



The Mustard Seed

Catholic Center 1000 Pinebrook Road Venice FL 34285

*Pastoral Bulletin**Vol. 4, No. 19**Oct. 6, 2006***ANNOUNCEMENTS****Office of the Chancellor**

Mr. John Cashman, father of Reverend John Cashman, C.P., assisting priest at St. Columbkille Parish, Fort Myers, died in Massachusetts on Sept. 26. He was 89. A memorial service was held at St. Columbkille Parish in Fort Myers Friday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m. Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Cashman and peace and consolation for his family.

**Presbyteral Council**

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Convocation for all Priests of the Diocese starts Monday, Nov. 27, through Thursday, Nov. 30. The presenter: Father Roland Rolheiser of Toronto, Canada. The location: the Gasparilla Inn. **(NOTE: THIS IS A CORRECTION IN THE DATE)**

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. at St. Thomas More Parish, followed by a full-course dinner in the Chelsea Center.

Annual Priests Retreat Monday, May 14, through Thursday, May 17, 2007. The presenter will be Father Robert Joerger, C.P. The location will be the Gasparilla 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.

**Stewardship and Development Office**

Planned Giving – Please call Mary Campo for information on promoting planned giving in your parish or to host an estate planning seminar, 941- 486-4719.

CFA – Final letters will be sent immediately following Thanksgiving to all those who gave last year to the CFA but have not given this year, and also to new parishioners. Please make sure that we have current information on your parishioners.

Stewardship – If you need guidance kicking off your stewardship program, please call our office. We have a good library of resources on Stewardship.

**Worship and Ministries Department**

Plan now – On Feb. 10, 2007 at 1 p.m. at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate the **Annual Anniversary Mass** for couples married 25, 50 and over 50 years. A packet of information will be mailed to all parishes in December. For further information, please call Betty K. at 941- 484-9543.

**Department of Communications**

The 10-Year Anniversary Celebration for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center will be at St. Thomas More Chelsea Center 6 p.m., Nov. 4. Sister Carmella DeCosty, SNJM, and Father Charles Mallen, CSSR, will be honored at this event. Tickets are \$125/person. For tickets or additional information, please call 941-486-0233.



Regional Safe Environment Training - SPANISH

The following parishes will hold regional Safe Environment Awareness training sessions *in Spanish*. **All diocesan employees...**clergy, religious, laity...and those volunteers who have routine contact with children or vulnerable adults, **MUST BE TRAINED** in safe environment awareness issues. If you have not attended an awareness training, you should attend one of these sessions, as your relationship with the diocese is predicated by this training. Please contact the parish secretary at the location you wish to attend with your name and telephone number at least two weeks prior to the training. Please share this information with all/parish staff and volunteers.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
St. Leo	Bonita Springs	Wednesday	October 18 th	6:00pm to 8:00pm
St. Jude	Sarasota	Thursday	October 19 th	6:30pm to 8:30pm
St. Paul	Arcadia	Friday	October 20 th	5:00pm to 7:00pm
St. Leo	Bonita Springs	Saturday	October 21 st	6:00 pm to 8:00pm

These are the only regional trainings that will be held in the fall. The next trainings will be scheduled for February or March.

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

Nancy Powers, consultant for the Florida Farmworker Solidarity Project of the Florida Catholic Conference, will discuss **comprehensive immigration reform and legislative advocacy training** 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19, and 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 20, at St. Columbkille Parish, Fort Myers. For additional information and to register for the advocacy training, contact this office.

Yes, You can...Be Heard! Advocacy Training for Farmworkers and Others is a training DVD and workbook “to help prepare people who are relatively new to advocacy or lobbying work” produced by the Florida Catholic Conference.



Department of Education

Attention pastors, administrators, parish council members, school board members and parish/school development personnel – The Department of Education will sponsor a Development Seminar 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16, at the Catholic Center, Venice. Presenter: Marilyn Blanchette, director of Stewardship and Development, Diocese of Orlando. Participants will learn about the three I’s: *increase* enrollment, *increase* rate of retention, and *increase* donor base/fund-raising. No fee. Breakfast and lunch provided. For information and/or registration, contact the Education Department at 941-484-9543.



Peace and Justice Office

¡**Muchas gracias!** We reaffirm our gratitude to all the faithful, parishes and other Catholic organizations that steadfastly supported the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in their successful three-year effort with Taco Bell. Through solidarity with the farmworkers, the major global corporation signifies:

- a) Recognition by a fast-food industry that it has responsibility to address sub-poverty income of farmworkers – nearly doubled the percentage of the final retail price going to those who pick the produce (from 40¢ to 75¢ a bushel). First ever!
- b) Establishment of a written code of conduct for any suppliers with CIW as part of the vehicle to monitor complaints. First ever!
- c) Incentives offered to suppliers willing to respect human rights of workers – even when not mandated by law.
- d) 100% transparency by Taco Bell for purchase of tomatoes in Florida. (It will buy only from growers who concur with the above agreement.)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:

Stewardship and Development Office

A bequest is a lovely way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings. The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by enabling the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries. The following is the legal wording for including a bequest in your will:

“I bequeath the sum of \$ _____ or _____ % of the residue of my estate to Bishop John J. Nevins, D.D. (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice FL 34285, for the benefit of (your parish, school, diocese, Catholic Charities or other ministry of the diocese).”

If you have questions or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for your parish, please call your parish office or Mary Campo, director of Stewardship, at 941-486-4719.



