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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office of the Bishop

A **Conference for Bishops and Priests on Exorcism and Deliverance** will be held August 13 – 17 at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL. The major focus of this conference is to develop the ministry of inner healing so that the exorcism and deliverance flow out of the holiness and ministry of the Shepherd, to and for his priests and the faithful. This conference is open only to bishops, priests, seminarians, deacons and their wives. Registration is by mail or fax to University of St. Mary of the Lake. Registration forms are available through the diocese communications department, or you can download forms from the website, www.healingministryarchmilw.com. Call 414-762-5395 for more information.

Communications Department

Information for the Mustard Seed is due on the Monday before publication, or 4 working days before it goes out. We will e-mail you a reminder when deadline is coming up. E-mail information to Communications Director Adela Gonzales White at agwhite@dioceseofvenice.org. Because we take information directly from your e-mails, you can help us by following a few guidelines. (1) include complete information ; (2) use lower case a.m. and p.m.; (3) write “and” do not use “&”; (4) abbreviate the months, Jan. instead of January, etc.; (5) omit the year of dates in the present year (example: Jan. 1 not Jan. 1, 2007); (6) write “parish” not church, unless it is referring to the building; (7) do not use “th” as in 4th or st as in 1st just write Jan. 1, etc.; (8) do not use parenthesis when writing telephone number area codes, use dashes. Thanks for all your help!



Internal Financial Services Department

Attention all parish bookkeepers: Bookkeeper training sessions are shown below. There will be two sessions each dealing with a different topic.

Northern and Eastern Deanery - St. Thomas More Parish, Spirit Center, Sarasota

Session #1: Thursday, May 3

Session #2: Tuesday, May 22

Southern and Central Deanery - Resurrection Parish, Conference Room, Fort Myers

Session #1: Thursday, May 10

Session #2 Thursday, May 24

Please mark your calendars and make arrangements to attend both sessions. If you are not able to attend the class for your deanery, feel free to come to the other location. The classes will begin at 10 a.m. and last approximately till 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP by calling Eydie D’Arcangelo at 941-484-9543 Ext 3078. Thanks in advance for your participation.



Peace and Justice Office

Reminder: **Earth Day Observance - April 22.** Bishop Frank J. Dewane has written to pastors of the diocese and requested that a letter to the faithful from him be published in parish bulletins. Attached to the letters are suggested action guidelines to help preserve God's creation. The action guidelines were prepared by the Environmental Justice Commission of the Diocesan Peace and Justice Office. For further information, please contact the Peace and Justice Office . 941-484-9543, peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org.



Respect Life Department

(Sarasota County only)

Gabriel Project Sarasota is in need of retired nurses. You can help pregnant women choose life for their child through this one-on-one mentoring program. 2,271 children were aborted in Sarasota in 2006; 65,360 aborted since 1973. Together we can make a difference. (Other interested individuals welcome.) Contact Jeanne Berdeaux, (941) 441-1101.



Regional Safe Environment Training

The following parishes will hold regional Safe Environment Awareness training sessions. **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. To register, 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/school staff and volunteers. For further information, please call Dr. Kathy Kleinlein in the Education Department at 941-484-9543.

Date/Time	Northern	Central	Eastern	Southern
April 19 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.		St. Charles Borromeo Port Charlotte		
April 21 10:00 a.m. to Noon		St. Charles Borromeo Port Charlotte		
April 26 6:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.		St. Francis Xavier Fort Myers		
April 28 9:30 a.m. to 11:30am		St. Francis Xavier Fort Myers		
April 26 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.				St. Agnes Naples
April 28 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.				St. Agnes Naples
May 3 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Osprey			
May 5 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Osprey			
May 10 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Ss. Peter and Paul Bradenton	Blessed Pope John XXIII Fort Myers		
May 12 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Ss. Peter and Paul Bradenton	Blessed Pope John XXIII Fort Myers		
May 17 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.				St. Elizabeth Seton Naples
May 19 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.				St. Elizabeth Seton Naples
May 24 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.			St. Michael Wauchula	
May 26 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.			St. Michael Wauchula	

These are the only regional trainings that will be held in the spring. The next trainings will be scheduled for August. Awareness trainings in Spanish will be announced.



Worship and Ministries Department

St. Agnes Parish of Naples has established a **Separated and Divorced Ministry**. They will gather weekly at **2 p.m.** starting Sunday, **April 22**, in the "Cry Room" of the Church. All are invited. For information please call Xiomara Portal at 239-200-8881.

A **Diocesan Music Workshop** open to all musicians of the diocese will take place on **Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** at **San Antonio Parish**, 2445 Rampart Blvd, Port Charlotte. The agenda for the workshop includes; the basics of keyboard, the role of the cantor, choir rehearsal techniques, liturgical music guidelines, effectively use of a praise band and challenges to the music industry. Registration is \$15 per person, and you can send a check with a registration form to the Worship & Ministries Dept at the Catholic Center.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:

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 statement *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*, the U.S. Catholic Bishops ask us to: "Pray for victims of crime and their loved ones, for those awaiting execution and their families, for our leaders, for those who work in the criminal justice system, and for one another—that we might help bring an end to the culture of violence and build a culture of life in our nation and throughout the world." 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.

For April 29 bulletin: **A BABY'S HEART BEGINS BEATING JUST FOUR WEEKS AFTER CONCEPTION!** Every person, no matter how small he or she is, is special and loved by God. At **Pregnancy Solutions**, our ministry is to reach out to women facing an unplanned pregnancy with the love of Christ... but we cannot do this alone. On **Saturday, May 19** we will host our yearly fund-raising **WALK FOR LIFE 2007 at Epiphany Cathedral in Historic Downtown Venice**. *Will you please join us in our fight for LIFE?* Pick up a **WALK Brochure** at the display table and start signing up sponsors. If you cannot make the day of the walk, you can still walk on your own and mail us your pledge sheet!! All ages can participate! Join with us as we **WALK 2-MILES FOR LIFE on May 19**. Call the Center at **408-7100** for more information.

For May 6 bulletin: **WOULD YOU TAKE A WALK TO SAVE THE LIFE OF AN UNBORN CHILD? YOU can do just that when you join us in our WALK FOR LIFE, 2007**. On **Saturday, May 19**, at the beautiful **Epiphany Cathedral in Historic Downtown Venice**, **PREGNANCY SOLUTIONS**, will host our biggest fund-raiser of the year. The course is approximately 2 miles of a beautiful stroll down to Venice Beach, and you will be helping raise funds to minister to women and their unborn babies. Take your first step and help us continue to show the love of Christ to women and children in need. Visit our display table for a **WALK Brochure**. For more information call Pregnancy Solutions at 408-7100.

For May 13 bulletin: **CAN ONE PERSON MAKE A DIFFERENCE? YES!!** This Mother's Day honor your mother by helping future generations to celebrate the gift of life! **Pregnancy Solutions**, is a Christ centered, non-profit ministry helping women chose life for their unborn child. This Walk is our major fund-raiser for the year so please... sign up today and **WALK FOR LIFE!** Join us on Saturday, May 19t at **Epiphany Cathedral in Historic Downtown Venice** for this 2-mile life saving walk. Registration at 8 a.m....Walk at 9 a.m.. Pick up a **WALK Brochure** at our display table and *take the first step by asking family and friends to sponsor you!* Earn a **FREE T-SHIRT** as you help save lives! Call Pregnancy Solutions at 408-7100 for more information!



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