



The Diocese of Venice in Florida



The Mustard Seed

Pastoral Bulletin

July 11, 2008

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Bishop's Office

Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane announces the following appointments:

Reverend John Fitch as Parochial Vicar of St. Francis Xavier, Ft. Myers, effective August 1, 2008. At the same time he is relieved of his duties as Parochial Vicar of St. Agnes Parish, Naples.

Reverend Tomasz Zalewski as Parochial Vicar of St. Agnes Parish, Naples, effective August 1, 2008. At the same time he is relieved of his duties as Parochial Vicar of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Ft. Myers.

Following the provisions of Canon Law and presentation of the appropriate religious superiors, this is to announce the following appointments:

Reverend Babu Gangolu, SAC has been relieved of his duties as Parochial Vicar of St. Martha Parish, effective June 30, 2008.

Reverend Edward J. Galvin, SMA retires as Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter Claver Mission, Ft. Myers, effective August 1, 2008.

Reverend Peter Sousa, C.Ss.R. is relieved of his duties at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, Venice, effective August 1, 2008, and has been reassigned within the community of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer.

Reverend Joseph Freund, C.Ss.R. has temporarily been assigned at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center, Venice, effective August 1, 2008.

The National Black and Indian Missions Collection will be held the weekend of July 19 – 20. This collection embodies the Church's concern for evangelizing Black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut peoples in the United States. These needs exist throughout the country. The Bishop's letter regarding this mission collection is attached.

Communications Department

World Youth Day Reminder: Please remember in prayer and petitions all youth, especially those in our diocese who will be travelling along with Bishop Dewane, to Australia to celebrate World Youth Day on July 15–20 with the Holy Father. Pray for their safe travel and that their experience will bring them to a closer relationship with Christ.

Office of Stewardship and Development

CFA: Still under goal? Let's get together now and plan a raffle, event or major gift campaign to kick you over the top this fall.

Increased Offertory: The Cavan Company can work with you to increase your offertory and the Diocese will pay half the cost of the program. Call to learn more. 941-484-9543.

Stewardship: Early bird registration deadline for the International Catholic Stewardship Conference is quickly approaching. It will be held this October in Chicago. Conference fees have been reduced almost 20% from last year. If you need to energize your parish, this is the place to go for great ideas! Register online at www.catholicstewardship.org

Catholic Community Foundation

Donate a Portion of your IRA in 2008...Tax Free! Through the end of 2008, IRA legislation allows tax-free charitable giving. If you're over 70 1/2, you can make a charitable gift from your Individual Retirement Account of up to \$100,00 tax free to support any of our Catholic entities through the Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida without incurring federal income tax or a penalty on the withdrawal. Here are some details:

- The maximum annual gift is \$100,000 per person
- This applies only to traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs
- The donor must ask their IRA manager to directly transfer the funds to the Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida

Please share this information with other family and friends who qualify and ask your financial advisor, or contact us at the Catholic Community Foundation for more details about using the IRA Charitable Rollover to support our Catholic schools and ministries. For more information and assistance please call Philip Flynn at 941-441-1124.

Vocations Office

Transfigured in Christ a vocations workshop promoting Religious Life in the 21st Century is for anyone interested in learning more about vocations to service in the Church particularly the Consecrated life for women and Priesthood for men. The Vocation presentation will take place on Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 10:00am to 4:30pm. at St. Katherine Drexel Parish Hall, 1922 SW 20th Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991. For information and to register please contact: Marianne Johnston at 239-574-5688 (seamt@aol.com) or Sr. Maryanne King, CSR at 215-914-4189 (srmaryanneking@aol.com). Their website is: www.sistersholyredeemer.org. (**Bulletin Editors**) A flyer on the workshop is available on the calendar page of the diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org.

Worship & Ministries Department

World Priest Day to be celebrated on October 26th: Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring World Priest Day the last Sunday of October 2008 (October 26, 2008) which coincides with the Serra Club's Priesthood Sunday. World Priest Day focuses on celebrating the ongoing affirmation of priests and building of relationships between couples and priests. Go to wpd.wwme.org for ideas that you can use. The World Priest Day National Coordinating Team encourages you to celebrate with them the priests you know and love. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or World Priest Day call 800-795-5683 or visit their website at www.wwme.org.

Finance Office

Effective July 1st, the IRS standard mileage rate will be increasing from 50.5 cents to 58.5 cents for the remainder of 2008. For those entities who follow the IRS rates, please note the change in rate.

Education Department

The new Safe Environment training schedule for Fall 2008 is attached. Please see that all appropriate personnel receive the training schedule. All support materials for the Safe Environment training can be obtained from the Diocese of Venice, Department of Communications at 941-486-4714.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please publish in your bulletins)*

Communications Department

What's a Catholic voter to do? The U.S. Catholic bishops have urged the faithful "to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self interest." To help parishioners become informed on where candidates stand on key issues, the Florida Catholic Conference, Florida Knights of Columbus, Florida Council of Catholic Women and Florida Catholic newspaper have teamed up to question those running for state and federal office. Read about the questions they asked the candidates on abortion, the environment and stem-cell research — and why — in the first of a three-part series on the Candidate Questionnaire Project online at www.thefloridacatholic.org.

