



# The Mustard Seed

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Office of the Bishop

Bishop Frank J. Dewane announces the following clergy appointments:

**Reverend Jaime Gonzalez** appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Paul Parish, Arcadia, effective April 16.

**Reverend Joseph A. Lively** granted the faculties of the Diocese of Venice, effective April 17, for service to Sacred Heart Parish, Punta Gorda.

**Reverend David Stokes, S.J.** granted the faculties of the Diocese of Venice, effective April 17, for service to St. Catherine Parish, Sebring.



### Office of the Chancellor

Funeral services were held at St. Thomas More Parish on Monday for **Reverend Jerome R. Callahan, O. Carm. (80)**, who died April 25. Father Callahan had served as Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas More Parish since 1989.

On the weekend of May 19-20, the annual combined collection for **The Catholic University of America** and **The Catholic Communication Campaign** will be taken up in all the parishes/missions of the Diocese. Both of these collections focus on education: continued educational excellence as offered by the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, and better media choices that enrich our families through support of the Catholic Communication Campaign. The collection is to be taken up the weekend of May 19-20 and the proceeds sent to the Finance Office no later than June 15. Either envelope may be used for this combined collection, as all contributions will be used for both purposes.

– **Non-Exclusive Space Usage Agreement and License** information is enclosed. This form is available on diocesan website under legal department, property section. For questions, please contact the Chancellor's Office.



### Communications Department

This month the Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane invites working media professionals in the diocese to be his guests at a Media Appreciation Luncheon as a way to recognize and affirm the important work of communicators. This year's event will be held at Michael's on East in Sarasota on Monday, May 21, beginning at 11:30 a.m. If you are currently working in the print or electronic media and would like to attend, please contact Janine at the diocesan Department of Communications, 941-484-9543, ext. 3081, or e-mail [jmccarthy@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:jmccarthy@dioceseofvenice.org).



### Office of Stewardship and Development

Catholic Faith Appeal

**For parishes under goal, consider the following:**

- Invite a speaker from a funded agency or Mary Campo to speak between now and December.
- Host an event to fund the CFA for your parish.
- Sponsor a raffle to benefit the CFA (comply with legal regulations).
- Identify major donors and ask directly for a gift.
- Use a company like "The Broadcast Team" to make phone calls on your behalf to those who have not yet given.

If you need guidance with any of the above suggestions, please call Mary Campo at 941-441-1117. **Remember to keep a positive approach and highlight the great things accomplished because of the support of your parish!**

**Increased offertory program** - What would you do with a 15% increase in offertory? Take advantage of the diocesan offer to fund half the expense of this program. Plan now to run the program in the fall.

**Stewardship** - Call Mary Campo for information on promoting the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in your parish, attending a conference, or if you need stewardship resource materials.

**Electronic Funds Transfer - Faith Direct**, a firm that implements EFT for parishes will be hosting luncheons in the near future to introduce their services. More information on this will be sent directly to the parish. It is worthwhile for parishes to explore this option for giving.



### **Internal Financial Services Department**

**Attention all parish bookkeepers:** This is a reminder about the training sessions now going on. Two sessions dealing with different topics are scheduled as follows.

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



### **Worship and Ministries Department**

St. Jude Parish, Sarasota has rescheduled its November 10, Spanish Pre Cana Class to November 3. Please call Frances at 941-955-3934 for reservations/information.

The Marriage Preparation programs for 2007/2008 are currently being scheduled. They should be complete by mid June and will be mailed to all parishes by June 30. If your parish offers Marriage Preparation Programs, please let us know so that they may be included in the schedules. Please email information to [Bkarsokas@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:Bkarsokas@dioceseofvenice.org).

### **The Ascension, May 20**

**The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops voted in the year 2000 to transfer the solemnity of the Ascension from the Thursday forty-days after Easter to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in accord with an indult granted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by the Holy See.** For the Catholic Churches in the Province of the State of Florida, the Seventh Sunday of Easter is always to be replaced by the solemnity of the Ascension. This year Ascension Sunday is celebrated on May 20.



