



The Mustard Seed

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office of the Bishop

Bishop Frank J. Dewane announces the following appointments:

REVEREND ROBERT D. TABBERT appointed Pastor of Blessed Pope John XXIII Parish, Fort Myers, Florida, effective May 23.

MR. BRAD WATSON appointed Director of Finance for the Diocese of Venice, effective June 1, at the same time relieved of his appointment as Interim Director of Finance.

REVEREND BABU GANGOLU, S.A.C., appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Martha Parish, Sarasota, Florida, with hospital chaplaincy to the Catholic patients at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, effective June 1.

REVEREND JAROSLAW SNIOSSEK appointed as Judge to the Tribunal for the Diocese of Venice, effective June 1, 2007, having completed Canon Law studies at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

On the weekend of June 30-July 1, the annual Peter's Pence collection, to support the works of the Holy Father, will be taken up in all the parishes and missions of the Diocese. Please include the Bishop's letter, enclosed, in your bulletin the weekend preceding the collection, and forward the proceeds to the Finance Department no later than July 20.



Office of Stewardship and Development

Stewardship and Development Office, Mary Campo 941-441-1117

Our Diocesan Stewardship Day will be held on Oct. 30, rather than Nov. 6, as previously reported. We don't want to keep anyone from voting! The location will be St. Thomas More Church in Sarasota, time: 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Catholic Faith Appeal-envelopes and second collections:

In the past year, some parishes have begun printing their own CFA envelopes, as well as having second collections for the CFA beyond the months of January and February. Money that is intended for the offertory should not be diverted to the CFA. Please adhere to the following:

- Continuous second collections throughout the year for the CFA are not allowed. An in-pew collection should be taken up in February on Commitment Sunday. However if you have not achieved 50% of your annual goal, a follow-up can be done before Easter, with another pitch at the end of the year.
- Checks made payable to the CFA properly identifying the donors are allowed. Proper identification should be through one or more of the following:
 1. Pre-printed on the check itself
 2. On a CFA pledge card made out by the donor
 3. Through the diocesan constituent number found on the donor reports sent to the parish.

- Checks made payable to the parish will be allowed only if they are in a diocesan CFA envelope and contain a pledge card filled out by the donor. The parish should not open envelopes for the CFA; send them directly to the development office of the diocese.
- The parish should not pre-print their own envelopes for the CFA or include them in the envelope boxes.

If you need a copy of the acceptable ways to raise money for the CFA, please call the development office. 941-486-4719. Thank you.

Special thanks to all of you who attended our first Catholic Faith Appeal in-service meeting and luncheon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice. The goal was to review CFA procedures and get to know one another. We plan to do it again, so please send us your comments and suggestions.



The Education Department

A number of our teachers and principals will be attending summer classes geared toward making them better Catholic school administrators. The classes at Barry University in Miami are funded through The Florida Catholic Conference Principal's Institute which secured a \$875,000 grant from the Marie V. Gendron bequest to the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Teachers will explore a career in school administration, principals will learn more about the Catholic identity and also work on their Master's Degrees. The Gendron Grant is awarded in increments of \$175,000 and this is the first year it has been available to our educators.



Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities was the recipient of the prestigious 2007 Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference Humanitarian Award for their disaster response efforts throughout the storm seasons of 2004 and 2005 and their continued efforts in assisting disaster victims in 2006. The collective accomplishments of Catholic Charities offices throughout Florida were recognized, especially the historic Florida Mutual Aid Agreement signed in 2005 by all seven diocesan directors of the organization. It is the first formal disaster response agreement of its kind among local Catholic Charities in the nation.

Collaborative efforts among Florida Catholic Charities offices to provide services to victims displaced by Hurricane Katrina also were commended. In 2004, when Southwest Florida was hit by four hurricanes, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice assisted over 46,000 individuals with hurricane related services at seven recovery centers. In 2005, over 14,000 victims were helped with disaster relief. Catholic Charities is responsible for disaster preparedness and response in the Diocese of Venice. The organization serves and empowers all in need regardless of race, nationality or creed. Anyone who would like more information about disaster planning can call 941-488-5581 or visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.



Office of Vocations

Seminarians begin summer assignments. Seminarians of The Diocese of Venice are participating in a variety of summer assignments. If one of these men is assigned to your parish, please make him feel welcome and help him to use this time to experience parish life more fully. Your prayers for these men are greatly appreciated!

Justin Bianchi	St. Francis Xavier Parish, Fort Myers
Bernard Chojnacki	San Antonio Parish, Port Charlotte
Alexis Ibarra	St. Jude Parish, Sarasota
Casey Jones	Dominican Republic, Language Study
Mieczyslaw Mertin	St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Port Charlotte
Nelson Perez	St. Andrew Parish, Cape Coral
Russell Ruggiero	Chaplaincy Training, New York City
Filip Wodecki	St. Leo Parish, Bonita Springs

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:

Communications Department

We'd like to remind everyone that hurricane season is right around the corner. A diocesan Hurricane Disaster Preparedness Information booklet is available for download on our website at www.dioceseofvenice.org. It's a step by step guide to help you prepare for a hurricane, and it also offers information on what to do if disaster strikes. The booklet includes tips to help you survive the aftermath with contacts for emergency aid and federal disaster relief.



Respect Life Department

USE NFP? If you practice **Natural Family Planning**, please prayerfully consider being trained to share the benefits of NFP with others, particularly newly married couples. Contact the Respect Life Department, 941-441-1101 for information.

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 email 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: "Learn more about Catholic teaching on the death penalty, and seriously reflect on and re-examine our own attitudes and positions on the death penalty." 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

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.



Tribunal

Are you currently in a marriage which is not recognized by the Catholic Church? Are you free to marry but thinking of entering marriage with someone who has been previously married and divorced? If so, the staff of the Tribunal for the Diocese of Venice is willing to examine this situation with you so that your standing in the Church can be determined. The Tribunal is the only agency in the Diocese with the juridical power to examine and resolve such cases. Should you wish additional information, your parish priest can assist you. You are also free to contact the Tribunal office directly at 941-484-9543. Any of the staff members will be able to provide information.



Worship and Ministries Department

Five diaconate students from the Class of 2009 will be instituted into the Office of Reader by Bishop Dewane at Epiphany Cathedral during an 11:00 am Mass on Saturday, June 9. The students are: Joseph Allison of St. Raphael's Parish, Lehigh Acres; Philip Fontaine of St. Leo's Parish, Estero; Thomas Grant of Sacred Heart Parish, Punta Gorda; Kevin McKenney of St. Martha's Parish Sarasota; and Epimaco Roca, Jr., of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Venice. Parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

Applications are now being accepted for the permanent diaconate class of 2013. To become a permanent deacon you must complete twelve courses at the Blessed Edmund Rice School for Pastoral Theology and twelve courses with the Diaconate Program over a period of five years. More information may be found on the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org, or contact Deacon William Ladroga, Director of Diaconate Student Formation, at 941-484-9543, extension 3104 or 941-378-7070.



Safe Environment Training for the Public

Holy Cross Church in Palmetto is holding a training session for all parishioners for creating a safe environment for children and adults. Parents, Church employees, Catechists, Volunteers who work with our youth, and any adult interested in keeping children safe are welcome. The training session will be held Saturday, June 16 at Holy Cross Parish Hall, 505 26th Street West in Palmetto. Classes are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in English, and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Spanish. If you are interested, please call 941-729-3891 to register with the Church office. The deadline to register is Friday, June 8.