Worship and Ministries Department

Marriage Encounter – This message is for those of you with good marriages. How would you like to enjoy talking to each other like when you first met? And how would you like to add a little more romance, excitement and passion – and make your marriage great? That is the focus of Marriage Encounter Weekends – for couples of all ages. The next weekend is Nov. 17-19 in Fort Myers. For more information call Ernie and Mary at 941-962-9904 or toll free at 1-888-560-1854.



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 Arthur Rutherford on Oct. 18, 2006, will be the 62nd in Florida since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1976 and the second in 2006. For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-484-9543.

SAVE THE DATE: The Diocese of Venice and St. Martha Parish will co-sponsor the ninth-annual Prayer Walk for Life to end abortion on Monday, Jan. 22, in Sarasota. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and noon at St. Martha Church (Orange Avenue at Fruitville Road). Eucharistic Adoration and other prayers will continue through the day until 2 p.m. You may come for an hour or the entire day. Shuttle bus service will be provided from St. Martha's to Planned Parenthood, where participants are encouraged to walk and pray for an end to abortion. More details are on the Prayer Walk flier at: www.dovrespectlife.org/2007flierfinal.pdf. Questions? Contact the Respect Life Department at 941-484-9543, ext. 3048.



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

For Lee County: People of Faith **responding to homeless people and issues** will meet 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, at Resurrection Parish. This will be the last meeting before Homeless Recognition Week, November 12-18. For additional information, contact Joanne MacPeck at 239-482-6883 or jmacpeek@comcast.net.



Department of Communications

The third Annual “**Noche de Celebracion**,” to benefit St. Jude Parish and Hispanic-American Center, will be 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at Michael's on East. Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information, contact Kathy at 941-377-5965. The evening includes a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner and dancing.

“**Music of Everyone**” **2006-2007 Concert Series** – St. Thomas More Parish, Sarasota, is hosting a concert series featuring a variety of performances. The third concert will feature the Key Chorale, a seventy-voice choir, with Daniel Moe, “Dean of Choral Conductors,” in his last year of conducting. Their intent is to perform compositions as the composer conceived them, with the instruments that the composer intended. They will perform at St. Thomas More Parish at 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19. For tickets, call 941-923-1691. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Sarasota and Manatee County **Children First** has free parenting classes for dads to help become great fathers, and also free marriage enrichment and relationship classes. **Children First** is a provider of Head Start and Early Head Start. Sessions are held in Sarasota, North Port, Venice and Bradenton. For additional information, please call Vince at 941-953-5507, ext. 127.

The 10-Year Anniversary Celebration for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center will be at St. Thomas More Chelsea Center 6 p.m., Nov. 4. Sister Carmella DeCosty, SNJM, and Father Charles Mallen, CSsR, will be honored at this event. Tickets are \$125/person. For tickets or additional information, please call 941-486-0233.



Office of Vocations

¡OYE! 2007, a faith and discernment guide for young Hispanic Catholics, is now available from the Office of Vocations. **¡OYE! 2007** es una guía gratuita de fe y discernimiento para jóvenes católicos hispanos. In June 2006, during the historic First National Encuentro of Hispanic Youth Ministry, many Hispanic youth heard for the first time or heard in a new way the question loud and clear: What is God asking you to do with your life? Do you dare respond? **¡OYE! 2007** is full of articles written for and about Hispanic youth discerning God's call in their lives. The articles are written in Spanish as well as English and include such titles as *Déjate llevar por la pasión* (Tapping into Your Talent) and *Un retrato perfecto* (Picturing the Perfect Priest). **¡OYE! 2007** is also available online: www.revistaoye.org (Spanish) or www.oyemagazine.org (English). For copies of **¡OYE! 2007** magazine, contact Bridget Olson at 941-486-4723 or e-mail olson@dioceseofvenice.org.

“Sisters: A Life of Love” – A retreat for single, Catholic women 18-45 years.

Are you trying to discern the call of God in your life? Do you need some information about religious life for women today? This retreat is designed to help you! You may expect prayer, meals and discussions with the Sisters of St. Joseph, as well as Sisters' sharing of the blessings and difficulties of their lives.

St. Joseph Convent, St. Augustine

Friday, Nov. 3 (4:30-9 p.m.), and Saturday, Nov. 4 (8 a.m. Mass - 3 p.m.)

Retreat Fee: \$20 (\$10 Saturday only)

Overnight accommodations: St. Joseph Convent Villa

To register or obtain more information: Sister Kathleen Power (904-829-3735) or e-mail:

sjflvocations@bellsouth.net.



Catholic Charities

Top rating for fifth straight year – Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., received the top four-star rating for the fifth consecutive year from Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator. “Only 12% of the charities we've rated have received at least two consecutive four-star evaluations, indicating that Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible,” said Trent Stamp, Executive Director of Charity Navigator. The organization evaluates the financial health of over 5,000 charities. “I am extremely pleased that we have received this top rating again,” said Peter Routsis-Arroyo, president/CEO of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice. “The award provides tangible evidence that Catholic Charities is worthy of donors' trust.” For details on how Catholic Charities earned this top rating, visit www.charitynavigator.org and www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.

Arcadia ground blessing – Bishop John J. Nevins and Bishop Frank Dewane of the Diocese of Venice will provide a ground blessing for the Casa San Juan Bosco farm worker housing project at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 28. The community is invited to attend the event, which will be held at 2316 S.E. Hillsborough Ave. in Arcadia.



The Mustard Seed is an official publication of the Diocese of Venice, published bi-weekly on Fridays by the Department of Communications. Notices of general interest will be considered for publication. Send copy to: Department of Communications, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice FL 34285 OR via e-mail (preferred method) to: newsletter@dioceseofvenice.org no later than **seven days prior** to publication date. The pastoral bulletin is available at www.dioceseofvenice.org/specialissues/parishbulletin.cfm