



The Diocese of Venice in Florida

The Mustard Seed



Pastoral Bulletin

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DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office of the Bishop

Farmworker Sunday - The bishops of Florida invite you to recognize the men and women who provide the labor to bring fruits and vegetables to our tables by celebrating Farmworker Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007. Acknowledging that many farmworkers are immigrants, we have issued a teaching about the Catholic Church position on immigration and myths about immigrants. For more information please go to www.flacathconf.org.

Mission Sunday Reminder – The collection is to be taken up the weekend of October 20/21, so please make sure your bulletin editors have a copy.

Office of the Chancellor

Goodbye Jeanne - After 30 years of service, first with St. Martha Parish in Sarasota, and for the past 22 years in the Chancellor's Office of the Diocese of Venice, Jeanne Hickey will be retired on November 2, 2007. We will miss Jeanne and appreciate the contribution she has made to the Diocese throughout these years. At the same time we are pleased to announce that Pamela Delcamp is Administrative Assistant in the Chancellor's office, effective October 15, 2007.

Sister Roberta Retires - Sister Roberta Schmidt, CSJ, has announced that she will conclude her service as Director of Education for the Diocese of Venice at the end of the 2007-08 school year. Under Sister Roberta's leadership for the past fourteen years, our Catholic schools have grown significantly with students receiving an excellent education based on Gospel values. A national search will begin immediately and qualified candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume to humanresources@dioceseofvenice.org

Communications Department

Action Alert: Florida Catholic Conference – The Florida Bishops are launching an advocacy network to coordinate responses from Catholics across the state to speak as one voice in encouraging lawmakers to defend all human life and promote the dignity of the most vulnerable in our society. This network will be implemented over the next few months, and this week we are asked to notify parishes that the Advocacy Network website graphic is available on the Florida Catholic Conference website www.flacathconf.org/FCCAdvocacy/Web_Graphic.htm. Please post the Action Alert on your parish website so that we can raise our voices together and strengthen the presence of the Catholic faithful in the political arena.

TV Mass Celebrants/Participants Needed – The communications department has begun taping a new season of TV Masses which air on Sunday mornings on WWSB Channel 7 in Sarasota and WFTX Fox 4 in Cape Coral. To all celebrants and participants of the TV Mass: ***thank you for taking time out of your busy day to join us with these very important tasks.*** We still need to schedule more Masses, so if we call you, please be considerate. The TV Mass brings the Gospel to homebound parishioners who might not otherwise be able to participate.

Christmas Concerts or Programs Sought – If your school or parish is holding a Christmas concert or event prior to December 13th please let us know, ***you may be chosen to be on TV!*** The communications department is including a special half hour of holiday programming with Bishop Dewane's Christmas Mass and message, and we are looking for candidates. Please contact Director of Communications Adela Gonzales White at agwhite@dioceseofvenice.org or call 941-484-9543.

Reminder for priests - Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:
Priests' Convocation - November 26-29, 2007
Priests' Retreat - May 5-8, 2008

Bulletin Editors: As the holiday season approaches and things get busy, we receive news of parish and school events throughout the diocese. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT IS A RESOURCE FOR YOU! WE WANT TO HELP PROMOTE YOUR EVENTS, SO SEND US YOUR FLYERS.** These flyers are being posted on our website calendar, and any bulletin editor can download the flyer, print it and include the flyer in their parish bulletin. Please help promote all events because we are one family. I also want to remind everyone that *The Mustard Seed* and letters from the Bishop are also available for download from our website at www.dioceseofvenice.org. (Go to the News and Information Page and click on The Mustard Seed and go to the date.)

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 celebrated by Bishop Dewane 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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development/Catholic Relief Services

CCHD Annual Collection November 17-18 - CCHD can only effect change with the solidarity of parishioners across the country. Please support our efforts and say a few words on our behalf. Parish leaders are essential partners in our promotion efforts.

Bulletin Editors: Clip art for bulletins and parish newsletters, along with the CCHD flier, bulletin announcements and Intercessions in English and Spanish are available through this office and at: www.usccb.org/cchd/resources/index.shtml.

JustFaith Workshop - The National JustFaith Introductory Workshop by JustFaith author and founder, Jack Jezreel will be held 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.

Bulletin editors: a JustFaith registration flyer is available at www.dioceseofvenice.org

Department of Education

Catechetical Day – Saturday, November 3, 2007 at Bishop Nevins Academy, 4380 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota from 8am-3pm. Keynote speaker is Doug Brummel, nationally known faith and family comedian and storyteller. There are breakout sessions in the morning and afternoon as well as publishers displaying their materials to purchase. All pastors, catechists, directors of religious education, school teachers and principals are invited to attend. Registration fee is \$25 per person including breakfast and lunch. Contact the Education Department at (941) 484-9543 to register.