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Peace and Justice Office

Climate Change. Gov. Charlie Crist signed HB 7135, a comprehensive energy and economic development bill that will reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and protect natural resources in Florida. For more information, contact the Peace and Justice Office at 941-484-9543 or peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org

Respect Life

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 the recent case *Baze v. Rees*, United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer stated in his concurring opinion: "The death penalty itself, of course, brings with it serious risks, for example, risks of executing the wrong person, risks that unwarranted animus (in respect, e.g., to the race of victims), may play a role, risks that those convicted will find themselves on death row for many years, perhaps decades, to come. These risks in part explain why that penalty is so controversial. But the lawfulness of the death penalty is not before us." For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-441-1112.

What is an Advance Directive? A health care advance directive is a written or oral statement made and witnessed in advance of serious illness or injury to address medical situations that may arise when a person becomes unable to make one's own decisions. Executing an advance directive exercises good stewardship over the gift of life. For a copy of the Catholic Declaration on Life and Death and its companion piece *Understanding the Catholic Declaration on Life and Death*, go to <http://www.flacathconf.org/AdvocacyAreas/Health/EndofLifeHealthCare/CDLD/index.htm> or call 941-441-1112.

Vocations Office

Transfigured in Christ: Religious Life in the 21st Century – All are welcome – high school age to adults. The day will be for anyone interested in learning more about vocations to service in the Church particularly the Consecrated life for women and Priesthood for men. Presenters include: Sisters of the Holy Redeemer, Augustinians, Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, and the Diocese of Venice Vocations Office.

The Vocation presentation will take place on Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Where: St. Katherine Drexel Parish Hall, 1922 SW 20th Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991. For information and to register please contact: Marianne Johnston at 239-574-5688 (seamt@aol.com) or Sr. Maryanne King, CSR at 215-914-4189 (srmaryanneking@aol.com). Their website is: www.sistersholyredeemer.org.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Second Vatican Council reminds us that the Good News of salvation is not bound by time or human structures. Christ's Gospel of love and redemption, addressed to all people, transcends national boundaries, cultural differences, and divisions among peoples.

The American Catholic Community has always reached out with generous hearts and giving hands to the annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection for 124 years. An expression of deep gratitude is in order to the thousands of people who make their annual monetary gifts in parishes and communities. Once again we call on everyone to be prepared for the National Black and Indian Mission Collection.

It is beautiful to see a cooperative spirit as the church ministers to our Native and American brothers and sisters. The all-out effort by so many is simply overwhelming! The common goal of the People of God in each community and local church serves as a reminder that Christ is truly present where two or three are gathered. The yes see black, yellow, red and white. But our God and every God-loving person sees hearts of flesh, human hearts, created to know, love and serve our gracious God in this world and for all eternity.

Many churches and schools depend on the annual evangelization grants to continue their local programs and pastoral activities. Parishes in all parts of the United States have the wonderful opportunity to work hand-in-hand and heart-to-heart with our Black and Indian communities through the National Collection. Further, the collection promotes a sense of solidarity with the many priests, religious, deacons, and laity who serve these communities.

Let each of us transcend all boundaries, cultural differences, and divisions among peoples. I ask everyone in the Diocese to be as generous as possible to the 2008 National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Let the Collection this year, on Sunday, July 20, 2008, be another witness of responsible stewardship. Each of us can help bring Christ's Gospel of love and redemption to our Black and Indian brothers and sisters, and to all the People of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of Venice in Florida

Regional Safe Environment Training - Fall 2008

The following parishes will hold regional Safe Environment Awareness training sessions. **All** diocesan employees...clergy, religious, laity..and those volunteers who have routine contact with children or vulnerable adults, **MUST BE TRAINED** in safe environment awareness issues. If you have not attended an awareness training, you should attend one of these sessions, as your relationship with the diocese is predicated by this training. **Please contact the parish secretary at the location you wish to attend** with your name and telephone number at least two weeks prior to the training. Please share this information with all parish/school staff and volunteers.

Date/Time	Northern	Central	Eastern	Southern
Aug. 14 th 6:00pm to 8:00pm	St. Joseph			
Aug. 16 th 9:30am to 11:30am	St. Joseph			
Aug. 14 th 6:00pm to 8:00pm				St. Agnes
Aug. 16 th 9:30am to 11:30am				St. Agnes
Aug. 21 st 6:00pm to 8:00pm		St. Charles Borromeo		
Aug. 23 rd 9:30am to 11:30am		St. Charles Borromeo		
Aug. 21 st 6:00pm to 8:00pm		Ascension		
Aug. 23 rd 9:30am to 11:30am		Ascension		
Aug. 21 st 6:00pm to 8:00pm			St. Michael	
Aug. 23 rd 9:30am to 11:30am			St. Michael	
Sept. 11 th 6:00pm to 8:00pm				St. William
Sept. 13 th 9:30am to 11:30am				St. William
Sept. 18 th 6:00pm to 8:00pm		San Antonio		
Sept. 20 th 9:30am to 11:30am		San Antonio		
Sept. 25 th 6:00pm to 8:00pm	St. Martha			
Sept. 27 th 9:30am to 11:30am	St. Martha			
Sept. 25 th 6:00pm to 8:00pm		St. Cecilia		
Sept. 27 th 9:30am to 11:30am		St. Cecilia		

These are the only regional trainings that will be held in the fall. The next trainings will be scheduled in the Spring 2009. Awareness trainings in Spanish will be announced.