



The Diocese of Venice in Florida



# The Mustard Seed

Pastoral Bulletin

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## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***Increase your offertory!*** A representative from the Cavan Company will be visiting parishes on June 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. The Diocese will share the cost of this program, which has great results in most parishes. To schedule an appointment to learn more about the program, call Mary Campo, 941-441-1117.

***Catholic Faith Appeal:*** Nineteen parishes are over goal for their CFA! The third mailing has been sent and there will be one additional mailing in November.

***Fundraiser's for the CFA.*** Don't forget to notify the Development Office at least two months in advance if you are planning a fundraiser for your CFA campaign.

### **Respect Life Department**

***The July 2008 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/wol\\_july08.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wol_july08.pdf). WOL also features Intercessions for Life and Bulletin Briefs. The Spanish version is at: [http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wol\\_july08-sp.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wol_july08-sp.pdf). All of July's Bulletin Briefs are quotes from Pope Benedict XVI's April visit to the U.S.

***For those parishes participating in the June Novena of Masses for Life***, here is a suggested "Prayer of the Faithful" for Wednesday, June 25 (End of THIRD Month):

For all unborn babies at the end of the THIRD month of life in their mothers' wombs – now with tiny fingernails and unique fingerprints – That Our Lord Jesus, Who also knew that third month in Our Lady's womb, will bless their fathers with the strength to protect them from all harm ...Let us pray to the Lord

### **Peace and Justice Office**

***Farmworkers Reach Major Agreement with Burger King.*** The Coalition of Immokalee Workers reached an agreement with fast food giant, Burger King, for increased worker wages of 1 cent per pound of tomatoes picked. Congratulations to all who support them in their efforts to rise out of poverty! For more information, contact the Peace and Justice Office at 941-484-9543 or [peace&justice@dioceseofvenice](mailto:peace&justice@dioceseofvenice) or the CIW web site: [www.ciw-online.org](http://www.ciw-online.org).

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

### **Department of Education**

*Attention Directors of Religious Education and Catechists* - Please register for the upcoming Summer Institute to be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Venice. The Summer Institute will be on Wednesday, June 18th. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Please contact the Education Department (941) 484-9543 ext. 3038 if you wish to register.

### **Respect Life**

*June Novena of Masses for Life* - The Respect Life Department, in collaboration with Laity for Life, is pleased to announce the June schedule of the Novena of Masses for Life.

On Wednesday, June 25th, the third month of Jesus' development in the womb of Our Lady will be celebrated with a special Mass at the following parishes: St. Joseph in Bradenton at 8:00 am; St. Charles Borromeo in Port Charlotte at 8:30 am; St. Peter the Apostle in Naples at 8:00 am; St. Ann in Naples at 8:00 am; and Our Lady Queen of Heaven in LaBelle at 8:00 am.

Please join us at one of these parishes for our continuing meditation on the very beginnings of Our Lord's life - as an unborn child in the womb of His mother. The Masses will be offered for the special intention of "a greater respect for all human life." The complete list of scheduled Masses through November is available at: [http://](http://www.dovrespectlife.org/2008NOVENAFORLIFESCHEDULE.pdf)

[www.dovrespectlife.org/2008NOVENAFORLIFESCHEDULE.pdf](http://www.dovrespectlife.org/2008NOVENAFORLIFESCHEDULE.pdf) or [www.LaityforLife.org](http://www.LaityforLife.org) or call (239) 352-6333 for additional information.

*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 the recent case *Baze v. Rees*, the opinion of United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts announcing the judgment of the Court stated: "Some risk of pain is inherent in any method of execution—no matter how humane—if only from the prospect of error in following the required procedure. It is clear, then, that the Constitution does not demand the avoidance of all risk of pain in carrying out executions." For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-441-1112.

### **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.

## **Worship & Ministries Department**

*There will be a 4-day Beginnings Plus Institute* taking place in Orlando, October 22-25. It includes material on both adults and children in the initiation process for RCIA. Space is limited, so you will want to encourage use of the August 22 Early Bird Discount. Registration can be done on-line at [www.naforum.org](http://www.naforum.org). Your parish DRE has already received the flyer on this by E-mail through the Diocesan Religious Education Department. The registration brochure is available on the diocesan website calendar.

## **OUT AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE**

*Amateur radio network calling for volunteers for disaster response:* A dedicated group of licensed amateur radio operators are working hard to make Southwest Florida a safer place to live and are looking for more to join their cause. They are the Diocese (Venice) Amateur Radio Network, or DARN, a group of UHF/VHF radio stations that assist the Catholic Charities Disaster Response Team. For more information or to volunteer contact Bob Sullenberger KG4VDU at 941-497-5422 or email [bob.sullenberger@verizon.net](mailto:bob.sullenberger@verizon.net).



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