



# The Mustard Seed

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*Pastoral Bulletin**Vol. 5, No. 15**July 27, 2007***ANNOUNCEMENTS****Office of the Bishop**

Bishop Frank J. Dewane announces the following clergy appointments:

REVEREND JAMES FRYAR, F.S.S.P. appointed to begin an apostolate in the Diocese of Venice, offering the Latin Mass and sacraments for the faithful, with residence at St Martha Parish, Sarasota, Florida, effective July 6, 2007.

REVEREND JAN ANTONIK appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas More Parish, Sarasota, Florida, effective August 1, 2007, at the same time relieved of his appointment as Parochial Vicar of Epiphany Cathedral Parish, Venice.

REVEREND GERARD F. CRITCH appointed Parochial Vicar of Epiphany Cathedral Parish, Venice, Florida, effective August 1, 2007, at the same time relieved of his appointment as Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas More Parish, Sarasota.

REVEREND PATRICK T. O'CONNOR, OSFS, appointed to Hispanic Ministry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Immokalee, Florida, effective July 19, 2007.

**Office of the Chancellor**

*Special Days* - July 16<sup>th</sup> marked the 19th anniversary of ordination to priesthood of Bishop Dewane. Please join us in wishing the Bishop many more happy and fruitful years of priesthood, and pray that Almighty God will abundantly bless his spiritual leadership of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. On July 17, 1984, Pope John Paul II established the Diocese of Venice in Florida. Happy Anniversary Diocese of Venice!

*Hurricane Preparedness Reminder* - All parishes, schools, and other diocesan entities are asked to submit the names of two representatives to coordinate pre-hurricane and post-hurricane strategies. Please submit their names, phone numbers, and email addresses to Carol Compton in the Chancellor's Office (Fax 941-488-2561) by **AUGUST 5, 2007**.

Forms for requesting faculties for extern priests to serve in the Diocese of Venice, as well as Forms for permission to invite guest speakers, may be found on our website. Pastors and Administrators are asked to use the forms to better facilitate this process. Please send requests for faculties or for guest speaker permission to the Chancellor's Office.

**Communications Department**

Be sure to pick up a copy of *The Florida Catholic* and encourage your parishioners to do the same. The July 20-Aug. 2 issue features stories about Pope Benedict XVI's apostolic letter on the Tridentine Mass and includes a feature on St. Martha Parish in Sarasota, where Father James Fryar, a priest trained in the Tridentine Mass, has been assigned. Also read about natural family planning in an article that answers all the basic questions about this church-approved method of timing and spacing births. The story lists how and where couples can learn natural family planning, as well as resources describing the church's stance on this issue and why. Readers can also see how children across the Diocese are putting their faith into action at vacation Bible school programs. This issue features photos from St. Francis Xavier Parish in Fort Myers and Incarnation Parish in Sarasota. In the Aug. 3-16 issue of the Florida Catholic, look for a feature on St. John Neumann High School students who spent two weeks in China this summer, and a story on Relevant Radio, which airs Catholic programming in Fort Myers and Naples. Also look out for vacation Bible school photos from San Antonio

Parish in Port Charlotte and St. Cecilia Parish in Fort Myers.

What's happening in your parish? Contact Florida Catholic editor Kristie Nguyen at (941) 486-4701 or [nguyen@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:nguyen@dioceseofvenice.org) with your story and photo ideas.

We also invite you to keep an eye on our website [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org) for updated news and photos. Please feel free to send us your comments at [newsletter@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:newsletter@dioceseofvenice.org).

## Clergy

*Priest Retreat* - "Intercession for Priests" is being offered September 16 - 21 at the new Broom Tree Retreat Center in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. The focus of the retreat is seeking the grace of repentance, healing and renewal. For more information log on to [www.intercessionforpriests.org](http://www.intercessionforpriests.org). There are a limited number of slots available, so if you are interested in attending call (605) 988-3708 or e-mail [lori@sfcatholic.org](mailto:lori@sfcatholic.org).

## Information Technology Department

The IT Department is reviewing diocesan websites and related projects so if you need help with parish projects please contact IT by calling 484-9543, ext. 3237, or e-mailing them [IT@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:IT@dioceseofvenice.org).

## Office of Stewardship and Development

**SAVE THE DATE!** Diocesan Stewardship and Development Day: "BUILDING STRONG PARISH COMMUNITIES"-- October 30th at St. Thomas More, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Plan now to bring your parish committees and councils!