Internal Financial Services

Federal Excise Tax Refund - If you have not already applied for a long distance Federal Excise Tax refund, there is still time to do so. The deadline for this request is November 15, 2007 for DOV entities. You have two options:

1. **Figure actual credit:** gather phone billings after 2/28/03 and before 8/1/06 bill dates. Tally up Federal Tax charged (which may read: Federal, Federal Excise, Federal Tax, FET). Enter on columns b. and/or c.; total on column d. and multiply by the given interest rates by month in column e.
2. **Estimation Method:** (must have been in business between April to Sept.2006)
(Use worksheet in Form 8913 Instructions, page 3., Step 2.) :
 - a). Take the total amount paid on your April 2006 phone service bill(s) and divide by the total Federal tax on that bill to get a percentage %.(carry the decimal to at least four decimal places)

- b). Take your September 2006 bill(s) and do the same calculation.
- c). Subtract the September % from the June % figure.
- d). Determine number of employees, if under 250, use :0.02
- e). Use the smaller of 0.02 or the percentage % found in # c. above.
- f). Multiply the percentage % found in #e. above times the total telephone expenses billed for the period of 2/28/0 to 8/1/06. This is done by month and entered on form 8913, column d.

You will then multiply these figures that you have entered in col. d. by an interest rate, by line, provided to you on page 4. of the instructions, and enter in column e. Add column e. on the return to get your refund amount for either method and enter on line 44f on form 990-T. Submit by November 15, 2007. (Form 990-T is normally not filed, but is used this one time for the refund; attach Form 8913. The refund is capped at 2% of phone expenses for business with 250 or less employees). Forms are on the IRS website: www.irs.com. Should you have any questions, please contact the Diocese Internal Financial Services Dept. (Ellen Prince, Director)

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 ribbons, please call Betty K or Louise at (941) 484-9543.

Mark your calendar - On February 9, at 1:00 p.m. at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, Bishop Frank Dewane will celebrate the **Annual Anniversary Mass** for couples married 25, 50 and over 50 years. Further information will be forthcoming.

Respect Life

The November 2007 edition of the **Word of Life** series provided by the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities is available on the Internet at: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/WOL112007Eng.pdf>. WOL also features *Intercessions for Life* and *Bulletin Briefs*. The Spanish version is at: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/WOL112007Spn.pdf>

Peace and Justice Office

Keeping the Faith in Rural America - National Catholic Rural Life Conference has asked all Americans to join small group conversations on food production issues before Thanksgiving Day. Suggested topics include Human Health, Sustainability, Globalization, Social Justice, Environment and Community. Tools to help organize these small group gatherings are available at www.ncrlc.com. The Environmental Justice Commission of the Peace and Justice Office will have more information soon. Contact us at peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-484-9543.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please publish in your bulletins)

Communications Department

CELEBRATE FARMWORKER SUNDAY, NOV. 4TH

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development/Catholic Relief Services

CCHD APPEAL - Imagine life below the poverty line, where one in eight Americans struggles every day to hang on. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps people to create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their communities. Be part of the numbers that care; give generously to the CCHD Appeal next week-end. Visit www.povertyusa.org to learn more.

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 is requested by October 6. Cost is \$15.00 (\$20.00 after October 6)

Peace and Justice Office

Observe Farmworker Sunday, November 4 – The Florida Bishops have urged the CEO of Burger King International to join Yum Brands, Inc. and McDonald's in a historic agreement with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, improving the wages and working conditions of tomato pickers in Florida. During a "mini-tour" of several Florida cities, coalition members paid a personal visit to the Florida Catholic Conference in Tallahassee, thanking the Bishops for their support. We encourage priests, religious and parishioners in the Diocese of Venice to join the write-in campaign urging Burger King to cooperate with the Coalition. Letters should be addressed to Mr. John Chidsey CEO, Burger King Corporate Office, 5505 Blue Lagoon Drive, Miami FL 33126. Also, let your local Burger King manager know how you feel. For more information, go to the CIW web site (www.ciw-online.org) or contact the Diocesan Peace and Justice Office at peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-484-9543.

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.

Struggling after abortion? Project Rachel, a confidential healing ministry for women and men who have been touched by abortion, can help. Call Project Rachel in Florida toll-free at 877-908-1212 or e-mail project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org.

Florida Bishops Campaign Against the Death Penalty - In his book *The Biblical Truth About America's Death Penalty*, Dale S. Recinella writes: "People of biblical faith must abolish the American death penalty, and we must do so in our time" (p. 343). Come hear Mr. Recinella and his wife Dr. Susan Ward Recinella Saturday, October 27 at St. Ann Hall in Bishop Nevins Academy, 4380 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota, FL. Their presentation begins 1:30 p.m. For further information or to register, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 1-941-441-1112. "**About Abortion, About Life**," a web-based program on abortion, is available for viewing at the Florida Catholic Conference website: www.flacathconf.org. This program can be viewed in both English and Spanish.

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

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 from November 2 through 4. If you could like to attend contact the diocesan Vocations Office at 941-484-9543, and let us know if transportation is needed.

Tribunal

Are you in a marriage 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? 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 & Ministries

Anti-Pornography Awareness Week - Display a white ribbon on your lapel, car antenna, front door or mailbox from **October 20 through November 4** to show you support existing obscenity laws during Anti-Pornography Week. The Family Life Office has a supply of ribbons so, if you need some, please call Betty K or Louise at (941) 484-9543.

