



The Diocese of Venice in Florida

The Mustard Seed



Pastoral Bulletin

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DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office of the Bishop

Please see attached Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith) collection letters in both English and Spanish. The collection is to be taken up the weekend of October 20/21, so I encourage you to make sure your bulletin editors have a copy.

As I read through the Mustard Seed, I am proud of how much our diocese does to support family life and the individuals who make up those families. From participating in the ecumenical endeavor entitled “40 Days for Life” to raising awareness of an anti-pornography campaign; from organizing a JustFaith workshop and a Leaven Conference to taking care of refugees who need to start a new life. May God Bless You and all our parishioners for these good works.

Catholic Charities

Grants – Last year Catholic Charities/Diocese of Venice, one of the largest providers of refugee programs in the state, served over 1,200 refugees who fled their homeland because of political upheaval and are in the U.S. legally. To continue these resettlement services, Catholic Charities has received two grants from the Florida Department of Children and Families, Office of Refugee Services. An Employability Status Assistance Grant will support job placement efforts in Sarasota, Fort Myers and Naples with \$600,000 a year for three years. A Refugee Youth and Families Grant will fund services in Collier County with \$450,000 annually for two years. In addition to state funding, Catholic Charities refugee programs also receive grants from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Washington, D.C. For more information about Refugee Services at Catholic Charities call 941-493-8231.

Office of Stewardship and Development

Stewardship Day - Noted speaker and author, **Bishop Robert F. Morneau**, will be the Keynote Speaker at our third annual Stewardship Day, Tuesday, October 30th, 9am – 3 pm., St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota. All are welcome. The day will include the keynote speech, Mass and stewardship workshops. Registration fee is \$10, which covers a continental breakfast and lunch. There is no charge for those wishing to attend just the keynote address and Mass. Please RSVP by October 19th to Deborah at 941-486-4719 for registration or information.

CCHD /Catholic Relief Services

Workshop Rescheduled - The National JustFaith Introductory Workshop by JustFaith author and founder, Jack Jezreel has been rescheduled to December 1 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. JustFaith is an intensive and successful model of justice education and spiritual

formation that is having dramatic results in parishes across the country. Registration fee is \$15.00 if you call early, and lunch is included. After November 16, the registration fee goes up to \$20.00.

Department of Education

Development Seminar - The Department of Education is sponsoring a Development Seminar on Monday, October 15 from 9:30am – 3pm at the Catholic Center in Venice. The morning presenter is Carol Carter, V.P. Advancement for New College and the afternoon presenter is Dr. Susan Olson, Vice President of Loveland Legacy, Inc. Other presenters include Mary Campo, Director of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Venice and Dr. Philip Flynn III, Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation. Participants will learn about soliciting major gifts for schools and parishes. There is no fee, and breakfast and lunch will be provided. For information and registration, contact the Education Department at 941-484-9543.

Department of Information Technology

Equipment Guidelines - When ordering new computers, please REFRAIN FROM ordering machines with VISTA installed – VISTA can cause problems with existing applications and equipment such as printers. **Please have the computers installed with Microsoft XP Pro**, which is the standard operating system used by the diocese for computers. We do not support VISTA machines, and we also do not support Apple computers. *It is highly recommended that you contact the Diocese IT Department before ordering your equipment.* The diocese can order equipment for you at significant discounts. (We have negotiated discount rates for the diocese only, so please take advantage of this.) Working with IT also ensures that you get help when you encounter problems, and we can also help you avoid software incompatibility issues. To contact the Information Technology Department call 941-484-3027, or email us at helpdesk@dioceseofvenice.org.

Internal Financial Services

Notice - All Bookkeepers/Financial Administrators of Parishes, Missions, and Schools: When sending in your quarterly financial statements, please send them Attention: Internal Financial Services Dept.

Worship and Ministries

As part of the **Anti Pornography Awareness Week, Sunday, October 20 through Sunday, November 4**, you are asked to display a white ribbon on your lapel, car antenna, front door or mailbox as a sign that you want vigorous enforcement of existing obscenity laws. The Family Life Office has a supply of ribbons so, if your parish would like some, please call Betty Karsokas or Louise Tokarski at (941) 484-9543.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please publish in your bulletins)

CCHD/CRS

You are invited! A National JustFaith Introductory workshop will be held Saturday, December 1, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Epiphany Cathedral Parish. Please join us for this workshop presented by Justfaith founder and author, Jack Jezreel. Registration Cost is \$20.00.

Bulletin editors: a registration flyer for the JustFaith workshop is available on the diocesan website calendar. Click the date: www.dioceseofvenice.org/news/calendar.cfm

Peace and Justice Office

State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). This children's health safety net expansion bill, endorsed by a substantial number of U.S. Senators, has been vetoed. SCHIP has been a successful health care program since it was created in 1997 to insure children of middle-income families who don't qualify for Medicaid because income is too high, but they still can't afford private insurance. Please ask the Florida members of the U.S. House of Representatives to support the bill to override the President's veto.