Keynote Speaker for our Stewardship and Development Day will be **Bishop Robert F. Morneau!** Nationally, Bishop Morneau has served on numerous committees including the Catholic Relief Services Board of Directors, as chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Laity and the U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Stewardship. He helped author *Stewardship: a Disciple's Response*, a stewardship pastoral letter published in 1992, and is recognized as one of top stewardship experts in the United States. A noted speaker, Bishop Morneau's published works range from numerous books on prayer to children's literature, and poetry.

In addition to Bishop Morneau, breakout sessions topics will include "Parish Stewardship 101," "Parish Registration and Census," "Marketing Your Parish," "Taking the Stewardship Approach to Reaching Catholic Faith Appeal Goals," and several others. Also, professors from the Blessed Edmund Rice School will conduct "sample" classes for those considering enriching their faith. Stay tuned for more information!

## 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. 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.

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Northern</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Eastern</u>	<u>Southern</u>
<u>Aug. 9, 2007</u> <u>6 pm to 8 pm</u>				<u>St. William</u>
<u>Aug. 11, 2007</u> <u>9:30 am to 11:30 am</u>				<u>St. William</u>
<u>Aug. 9, 2007</u> <u>6 pm to 8 pm</u>		<u>St. Raphael</u> <u>Englewood</u>		
<u>Aug. 11, 2007</u> <u>9:30 am to 11:30 am</u>		<u>St. Raphael</u> <u>Englewood</u>		
<u>Aug. 9, 2007</u> <u>6 pm to 8 pm</u>		<u>St. Andrew Parish</u> <u>Cape Coral</u>		
<u>Aug. 11, 2007</u> <u>9:30 am to 11:30 am</u>		<u>St. Andrew Parish</u> <u>Cape Coral</u>		

<u>Aug. 16, 2007</u> <u>6 pm to 8 pm</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u> <u>Bradenton</u>			
<u>Aug. 18, 2007</u> <u>9:30 am to 11:30 am</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u> <u>Bradenton</u>			
<u>Aug. 16, 2007</u> <u>6 pm to 8 pm</u>		<u>San Antonio</u> <u>Deep Creek</u>		
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<u>Aug. 18, 2007</u> <u>9:30 am to 11:30 am</u>			<i>English and Spanish</i> <u>Our Lady Queen of Heaven</u> <u>LaBelle</u>	
<u>Sept. 13, 2007</u> <u>6 pm to 8 pm</u>		<u>St. Columbkille Parish</u> <u>Fort Myers</u>		
<u>Sept. 15, 2007</u> <u>9:30 am to 11:30 am</u>		<u>St. Columbkille Parish</u> <u>Fort Myers</u>		
<u>Sept. 27, 2007</u> <u>6 pm to 8 pm</u>				<u>St. John the</u> <u>Evangelist</u>
<u>Sept. 29, 2007</u> <u>9:30 am to 11:30 am</u>				<u>St. John the</u> <u>Evangelist</u>
<u>Sept. 27, 2007</u> <u>6 pm to 8 pm</u>	<u>Incarnation</u> <u>Sarasota</u>			
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**These are the only regional trainings that will be held in the Fall.**

### **Respect Life Department**

Included below is a bulletin announcement about the new Stem Cell Research DVD available through our Respect Life website. Please consider also using excerpts from [www.dovrespectlife.org/bulletinexcerpts.SCRFrTadMyths.htm](http://www.dovrespectlife.org/bulletinexcerpts.SCRFrTadMyths.htm) to help educate your parishioners on this important topic. Each myth could be run in consecutive bulletins or several could be used at one time depending on space available.

### **Peace and Justice Office**

DREAM Act would help young people who were brought to the U.S. before the age of 15. The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM Act), which will be voted on in Congress after the August recess, would provide a path to permanent residence for young men and women brought to the country as undocumented children at least 5 years ago, if they graduate from high school and enter college or military service. This bill would help tens of thousands of minors who otherwise would have no future for themselves in the United States. Without this bill, they face barriers to higher education, are not able to work legally, and live in fear of being removed from their homes to countries they barely know. The U.S. Catholic Bishops have long advocated for legal status for minors who entered the country as undocumented children. Senators and Representatives in Congress need to hear from supporters of these young people, and to pass the DREAM Act. For more information, please contact the Diocesan Peace and Justice Office: 941-484-9543 or [peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org).

