and go approximately 5 miles to McGregor Blvd. Turn left on McGregor Blvd. and go approximately 2 miles. Turn right on Iona Road. Church is approximately .06 miles on left side

Cost: \$15.00 (Includes lunch and refreshments)

The workshop will begin with an overview of the Church's call to social ministry, especially in relation to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. It will include a review of the Old Testament and New Testament emphasis on God's justice and the call to transform our hearts and the world. The workshop will conclude with the story and practice of *JustFaith*.

Jack Jezreel has over twenty years of experience working in parish-based social ministry and spent six years in a Catholic Worker community. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame. In 1995, he was recognized for his work with the Peace and Justice Award from the Archdiocese of Louisville. In February 2006, he received the Harry A. Fagan Award at the Annual Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, D.C.

For additional information please contact: Kathleen O'Connell Kirley at 941-484-9543 or kirley@dioceseofvenice.org (Catechetical credit: 2 hours in Area A and 2 hours in Area C.)

Registration for *JustFaith* Workshop requested by October 12, 2006

Name _____ Phone _____

Address/City/Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Please mail check in the amount of \$15.00 to: CCHD/CRS,
Catholic Diocese of Venice, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285