



The Diocese of Venice in Florida



The Mustard Seed

Pastoral Bulletin

February 22, 2008

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Bishop's Office

The ***Annual Study Week for Priests*** held at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach will take place on June 8 – 13, 2008. All priests are invited. If you have any questions concerning the Study Week you may contact Dr. Antonio Lopez at 561-732-4424, Ext. 469, or Jeannette Billups, Administrative Secretary, at Ext. 150. E-mail: www.svdp.edu.

Bulletin Editors: Please note attached letter from the Bishop for the Catholic Relief Services collection scheduled March 2.

Chancellor's Office

History of the Diocese – As we approach our 25th Anniversary, the Diocese is considering the publication of a commemorative book to feature the history of the diocese and its parishes. Please be advised that when details are finalized, a representative of the publisher will be contacting parishes individually regarding the history of the parish. Each parish/mission will receive details and information before March 1, 2008.

Office of Stewardship and Development

Catholic Faith Appeal – By now most parishes have had their in-pew collection and results are pouring in to our office. Please remember that this office will only be accepting diocesan CFA envelopes so if you need more, please let us know. Parishes that have shown the CFA video have reported positive results so please call the Development Office if you need an updated copy and assistance with a projector. Call us with questions concerning the CFA campaign or stewardship and development – we are here to help. Mary Campo can be reached at 941-441-1117.

Respect Life Department

Prayer Initiative - The Respect Life Department, in collaboration with Laity for Life, announces a special prayer initiative for 2008, a Novena of Masses for Life. The Novena begins with the celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Monday, March 31 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. All priests are invited to concelebrate the Mass. Please contact the Respect Life Department with the names of any priests who would like to be our guest at the luncheon. Then, on the 25th of each month from April through November, Masses at selected parishes in each deanery have been scheduled for the intention of "a greater respect for all human life." The complete list of scheduled Masses is available at: www.dovrespectlife.org.

Worship and Ministries

Sacristan Workshop - On March 8th there will be a Sacristan Workshop held at Our Lady of Light Parish in Fort Myers from 10 AM to noon offered by Fr. John Mark Klaus, TOR, Director of Worship. The name of the workshop is "How, as a sacristan, can I prepare for the Triduum? What do I need to have ready?" All parishes are invited to attend. Please RSVP Louise in the Worship Office 941-486-4725 and tell her how many from your parish will be attending this free workshop.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please publish in your bulletins)

Catholic Charities

Kick up your heels at Boots and Bandannas - The 6th Annual Boots and Bandannas fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at the Mission Valley Country Club in Venice. This lively event, which benefits Catholic Charities of DeSoto County, will offer a social hour, silent auction, dinner and dance. Tickets are \$55 per person. Sponsorships also are available. Bishop Frank Dewane will be the guest of honor. Catholic Charities of DeSoto County is dedicated to serving the needy of Arcadia and surrounding communities. Boots and Bandannas is the program's major fundraiser and proceeds directly support its mission. For tickets or sponsorship information, please call 863-494-1068 or visit www.bootsandbandannas.org

Raise your Irish spirit at Emerald Ball - The 23rd Annual Emerald Ball will be held Saturday, March 15 at the Hilton in Naples. Bishop Frank Dewane will be the guest of honor. The evening will feature a cocktail hour, silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing. Proceeds from the event will benefit the programs of Catholic Charities of Collier County. For tickets or sponsorship information, please call 239-455-2655.

Office of Stewardship and Development

(Bulletin Editors: Please use this note of thanks in your bulletins)

Thank you for assisting your (parish name) and the Diocese!
Your gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal directly impacts the lives of people from all walks of life seeking spiritual nourishment or temporal services from one of the following:

*Blessed Edmund Rice School
Campus Ministries
Catholic Charities
Catholic Schools
Caritas
CCHD
Criminal Justice
Cultural Group Ministry
Diocesan Administrative Services
Respect Life Ministry
Safe Environment Program
Tribunal
TV Mass for Shut-ins*

*HIV/AIDS Ministry
Haitian Ministries
Stewardship & Development
Hispanic Ministries
Religious Education
Outreach to the homebound
Office of Ministry
Permanent Diaconate
Support of Religious Orders
OLPH Retreat Center
Office of Family Life
Religious Vocations
Peace and Social Justice*

Peace and Justice Office

Leaven Conference March 15 Workshops for Youth - Two workshops 'for youth only' have been added to the Leaven Conference program. Ms. Katherine Gaudet, a third year theology major at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire, will address young people on what scripture teaches about peace and justice. As one who has shown witness in Appalachia, Costa Rica and inner cities, she will discuss the meaning of Jesus' call to build the kingdom, and how each person can make a difference.