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please publish the following in your parish bulletins:*

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

The St. Peter Claver Catholic Mission of the Diocese of Venice will be featured in the 2008 Operation Rice Bowl materials. Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas relief and development agency of the Catholic Community in the United States. Through Operation Rice Bowl communities join together in the traditional Lenten practices of praying with their friends and family, fasting through making sacrifices, learning about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world, and giving concrete assistance to those most in need. 75% of the gifts received by Operation Rice Bowl go to fund CRS' development projects overseas and Lenten education efforts in the U.S. 25% of contributions support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in dioceses in the United States.

Each year one diocese is chosen to demonstrate how the 25% of ORB funds are used in the United States. In the Diocese of Venice, a portion of the 25% of Operation Rice Bowl contributions is used to support the Food Bank of St. Peter Claver in Fort Myers. St. Peter Claver Catholic Mission and Latronia Latson, a volunteer at the Food Bank, will be featured in the 2008 ORB Home Calendar Guide and on the ORB website, <http://orb.crs.org>. 3.5 million Home Calendar Guides are distributed throughout the United States and 8 million Catholics participate in Operation Rice Bowl each year.

### **Respect Life Department**

**Stem Cell Research** – Do you know the facts concerning the stem cell research debate? What's wrong with embryonic stem cell research? Why has only adult stem cell research been successful? To learn the truth about this hot issue, go to [www.dovrespectlife.org](http://www.dovrespectlife.org) for a link to view a 15-minute DVD.

**NFP** – Use Natural Family Planning? Consider being trained to share the gift. Contact the Respect Life Department, (941) 441-1101 for details.

(SARASOTA AREA)

**WANTED** - Women with a heart for pregnant women and their babies. Gabriel Project Sarasota needs you! You can help 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. Contact Jeanne Berdeaux, (941) 441-1101.

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](mailto: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: "Urge public officials to support measures that restrict the death penalty or provide alternatives; and in a particular way, ask those who make decisions about the death penalty to take their own opportunities to bring an end to its use." 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.

Celebrate with Pregnancy Solutions and see a live demonstration of our new ultrasound at an open house on Tuesday, August 21 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at 1680B Tamiami Trail South, Venice. RSVP to 408-7100. Special thanks to all our supporters who made it possible.

### **Peace and Justice Office**

“Our tradition calls us to protect the life and dignity of the human person, and it is increasingly clear that this task cannot be separated from the care and defense of all creation.” (U.S. Catholic Bishops, *Renewing the Earth*). If you would like to participate in caring for creation, learn about the Environmental Justice Commission of the Peace and Justice Office. Contact the office at 941-484-9543 or [peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org).

### **Office of Stewardship and Development**

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Speaker will be **Bishop Robert F. Morneau**. Nationally, Bishop Morneau has served on numerous committees including the Catholic Relief Services Board of Directors, as chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Laity and the U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Stewardship. He helped author *Stewardship: a Disciple's Response*, a stewardship pastoral letter published in 1992, and is recognized as one of top stewardship experts in the United States. A noted speaker, Bishop Morneau's published works range from numerous books on prayer to children's literature, and poetry. For additional information please call the Stewardship Office at 941-486-4719.

### **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.

Acaso se encuentra en un matrimonio que la Iglesia Católica no reconoce como válido? Ha estado usted o la persona con quien desea contraer matrimonio anteriormente casados o divorciados? Si una de estas fuese su situación, la Diócesis de Venice desea ayudarle a solucionarla. Solo necesita ponerse en contacto con su parroquia donde le darán la información necesaria, o puede llamar al Tribunal Eclesiástico de la Diócesis al número 941 484-9543.

### **Out and About the Diocese**

Do Good, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly with God from Micah 6:8 is the theme of 2 weekend retreats at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice. This scripture is a guide to help us become more balanced, passionate, and dedicated to the Lord as we follow Him. This will be a preached retreat, led by Father Peter Sousa, C.Ss.R. Retreat for men is 14-16 September, 2007; retreat for women is 21-23 September, 2007. Cost for single room is \$150; cost for shared rooms is \$125 per person. Call Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center at 941-486-0233 or email [olphsav@aol.com](mailto:olphsav@aol.com)

**St. Thomas More Parish is hosting a concert - Group 1 Crew** – The concert is will be held at St. Thomas More Parish, 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, 6 p.m. Sunday, October 14. Everyone in attendance will have an opportunity to meet the band after the concert! Tickets on sale at St. Thomas More Parish, or call 941-923-1691. (Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door).

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