LEAVEN Conference Workshops. A workshop team from the planning committee for the Peace and Justice LEAVEN Conference, scheduled March 15, 2008, has begun developing new workshops for small group breakout sessions. This team, ably led by Ana Romillo, has met several times at San Antonio parish, the site of the 2008 Conference. New topics include: the homeless and mentally ill, immigration reform, low-income housing, Palestinian refugee peace issues, globalization, health care issues, and a workshop on peace and justice especially for youthful participants. The keynote speaker for the conference is Sr. Helen Prejean, "Dead Man Walking" CSJ, a nationally known spokesperson against capital punishment. Plan to attend the conference for an update on these critical social justice issues. For further information, contact the Peace and Justice Office (941-484-9543 or peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.com).

Respect Life Department

National Prayer Vigil - You are invited to join **40 Days for Life**, a national pro-life prayer vigil being conducted through November 4. The local all-faiths vigil is being held outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Sarasota daily from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. For details, go to www.swflforlife.org or call 941-321-4201.

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? Dale S. and Dr. Susan Ward Recinella, nationally recognized for their opposition work against the death penalty, are the featured speakers in the statewide Bishops' Campaign Against the Death Penalty. The presentation will be held Saturday, October 27 at 1:30 p.m. in St. Ann Hall at Bishop Nevins Academy, 4380 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota. For more information or to register, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 1-941-441-1112. **Bulletin editors: an informational flyer is available for download on the diocesan website calendar.** Click on the date: www.dioceseofvenice.org/news/calendar.cfm

NORTHERN DEANERY

The monthly **Gabriel Project Hour of Prayer for Life** will be Wednesday, November 7, 3-4 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 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.

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Office of Vocations

Think God may be calling you to the priesthood? Do you want to talk about it over prayer, and then later share some pizza? Please join Bishop Frank J. Dewane for both on Thursday, October 11 from 5 to 7 pm at St. Leo Church, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs. Reserve your pizza by calling the Vocations Office at 941-484-9543. Please share this information with someone you think might be interested.

College Seminary Discernment Weekend - St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami is hosting a discernment weekend for young men considering the priesthood. The weekend will include prayer, talks, recreation and casual time with the seminarians. Come and spend a weekend experiencing life at a college seminary on November 2-4. RSVP: The Diocese of Venice Vocations Office, 941-484-9543, and call if you need to arrange for transportation.

Tribunal

Do you know someone who has strayed from the Catholic Church because of divorce and remarriage? Please tell them about a meeting especially for them on October 13, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 1441 Spear St, Port Charlotte, FL 33991 (941) 743-6877. They are invited to discuss their situation with the priests of the tribunal and explore the possibilities of returning to full participation in the Church. There is no registration, no charge, and confidentiality is respected. For more information please call the Tribunal at (941) 484-9543.

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A Spanish One-Day Marriage Preparation Program will be held at St. Jude Parish in Sarasota on November 3. For reservations and information please contact Francis at St. Jude Parish (941) 955-3934.

Is your marriage hurting? We invite couples to attend the Retrouville/Discovery program that offers help marriages in difficulty. Retrouville places strong emphasis on communication techniques. A Retrouville/Discovery weekend will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Retreat Center in Venice on November 16 - 18. For information and/or reservations please call (800) 470-2230 or (239) 395-0810. All inquiries are held in strict confidence.

EASTERN DEANERY

"A Wedding is a Day, A Marriage is a Lifetime" - The Diocese of Venice will hold a one-day marriage preparation program for all couples considering marriage in the Catholic Church. The program will be held at St. Catherine's parish in Sebring on Saturday, October 27th. The cost is \$65 per couple which covers breakfast, lunch and printed materials. This fee is non-refundable. For information and/or reservations, please call Betty Karsokas at (941) 484-9543.

NORTHERN DEANERY

For couples planning marriage - The Diocese of Venice will hold a one-day Marriage Preparation Program on Saturday, October 20, at Epiphany Cathedral Parish in Venice, to give engaged couples the opportunity to speak honestly about their future. The cost is \$65 per couple which covers breakfast, lunch and printed materials. This fee is non-refundable. For information please call Betty Karsokas at (941) 484-9543.

FOR CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN DEANERIES

For couples planning marriage - The Diocese of Venice will hold a Pre Cana Conference on Saturday, November 10, 2007, at St. Vincent dePaul Parish in Fort Myers, to help engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. The cost is \$65 per couple, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. This fee is non-refundable. For reservations please call Betty Karsokas at (941) 484-9543.

OUT AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

Catholic Young Adults (20's and 30's, Single and Married) in the Sarasota Area

Please join us for upcoming events!!! For more information check out our meeting schedule at: <http://www.tinyurl.com/24bh3p> or e-mail: djones@dioceseofvenice.org.

Fatima Anniversary - Ninety years after the Marian apparitions in Fatima, Portugal, Catholics are gearing up to commemorate its jubilee anniversary with two thousand rosary rallies in public squares around the nation. The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property and its America Needs Fatima campaign will host a rosary rally at 10 a.m. on Oct. 13 at Bayfront Park, located next to O'Leary's Restaurant on Bayfront Drive (U.S. Highway 41) and Ringling Blvd. in Sarasota. The event will include a prayer service and a talk, followed by recitation of the rosary by Father Julio B. Rivero, T. O. R., of Sacred Heart Parish in Bradenton. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Karen J. Montgomery at 941-776-3609, Father Julio B. Rivero of Sacred Heart Parish at 941-748-2221, or Tom and Marie Ewing at 941-795-0413.