Workshops on Living Nonviolently. Mr. Carl A. Smith, a leader of the 'Creating a Culture of Peace' educational series of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, will conduct workshops on nonviolence at the Leaven Conference. The fellowship envisions a world of justice, peace, and freedom, where differences are respected, conflicts are addressed nonviolently, oppressive structures are dismantled, and where people live in harmony with the earth. Mr. Russ Banner, who had previously agreed to lead the workshops, will not be available, for health reasons.

Sr. Helen Prejean, founder of The Moratorium Campaign- seeking a halt to the death penalty, will be the featured speaker at the March 15 Leaven Conference at San Antonio Church in Port Charlotte. For further information, contact the Peace and Justice Office at peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-484-9543.

Respect Life

Attention Catechists: Christian Formation Hours (D. Natural - 5 credits) have been approved by the Diocese of Venice Office of Catechetical Ministry for attending Faith-Based Bioethics: Catholic Tradition in Health Care, A CME Conference. Catechists, physicians, nurses, clergy, educators and anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic approach to ethical issues in health care are invited to the conference on Saturday, March 29, at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish Center, Ft. Myers. Guest speakers will be Father Tad Pacholczyk and Dr. John Haas of the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia (www.ncbcenter.org). Registration fee of \$25 includes box lunch. To register contact Joanne Gorgone at (239) 574-0397.

Annunciation Mass & Luncheon with Bishop Dewane – You are invited to a special celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Monday, March 31, at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice. Bishop Dewane will celebrate an 11:00 AM Mass and will be the guest speaker at a catered luncheon in the parish hall afterwards. These events launch the 2008 Novena of Masses for Life, a series of 8 monthly Masses scheduled around the Diocese from April 25 through November 25, marking the months of Jesus' development in the womb of Our Lady. Please join us to launch this beautiful season of liturgical meditations on Jesus in the Womb. Luncheon tickets are \$25 to be prepaid no later than March 24. Make checks payable to Laity for Life, Inc. and mail to P. O. Box 111478, Naples, FL 34108. Visit www.LaityforLife.org or call (239) 352-6333 for additional information. This event is cosponsored by the Respect Life Department (www.dovrespectlife.org).

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.

Did You Know? In their bulletin insert Death Penalty Facts and Catholic Church Teaching, the Florida Catholic Conference states: "The United States is alone among western democracies in retaining the death penalty for crimes less than treason. In employing the death penalty, it finds itself in company with countries such as China, Iran and Saudi Arabia." The entire bulletin insert may be found online at: <http://www.flacathconf.org/AdvocacyAreas/RespectLife/DeathPenalty/DeathPenaltyFactsTeaching9-13-07.pdf>. For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-441-1112.

Office of Vocations

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 March 7-9, 2008. RSVP: The Diocese of Venice Vocations Office, 941-484-9543 by February 29, 2008 Transportation: Please call for arrangements.

Worship & Ministries Department

Retrouvaille helps improve troubled marriages - Retrouvaille is an international program to help overhaul marriages that are in danger of dissolving. Retrouvaille places strong emphasis on the communication techniques needed to repair hurting marriages, including a concentrated weekend and six post-weekend Sunday afternoon sessions. There is still hope. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held in Venice on March 28-30. Please call Steve and Linda Smith at (239) 395-0810 or (800) 470-2230. All inquiries are held in strict confidence. (bulletin editors: please run this as often as possible prior to the event.)

Come to the Chrism Mass - Parishioners are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, at Epiphany Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is traditionally the occasion to celebrate the jubilees of the clergy. Diocesan and religious, active and retired priests, as well as visiting clerics will participate in this annual Holy Week event at which they will renew their priestly commitment. The faithful are encouraged to attend as a sign of their support for Bishop Frank J. Dewane and his priests. *(Bulletin editors: If any of the following jubilarians have served in your parish or currently reside in your community, please include in the bulletin announcement:*

2008 JUBILARIANS

GOLDEN JUBILARIANS

Reverend James M. Sayers - April 12, 1958
Reverend William E. Kekeisen - May 24, 1958
Reverend Bartholomew Larkin, O.Carm. - May 31, 1958
Reverend John H. Belfield - May 31, 1958
Rev. Monsignor Frank Mouch - June 10, 1958
Reverend Carl Birarelli - June 15, 1958

SILVER JUBILARIANS

Reverend Janusz Jancarz - May 17, 1983
Reverend Stanley J. Dombrowski, O.S.F.S - May 21, 1983
Reverend Cornelius F. Lambert - May 26, 1983
Reverend Deacon William E. Bauer - May 7, 1983
Reverend Deacon Edward J. McCarthy - June 4, 1983
Reverend Deacon Leonard Kruk - June 18, 1983

Feast of St. Joseph - La Festa di San Giuseppe - Reverend Jerome A. Carosella, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Boca Grande, will celebrate the Eighth Annual Italian Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph on Saturday, March 15, 12:30 pm, at Epiphany Cathedral, Venice. There will be the traditional blessing of the bread which will be distributed to the congregation at the end of Mass. Everyone is invited to attend this celebration honoring the foster father of Jesus and patron of the Universal Church.