### **Convocation / Retreat Committee**

**Reminder:** Priests planning to attend the Annual Priests Retreat scheduled May 14 - 17 at the Gasparilla Inn on Boca Grande are asked to submit their applications as soon as possible. This year, our Retreat Director is Reverend Robert Joerger, C.P. a native of Brooklyn, New York.



### **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
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.



### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services**

The Save Darfur Rally April 15 in Sarasota was a great success! Many thanks to Bishop Dewane, and to all who planned, sponsored and participated in this rally. Please see the Florida Catholic article, "Hundreds Rally for Darfur Aid" by Heather Felton at: <http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/news/newspar.cfm?ArticleID=1612>

Petitions continue to be collected for presentation to Florida Senators and President Bush. For a copy of the petition, please go to: <http://www.stopdarfurgenocidesrq.org/Petition.pdf>. Despite difficult conditions, CRS has sustained its lifesaving humanitarian efforts in Darfur providing food, water, shelter, sanitation. What you can do to help CRS provide humanitarian relief for the People of Darfur? Pray! A prayer service is available at: <http://sudan.crs.org/resources/Sudan%20Prayer%20Service%202005.doc>

Justice for Immigrants: A Journey of Hope - Educational and Prayer Resources Available for your Parish Organization or Adult Faith Formation Group

For DVD Strangers No Longer, go to <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/snlvdvd.html>  
 For DVD Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey, go to: <http://dyingtolive.nd.edu/>  
 For DVD and the script to perform A Line in the Sand, go to: <http://www.crs.org/dramaproject/>  
 For Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform Parish Resource Kit, go to:  
<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/parishes.html>

Congratulations! The Coalition of Immokalee Workers, McDonald's and McDonald's Suppliers Reach Agreement April 9 in Atlanta. An additional one cent per pound will be paid directly to farmworkers harvesting tomatoes for McDonald's; a stronger code of conduct based on the principle of worker participation; and a collaborative effort to develop a third party mechanism for monitoring conditions in the fields and investigating workers' complaints of abuse will be implemented. For the full announcement and the video of the PBS weekly news show "Now" on the CIW's Campaign for Fair Food and the McDonald's victory, go to: [http://www.ciw-online.org/CIW\\_McDs\\_Agreement.html](http://www.ciw-online.org/CIW_McDs_Agreement.html) and <http://www.ciw-online.org/index.html> ; respectively.

For Bishop Dewane's statement on the agreement, go to:  
<http://www.flacathconf.org/Social%20Concerns/Bishop%20Dewane%20Statement.pdf>

The 2nd Annual Florida Human Trafficking Conference will be held May 16-17 in Fort Walton Beach. This conference is for law enforcement, social services, faith-based and community organizations. Sr. Mary Ellen Daugherty, SSND, USCCB, Trafficking in Persons, Director is one of many conference speakers. Agenda, registration and hotel information is available at: [www.stophumantrafficking.org/calendar.htm](http://www.stophumantrafficking.org/calendar.htm)

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:

### Respect Life

SARASOTA COUNTY PARISH BULLETIN COORDINATORS:

**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.



### Out and About the Diocese

Registration forms for **National Black Catholic Congress X, July 12-15 in Buffalo, New York** have been available for some time. If you have not received a copy, please contact Dean Blietz, St. Peter Claver Catholic Mission in Fort Myers. Phone: 239-479-7698; Home: 239-479-7698.

Two support groups have recently been formed at St. Columbkille Parish and meet in the **St. Columbkille Ministry Center**, at 12175 Iona Rd, Ft Myers, FL 33908:

The **Caregiver's Support Group** meets **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.** offer a supportive environment to share information, resources, fellowship, and prayer. Bring the loved one you care for to **enjoy** fellowship in their own space. For details call Chris McBride at the Office at 489-3973, x231.

The **Families and Friends of Incarcerated Persons Support Group** meets on **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.** For more information, please contact the Office at 489-3973.