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? Couples struggling in troubled marriages are invited to attend the Retrouville/Discovery program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice November 16 - 18. The program offers help by improving communication. For information or reservations call (800) 470-2230 or (239) 395-0810. All inquiries are confidential.

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, December 1, at St Thomas More Parish in Sarasota, to give engaged couples the opportunity to dialogue honestly about aspects of their future life together within the Sacrament of Marriage. The cost is \$65 per couple which covers breakfast, lunch and printed materials. This fee is non-refundable. For information please call Betty K 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.

For couples planning marriage - St. William Parish in Naples will hold a one-day Marriage Preparation Program on Saturday, December 8. The cost is \$65 per couple. For information and/or reservations please call Michael Mahr at (239) 261-4883.

OUT AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

Casino Royale Fundraiser - St. Jude Parish is holding its annual fundraiser "Casino Royale" Fundraiser on Friday, Oct 26 at Michael's on East at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$150. For more information contact Kathy Scherster at 302-7848.

Hispanic Festival – St. Jude Parish will hold its 5th annual Hispanic Festival on Nov. 10 from 10 am to 7 pm on the parish grounds at ...17th street. Come enjoy family time, music, food, games and other entertainment and events while supporting the parish.

Dreams are Free School Fundraiser - A **Bluegrass BBQ** is being held **November 16 from 6 – 9 pm at Dreams Are Free School** located on the campus of Bishop Nevins Academy. **Dreams are Free School** educates children with learning disabilities and funds raised at this event will directly benefit the school's scholarship program. Tickets are \$10 each and they can be purchased by calling the school at 366-4010. You can also stop by the campus at the corner of McIntosh and Fruitville Roads.

International Fall Festival – San Antonio Parish in Port Charlotte is holding it's International Fall Festival on Friday night, November 17 from 5:30 til? The fair includes a midway, food booths and craft fair. Live music will also be by the legendary Joey Dee and the Starlighters Band, and other acts. Tickets are \$10 and you can pick them up at San Antonio Church, 24445 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte or call 941-624-3799. Bulletin Editors: A festival flyer is available on the diocesan website.

Diocesan World Youth Day Pilgrimage, July 13-24, 2008

The Diocese of Venice will be represented at World Youth Day in Australia next summer with the Holy Father Benedict XVI. A few spaces are still available with our group, so if you want to join us on this spiritual journey please call.

The package includes:

- 9 nights at the 4 star Hyde Park Inn Hotel in downtown Sydney
- 3 'free days' to explore Sydney and environs.
- Roundtrip airfare from Tampa.
- WYD Registration fees.
- Hotel breakfast every day.
- Lunch and dinner for first 5 days.
- Approx. Total Cost: \$3,600

To join us, or for more information contact Devin Jones at djones@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-486-4723.

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.



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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 17, 2007

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Tens of millions of Americans are struggling below the poverty line – struggling to better their lives and meet the needs of their families. Our faith calls us to work for an end to the injustices of poverty.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) stands with poor and low-income people, helping them create permanent solutions to poverty in their communities. Real, sustainable change is happening because of the support of parishioners across the country.

CCHD's efforts are funded almost entirely through an annual parish Collection. This year's Appeal will take place on the weekend of November 18th. We send 75% of the donations to the CCHD national office to support anti-poverty projects across the country. We keep 25% here in our diocese to fund self-help initiatives to benefit our local communities.

CCHD is committed to helping people find permanent solutions to the problem of poverty, but they cannot do it alone. Please join in solidarity with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to put an end to poverty in our nation.

May God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of Venice in Florida



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

17 Octubre 2007

Mis queridos amigos en Cristo:

Decenas de millones de estadounidenses se debaten por debajo de la línea de la pobreza: luchan arduamente por mejorar su vida y satisfacer las necesidades de sus familias. Nuestra fe nos llama a trabajar para poner fin a las injusticias de la pobreza.

La Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD, por sus siglas en inglés) brinda su respaldo a personas pobres y de bajos ingresos, ayudándolas a crear soluciones permanentes a la pobreza de sus comunidades. Gracias al apoyo de feligreses de todo el país se está produciendo un cambio real y sostenible.

Los esfuerzos de la CCHD se financian casi enteramente mediante una Colecta parroquial anual. La Petición de este año tendrá lugar el noviembre 17-18. El 75% de los donativos lo enviamos a la oficina nacional de la CCHD para apoyar proyectos contra la pobreza en todo el país. El 25% lo mantenemos aquí en nuestra diócesis para financiar iniciativas de autoayuda en beneficio de nuestras comunidades locales.

La CCHD tiene el compromiso de ayudar a la gente a encontrar soluciones permanentes al problema de la pobreza, pero no puede hacerlo sola. Súmese solidariamente a la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano para poner fin a la pobreza en nuestra nación.

Dios le bendiga por su generosidad.

Sinceramente suyo en Nuestro Señor,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Obispo de Venice en Florida