Caring for the vulnerable - For all who are involved with ministries to the sick and home-bound, hospital and hospice, here is an opportunity to learn and reflect on how we care for these vulnerable among us....all are welcome on Saturday, October 20th for PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Anointing, Viaticum, Praying with the Sick and the Dying, Living as a Preparation

for Dying, a presentation by Rev. Gerard Austin, O.P., S.T.D., Professor Rice School for Pastoral Ministry Diocese of Venice, from 9am – 12 noon at Saint Columbkille Parish Center 12171 Iona Road Fort Myers. For information or to register call 239-489-3973.

Chart topping Group 1 Crew live in Sarasota - Come see & hear "Love is a beautiful thing", "Everybody's got a song to sing", "No plan B" and many more!

Everyone in attendance will have an opportunity to meet the band after the concert!

Join us on Sunday, October 14th at 6:00PM at St. Thomas More Church, 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, 941-923-1691. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Groups receive 1 ticket free for every 10 purchased. Tickets are on sale at St. Thomas More 2506 Gulf Gate Drive Sarasota or Living Word Christian Store 5421 Fruitville Road Sarasota.

OTHER EVENTS

“Veni Si Amas Retreat”- for Single Catholic women from 17-30 years of age who are discerning a call to religious life. November 9-11 at St. Francis Convent, 2120 Central Ave., Alton, Il. For more information e-mail vocations@altonfranciscans.org or call (618) 463-2757.

SUNLIGHT HOME, a Naples residential program for pregnant women and adolescents in need is sponsoring a drawing for a **TOYOTA PRIUS HYBRID FAMILY CAR**. Tickets are \$75 each or 3 for \$200. Simply send your check payable to Sunlight Home, P.O. Box 9194, Naples, Fl 34101 and we will fill out the ticket(s) for you. Drawing will be Dec. 18th at the home. You need not be present to win. For more information, call Dolores at 566-8779.



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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 2007

My dear Friends in Christ,

At Baptism, each of us is given the responsibility to be missionary – to share our faith and to be active participants in the Church’s mission to all peoples.

Celebrated this year on October 21, World Mission Sunday gives us the opportunity to reach out in faith to more than two-thirds of the world’s people who have yet to hear the “Good News” of Jesus Christ, their Savior, or to experience – through the Word and witness of missionaries – His abiding love. On World Mission Sunday, within the context of the Eucharist, we can offer our prayers and support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for the mission of making Jesus known “to the ends of the earth.”

World Mission Sunday is truly a universal celebration – a recommitment to the Church’s evangelizing mission, taking place in parishes throughout the world. Therefore, on October 21, united with Catholics throughout the world, let us pray for the Church’s missionary work and offer our personal sacrifices – our own sufferings, cares and concerns – in union with the sufferings of Christ on the Cross for the salvation of the world. We also should offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for the Church’s work in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

The missionary work of the Church depends on each one of us. Please be as generous as your means will allow and continue to pray that we will be eager and effective witnesses of Jesus in a world that is so in need of His love and peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of Venice in Florida



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Octubre 2007

Estimados Amigos en Cristo,

En el Bautismo, cada uno de nosotros recibimos la responsabilidad de ser misionero—de compartir nuestra fe y ser participantes activos en la misión de la Santa Iglesia para todos los pueblos.

El Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, que se celebra este año el 21 de octubre, nos da la oportunidad de alcanzar en fe a más de dos tercios de la población mundial que aún no han oído la “Buena Noticia” de Jesucristo su Salvador o sentir Su amor infinito a través de la palabra y proclamación de los misioneros. En el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, dentro del contexto de la Eucaristía, podemos ofrecer nuestras oraciones y apoyo, por medio de la Sociedad de la Propagación de la Fe, a la misión de hacer que Jesús sea conocido hasta “los confines de la tierra”.

El Domingo Mundial de las Misiones es verdaderamente una celebración universal de la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia, teniendo lugar también en parroquias en el mundo entero. Por eso, el 21 de octubre, unidos con católicos a través del mundo, oremos por la obra misionera de la Iglesia, y por nuestros sacrificios personales – nuestros sufrimientos, nuestras penas y preocupaciones – en unión con los sufrimientos de Cristo en la Cruz para la salvación del mundo. Deberíamos también ofrecer ayuda monetaria por medio de la Propagación de la Fe para la obra misionera de la Iglesia en más 1,150 diócesis en Asia, África, Islas Pacíficas y regiones remotas de la América Latina.

La obra misionera de la Iglesia depende en cada uno de nosotros. Por favor sean generosos conforme les permitan sus circunstancias y continúen rezando para que todos nosotros seamos testigos fieles de Dios en un mundo tan necesitado de Su amor y paz.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Obispo de Venice en Florida