



The Mustard Seed

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Happy Easter to All! Jesus Christ is Risen!

In the Easter Season, may we unite in the love of the Risen Lord, so that our lives of hope may be a sign to all of God's love for the World.

Bishop Frank J. Dewane announces the following clergy appointments:

Reverend Robert Dzedziak appointed Chaplain of Cardinal Mooney High School, Sarasota, effective March 12, while retaining all other appointments.

Reverend Teodoro Mata appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Michael Parish, Wauchula, effective March 19, at the same time relieved of his assistance to St. Margaret Parish, Clewiston.

Reverend Juan Lorenzo appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Margaret Parish, Clewiston, effective March 19, at the same time relieved of his appointment as Parochial Vicar of St. Raphael Parish, Lehigh Acres, and retaining responsibilities to the migrant and Spanish-speaking community of St. Raphael Parish, Lehigh Acres.

**Office of the Chancellor**

This is to inform you that the canonical status of the Community of the Monks of Adoration as a Public Association of the Faithful in the Diocese of Venice in Florida expired on Feb. 25, 2007. The Community of the Monks of Adoration was established *ad experimentum* on Feb. 25, 2004, for three years, observing the norms of Canon 320, and has not been renewed. Therefore, effective Feb. 25, 2007, the Community of the Monks of Adoration as a Public Association of the Faithful in the Diocese of Venice ceases to exist.

The annual audit by the Galvin Group, Inc. for the Diocese of Venice will take place the week of July 9-July 13 at the diocesan Catholic Center, in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. For more information or questions, please contact the Chancellor's Office.

**Peace and Justice Office**

Earth Day, April 22 – Cultivating Care for All Creation. The annual observance of Earth Day is an opportunity to focus on Catholic social teaching about caring for God's creation. The Florida Catholic Conference recently published a commentary, "Cultivating Care for All Creation," which urges Catholics to see that 'environmental problems' are human problems, and must be addressed by all people of good will. FCC also issued a companion "Action Guide for Parishes and Parishioners." The guide offers suggestions for becoming ecologically educated and active as stewards of creation. The commentary and action guide can be found at www.flacathconf.org, or by contacting the Diocesan Peace and Justice Office. 941-484-9543, peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org.

**Respect Life Department**

Coalition for Life - Leaders from the Council of Catholic Women and Knights of Columbus are invited to gather with Parish Respect Life Representatives on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, Port Charlotte. Both organizations share the Respect Life mission of prayer, education, pastoral and legislative action outlined in the 2001 U. S. Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities. Coming together will enable all three organizations to improve communications and work together to "Build a Culture of Life." For questions, please contact Jeanne Berdeaux, Respect Life Director, at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-441-1101. Registration deadline is April 16.

Parish Respect Life Reps Needed - Pastors who do not have an active Parish Respect Life Representative are invited to appoint someone (or two) to represent the parish at the April 28 gathering. A Parish Rep serves as a liaison between the parish and the diocese. For questions or assistance in identifying candidates, please contact Jeanne Berdeaux, Respect Life Director, at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-441-1101.

The May 2007 edition of the **Word of Life** series provided by the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities is available on the Internet at: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/WOLMay2007English.doc>. WOL features Intercessions for Life and Bulletin Briefs. The Spanish version is at: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/WOLMay2007Spanish.doc>.



Regional Safe Environment Training

There will be a Safe Environment Training at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Port Charlotte, Thursday, April 19th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, April 21st from 10 a.m. to Noon. 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 already been trained, please contact the parish secretary at St. Charles Borromeo Parish if you wish to attend. Please share this information with all parish/school staff and volunteers.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:

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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? In their statement *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*, the U.S. Catholic Bishops write: "Especially significant is the witness of a growing number of victims' families who reject the death penalty and have joined in efforts to end its use. They have concluded that ending the life of another human being will not heal their wounds or make up for their loss." 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.

NORTHERN DEANERY

The monthly **Gabriel Project Hour of Prayer for Life** will be held on Wednesday, May 2 from 3 - 4 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Siesta Key, Sarasota. Eucharistic Adoration will be followed by Benediction and will be observed every First Wednesday of the month. Everyone is invited to pray for the development of Gabriel Project, a one-on-one mentoring program for women in stressful pregnancies. For information, call the Sarasota Gabriel helpline, 941-735-5758.

SUNCOAST PEOPLE ON THE GO (SpotGO), a group for Persons with Physical Disabilities between the ages of 21-40, has been formed in collaboration with the Diocese of Venice. The organization combines social, spiritual, sharing and support in a way that meets the needs of the members. Those interested should call Laurel or Barb at 941-727-4327 for additional information.

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. on **Saturday, April 21 at 11 a.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Center**, 3100 26th St. W., Bradenton. Dr. Stegman is the medical director of Hope Hospice of Southwest Florida, and the End-of-Life Issues chairman for the Diocese of Venice Respect Life Department. With wisdom and wit, she will cover such topics as pain management, nutrition and hydration, living wills, health care surrogates, physician-assisted suicide, individual and family concerns. Bring your questions. You will also have the opportunity to complete your Advance Directives. For more info., call Rosemary Mascaro at 761-8480.

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