



The Diocese of Venice in Florida



# The Mustard Seed

Pastoral Bulletin

Nov 2, 2007

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Office of the Bishop**

Bishop Dewane has made the following appointments, effective November 2, 2007:

Very Reverend Fausto Stampiglia as Vicar Forane of the Northern Deanery

Very Reverend Jose Antonio Gonzalez as Vicar Forane of the Eastern Deanery

Very Reverend Stephen E. McNamara as Vicar Forane of the Central Deanery

Very Reverend Robert Kantor as Vicar Forane of the Southern Deanery

Sister Monica Paul Fraser has been appointed Director for Religious in the Diocese of Venice, effective October 31, 2007.

### **Communications Department**

*The Florida Catholic website* - Visit The Florida Catholic's new website which features teen and young adult sites and high school sports photography. ([www.thefloridacatholic.org](http://www.thefloridacatholic.org)).

### **Stewardship and Development Office**

*Stewardship Day* - "THANK YOU" to all those who attended our annual Stewardship Day on October 30<sup>th</sup>. For assistance in moving forward in promoting stewardship in your parish, please call Mary Campo at 941-441-1117.

### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

*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.

**Bulletin editors: a registration flyer is available on the diocesan website calendar. Click the date:** [www.dioceseofvenice.org/news/camonth](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/news/camonth)

### **Department of Information Technology**

*We are in the process* of negotiating fleet pricing for our miscellaneous computer, printer, and copier equipment. If you will be purchasing, leasing, or RENEWING YOUR CURRENT LICENSES, please contact Rene Ng at [rng@DioceseOfVenice.org](mailto:rng@DioceseOfVenice.org) because the diocesan fleet pricing may help reduce your costs. This also enables us to provide quality assessment on your behalf to ensure the best product, pricing, and service for what you need.

## **Respect Life**

The December 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/WOL122007Eng.pdf>. WOL also features *Intercessions for Life* and *Bulletin Briefs*. The Spanish version is at: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/WOL122007Spn.pdf>.

**National Night of Prayer for Life** - Saturday, Dec. 8 has been designated as the 18th annual National Night of Prayer for Life, the coordinated effort across the United States to pray for God to bring an end to abortion in America. In our time zone, prayer begins at 9 p.m. and continues until 1 a.m. Parishes are encouraged to participate in their own way, even if it is done earlier in the day, as the pastor determines the time most appropriate for his particular congregation. As you work together with your Respect Life Representative and/or the County Coalition for Life, one suggestion is to involve as many parishioners as possible by inviting various parish organizations to be responsible for one hour, i.e., to lead five decades of the Rosary and the other prayers. These organizations could include: Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic Women, Holy Name Society, Legion of Mary and prayer groups. Suggested prayer formats in both English and Spanish can be found at <http://NationalNightofPrayerforLife.org>. Please contact your Parish Respect Life Representative or the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-441-1112 for further information.

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please publish in your bulletins)**

### **Communications Department**

#### **NORTHERN DEANERY ONLY**

**County Charter Amendment** - On Nov 6, 2007 Sarasota County residents will be asked to vote on a county charter amendment which will dramatically affect land use in the county. Currently 3 out of 5 county commissioners must approve any rezoning or comprehensive land use changes. The charter amendment would change that to require a "supermajority" of 4 out of 5 commissioners to approve any future land use change. This supermajority requirement could limit the flexibility of the use of property by nonprofits in Sarasota County and could frustrate plans of such organizations to aid those in need, particularly in building elderly and low cost housing. The Diocese of Venice encourages a greater voice in county government, not one that is diminished, and thus joins all who oppose the Amendment. We encourage all to exercise their right to vote Tuesday, Nov 6.

#### **ALL DEANERIES**

**Get in the Spirit of the news — Subscribe to the Florida Catholic** - We encourage you to subscribe to our diocesan newspaper during Florida Catholic Subscription Weekend Nov. 3-4 and in turn support your parish. Call toll-free 1-888-275-9953 or visit [www.thefloridacatholic.org](http://www.thefloridacatholic.org) and subscribe day or night (Visa and MasterCard accepted). Price: \$24 in state; \$46 for 2-years in state; \$30 out-of-state; \$95 for 1-year foreign. *Your Faith. Your Life. Your Community.* Also visit The Florida Catholic's new website which features teen and young adult sites and high school sports photography. ([www.thefloridacatholic.org](http://www.thefloridacatholic.org)).

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

*You are invited to the Diocese of Venice JustFaith Workshop* Saturday, December 1st 8:30 am - 3:00 pm at Epiphany Cathedral Parish -- Early Registration \$15 (\$20 after November 16). This workshop will be presented by Jack Jezreel, popular national speaker and justice educator. Jack holds a Master of Divinity degree from Notre Dame, spent six years in a Catholic Worker Community and has been involved in parish-based social justice ministry for 25 years. He is author of JustFaith and serves as Executive Director of JustFaith Ministries.