'Red Mass' - Bishop Dewane will be celebrating a 'Red Mass' for lawyers and judges of the 12th Judicial Circuit (Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto counties) at St. Martha Parish on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 4:00p.m. The purpose of this Mass is to invoke the Holy Spirit to provide graces and guidance upon those who work in our civil legal system. For further information for lawyers and judges wishing to attend, please contact Ms. Evelyn Moya, Esq. e-mail: moyalex@comcast.net

Praying and Living the Mass - Fr. Gerard Austin, O.P. of the Rice School for Pastoral Ministry is presenting a workshop exploring the question "What does it mean to participate in the Eucharist?" on Saturday March 1 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm., at St. Columbkille Parish, 12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers, (239) 489-3873. This workshop is directed toward those who are active as Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans, or for anyone involved in Liturgical Ministry who wishes to learn more about the Eucharist. The Workshop is free of charge and sponsored by the Diocese of Venice, Office of Worship.

Prison Ministry Supplies Needed – Jesus the Worker Parish in Glade County needs Spanish, Creole, Portuguese, Haitian Bibles, Catechisms and prayer books. Also needed are BLACK ONLY rosaries made to specification: small plastic black beads, small soft plastic crosses, and use only twine that WILL break easily. NO METAL PARTS on the rosaries!! Thank you in advance!! God Bless You. Please call Sr. MaryHope at 941-441-1116.

(NORTHERN DEANERY)

Couples planning marriage - The Diocese of Venice will hold a one-day Marriage Preparation Program on Saturday, April 5, at St. Raphael Parish in Englewood, 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.

Marriage Preparation in Spanish Language - The Diocese of Venice will hold a one-day Marriage Preparation Class in Spanish on Saturday April 5, at St. Jude Parish in Sarasota. For information please call Frances at (941) 955-3934.

(CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN DEANERIES)

For couples planning marriage - The Diocese of Venice will hold a Pre Cana Conference on Saturday, February 23, and on Saturday, April 12, 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 K at (941) 484-9543.

(EASTERN DEANERY)

"A Wedding is a Day, A Marriage is a Lifetime" - The Diocese of Venice will hold a one-day Marriage Preparation Program on Saturday, March 1, at St. Catherine Parish in Sebring. This day is recommended for all couples contemplating matrimony in the Catholic Church. The cost is \$65 per couple, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. This fee is non-refundable. For reservations please call Betty K at (941) 484-9543.

OUT AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

Open House at Dreams Are Free School, the school for children with learning disabilities, will be held on Sunday, February 24, from 12 – 2 pm. The school is located at Bishop Nevins Academy, 4380 Fruitville Road, at the corner of Fruitville and McIntosh. Interested families are invited to join us for a tour. Information about our curriculum, the John McKay Scholarship program and our admissions procedures will be available. Registrations are now being accepted for the 2008-2009 school year. Please call 941-366-4010 ext. 310 for information. Visit our website: www.dreamsarefree.org. *Bulletin Editors: a flyer is available for download on the calendar date in our website www.dioceseofvenice.org.*

Marriage Enrichment Program - *Want to revitalize and energize your marriage to a new level?* Reclaim the spark, connection and creativity in your marriage through 10 intentional, memory-making dates at St Columbkille Parish in Fort Myers. This approach to couple relationship growth will be low-key and fun, and result in 10 great dates on marriage enrichment themes. We will start with the first session on Feb. 23rd, after the 5PM Mass (about 6:15), and after a 20 minute presentation, send you on your way to enjoy your date. Cost for the program materials is \$15/couple. Call the St. Columbkille Parish Office to get on the list (239-489-3973).

Bob Rice And Katie Rose Concert - An inspiring concert, featuring Catholic recording artists Bob Rice and Katie Rose, will be presented on Sunday afternoon, March 2nd, at 4:30 PM at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Osprey**. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be accepted for the Catholic Faith Appeal. Bob Rice is one of the premier Catholic musicians in the country, playing to over ten thousand people each year across North America. Katie Rose is equally talented, and her debut CD has received many accolades. They have both appeared on EWTN-TV.

Trip to Quebec City, June 15 – 22, 2008 for Intl. Eucharistic Congress: Package to include airfare, hotel accommodation, registration, and more. Please contact Fr. Dennis Cooney at (239) 369-1831.



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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ:

In the story of the Last Judgment, Jesus reminds us to care for those in need. If we ignore those who are hungry, thirsty, ill, without clothes, in prison, or strangers, we turn away from Christ. When we act with compassion, generosity, and commitment to justice for the 'least among us,' we act as his true disciples. The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an important opportunity to express Christian compassion and generosity. The Collection is scheduled for March 2, 2008 in our diocese. The Collection theme, Jesus in disguise, reminds us of the presence of Christ in every one of our brothers and sisters in need. The Collection helps build the Church's international social ministry by funding the work of six agencies:

1. Catholic Relief Services, the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States, assists people in 98 countries on the basis of need—not race, creed, or nationality. Catholic Relief Services creates opportunities for Catholics in the United States to live their faith in solidarity with poor people overseas by providing financial support and addressing the root causes of poverty.
2. Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. provides a full range of legal and support services to Catholic programs directly representing poor immigrants. It also advocates for comprehensive immigration reform. Its focus is on reunification of families and protection of those fleeing persecution or civil unrest.
3. Migration and Refugee Services, of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, annually resettles one quarter of the refugees admitted to the United States, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides advocacy for and pastoral care to many newcomers and persons on the move.
4. Justice, Peace, and Human Development (formerly Social Development and World Peace) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops advocates for poor and vulnerable people and for international peace and justice. It works to build the capacity of the Church to respond to global concerns such as religious freedom, poverty, and hunger.
5. The Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church (SCDC), of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has as part of its mission the evangelization and pastoral care of immigrants, migrants, refugees, and people on the move. The SCDC supports a network of national pastoral centers, pastoral consultants, and diocesan personnel who minister to various ethnic groups and migrant communities.
6. The Holy Father's Relief Fund assists victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world.

By giving to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you are responding to Jesus in disguise. Thank you for your generosity. Please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection for more information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of Venice in Florida



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

En la historia del Juicio Final, Jesús nos recuerda que protejamos a los que nos necesitan. Si ignoramos a los hambrientos, los sedientos, los enfermos, los harapientos, los forasteros o los que están en la cárcel, nos apartamos de Cristo. Cuando actuamos con compasión, generosidad y comprometidos a que haya justicia para los "más débiles entre nosotros", actuamos como sus verdaderos discípulos.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection brinda una importante oportunidad para expresar compasión y generosidad cristianas. La Colecta está planeada para el dos de marzo, 2008 en nuestra diócesis. El tema de la Colecta, *Jesús disfrazado*, nos recuerda la presencia de Cristo en cada hermana y hermano necesitados. La Colecta ayuda a edificar el ministerio social internacional de la Iglesia, financiando la labor de cinco organismos:

1. Catholic Relief Services [Servicios Católicos de Ayuda], el organismo oficial de ayuda y desarrollo internacional de la comunidad católica norteamericana, asiste a la población de 98 países según sus necesidades, y no su raza, credo o nacionalidad. Catholic Relief Services brinda oportunidades a los católicos de Estados Unidos para vivir su fe en solidaridad con los pobres del extranjero, proporcionando ayuda económica y trabajando para erradicar las causas fundamentales de la pobreza.

2. Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. [Red Católica para la Inmigración Legal], proporciona toda una serie de servicios legales y de apoyo a programas que representan directamente a inmigrantes pobres, y aboga por una reforma migratoria integral. Se centra en la reunificación familiar y en la protección de los que huyen de las persecuciones y de la agitación civil.

3. Migration and Refugee Services [Servicios de Migración y Refugiados], de la United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, reasienta anualmente a la cuarta parte de los refugiados que se admiten en Estados Unidos, asiste a víctimas del tráfico humano y realiza trabajo de incidencia para muchos recién llegados y personas de paso, brindándoles también cuidado pastoral.

4. Justice, Peace, and Human Development Justicia, Paz y Desarrollo Humano [Departamento de justicia, paz y desarrollo humano] (anteriormente conocido como Social Development and World Peace) de la United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, aboga por los pobres y vulnerables, y por la paz y justicia internacional. Trabaja para responder con la capacidad de la Iglesia a inquietudes globales, tales como la libertad religiosa, la pobreza y el hambre.

5. The Office of Cultural Diversity in the Church (OCDC) [Oficina de diversidad cultural en la Iglesia] de la United Conference of Catholic Bishops tiene como parte de su misión asistir a los obispos de los Estados Unidos en su labor de evangelización y de cuidado pastoral de los inmigrantes, migrantes, refugiados y poblaciones flotantes, a fin de que puedan participar más plenamente en la vida de la Iglesia.

6. The Holy Father's Relief Fund [Fondo de Ayuda del Santo Padre], asiste a las víctimas de desastres naturales y de otras emergencias en todo el mundo.

Al contribuir a The Catholic Relief Services Collection, ustedes están respondiendo a *Jesús disfrazado*. Gracias por su generosidad. Por favor, visiten www.usccb.org/crscollection para mayor información.

Sinceramente, suyo en Cristo,

† Frank J. Dewane
Obispo de Venice en Florida