### **Catholic Charities**

*Volunteers Needed* - in Lee and Collier Counties. Exciting new program in Golden Gate area of Naples for refugee youth to improve school success, reduce dropout risk, and successfully transition from school to the workplace. Volunteers are needed as tutors, mentors, reception / office assistance, career planning, and to assist with conversational English for children and adults. Volunteer event planners are needed to plan quarterly activities that improve acculturation of refugee families. Junior and Senior High School students are also welcome to apply. Contact Lucille Acken Catholic Charities, [charlottecharity@comcast.net](mailto:charlottecharity@comcast.net) or 941 457-0284. This project is funded by a grant from Dept. of Children and Families.

### **Peace and Justice Office**

*Farmworker March* - The Coalition of Immokalee Workers is organizing a demonstration at Burger King global headquarters in Miami Nov. 30-Dec. 1 to pursue the same victories won with Taco Bell and McDonald's. Both of these companies have agreed to pay 1¢ more per pound of tomatoes and to enforce humane working conditions. All those wishing to participate in the peaceful demonstration are urged to do so. You can find help with bus transportation, housing, and a schedule of events at the CIW web site: [www.ciw-online.org](http://www.ciw-online.org).

### **Respect Life Department**

*40 Days for Life* – Victory Celebration/Final Day to participate! Would you please come and join us for a special time of *prayer and thanksgiving* at 3pm on Sunday, Nov. 4, in front of Planned Parenthood at 1958 Prospect Street, just north of Sarasota Memorial Hospital behind the Waffle House? Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions, approximately 256,000 abortions last year, and Sarasota is headquarters for their 15 surrounding counties. Abortion kills 44 babies every week in Sarasota County alone, and in the State of Florida 98% are sadly performed for “personal convenience” reasons.

This one hour is the conclusion/celebration of 40 Days for Life. Unity was created with over 700 people and over 50 clergy from a number of different faiths participating in a daily prayer vigil so far for an end to abortion. Babies have been saved from death, pregnancy centers report increased activities, many people have been given a chance to learn the facts about abortion, hearts have been changed, and many post abortive women have started to heal. Prayer, action and education can help reduce abortions. Learn more at 321-4201 or [www.SWFLforLIFE.org](http://www.SWFLforLIFE.org) or just show up!

***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?*** The scheduled execution of Mark Dean Schwab on November 15, 2007 will be the 65<sup>th</sup> in Florida since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1976 and the 1<sup>st</sup> in 2007. For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 1-941-441-1112.

## 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](mailto:djones@dioceseofvenice.org).

***International Fall Festival*** - Friday Night November 16<sup>th</sup> opening the San Antonio International Fall Festival with his "Round and Round, Up and Down" Peppermint Twist, will be the legendary Joey Dee and his Starliters Band. Also appearing, are the Soul Survivors with "Expressway to Your Heart." The Jam Band opens the evening at 5:30 with greats like "White Rabbit," and "Jesus is Alright With Me." Tickets for the show are only \$10.00 and include entrance into the fair with a Midway, International food booths and a Yankee Peddler Craft Fair. Pick up your tickets at San Antonio Catholic Church, 24445 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte. 941-624-3799

***Class Reunion*** - Cardinal Mooney High School's Class of 1987 recently gathered to celebrate their 20-year class reunion. Sixty of their classmates came together for a weekend of activities centered around Cardinal Mooney's Homecoming football game against Palmetto High School. The Class of 1987 decided to donate \$1500 of their reunion funds to Cardinal Mooney's Adopt-A-Student program. This program provides the only opportunity many students have to attend this fine institution. Not only did this group of alumni agree that they will contribute to the Adopt-A-Student program annually, they are encouraging other reunion groups to do the same.

### ***Father Jerry's DVD Premiere on Monday, November 5th, 2007***

All are invited to the 6:30P.M. public premiere of the "AFTER CHARLEY CONCERT DVD" at the Sacred Heart Parish Center! Free admission, free popcorn, and glorious powerful digital surround sound await! Bring \$20 to benefit the Rebuilding Fund, and take home your DVD. Join us at the Sacred Heart Parish Center at [521 Cross Street](#) (U.S. 41 South), just across from our Sacred Heart's new building site.

***OOPS --*** A correction. Fr. Julio Rivero, TOR will be celebrating a Tridentine Latin Mass the "FIRST" Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Bradenton, Florida, not every Wednesday.

## OTHER EVENTS

*Pax Christi USA*--Manasota Chapter [FL]--will hold a short graveside service on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 PM. We remember in prayer and song one of the four Salvadoran Religious Women Martyrs, **Jean Donovan**, who is buried at Sarasota Memorial Park, on Tamiami Trail [just beyond the Phillippi Creek Bridge and to the left.] Pax Christi extends an invitation to any and all willing to desiring to join us in this time of prayer and remembrance.



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