



The Diocese of Venice in Florida



# The Mustard Seed

Pastoral Bulletin

July 25, 2008

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### From the Bishop's Office

Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane announces the following appointments:

**Reverend Anthony Hewitt** as Parochial Vicar of St. Jude Parish, Sarasota, effective August 1, 2008. At the same time he is relieved from his appointment in Tribunal, retaining some responsibility as Defender of the Bond.

**Reverend James Cogan** as Parochial Vicar of Ss. Peter and Paul the Apostle Parish, Bradenton, effective August 1, 2008. At the same time he is relieved of his duties as Parochial Vicar of San Pedro Parish, North Port.

**Reverend Philip Joly** as Parochial Vicar of St. Andrew, Cape Coral, effective August 1, 2008. At the same time he is relieved of his duties as Parochial Vicar at Ss. Peter and Paul the Apostles Parish, Bradenton.

**Reverend Michael Scheip** is relieved as Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Parish, Sarasota, effective September 1, 2008, to pursue an assignment in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

### Office of Stewardship and Development

**SAVE THE DATE!** Join us for STEWARDSHIP DAY, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Our Lady of Light Parish. **Our Keynote Speaker will be Leisa Anslinger** who served for 12 years as the Pastoral Associate for Evangelization, Catechesis and Stewardship at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Cincinnati. Leisa is the author of *Forming Generous Hearts: Stewardship Planning for Lifelong Faith Formation*, (co-authored with Vikki Shepp), *Here Comes Everybody! Whole Community Catechesis in the Parish*. The day will include many workshops including Joe Citro's enthusiastic talk on developing an "attitude of gratitude," which he will give in Spanish and English. Michael Murphy, Executive Director of the International Catholic Stewardship Council, will join us as well. More information to follow...

### Vocations Office

**Transfigured in Christ** a vocations workshop promoting Religious Life in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991. For information and to register please contact: Marianne Johnston at 239-574-5688 ([seamt@aol.com](mailto:seamt@aol.com)) or Sr. Maryanne King, CSR at 215-914-4189 ([srmaryanneking@aol.com](mailto:srmaryanneking@aol.com)). Their website is: [www.sistersholyredeemer.org](http://www.sistersholyredeemer.org). (*Bulletin Editors*) A flyer on the workshop is available on the calendar page of the diocesan website at [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org).

## **Respect Life**

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

*For all unborn babies at the end of the FIFTH month of life in their mothers' wombs – now kicking hard enough for their mothers to feel them – that Our Lord Jesus, Who also knew that fifth month in Our Lady's womb, will encourage and strengthen everyone who strives to defend human life ... Let us pray to the Lord*

## **Education Department**

**Updated Safe Environment Training Schedule:** There is an updated training schedule for Safe Environment attached to the Mustard Seed. Please replace with this new schedule.

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

### **Communications Department**

***Are you registered to vote?*** The U.S. bishops remind us: "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." As part of the Candidate Questionnaire Project, the Florida Catholic Conference, Florida Knights of Columbus, Florida Council of Catholic Women and Florida Catholic newspaper remind you the **deadline to register to vote in the August 26 Primary Election is Monday, July 28**. For more on the candidate questionnaire project, go to [www.informedcatholicvoter.com](http://www.informedcatholicvoter.com)

***The Florida Bishops Urge Support for Amendment 2: Florida Marriage Protection Amendment!*** The Church teaches that "the marriage covenant, by which a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love, has been founded and endowed with its own special laws by the Creator. By its very nature it is ordered to the good of the couple, as well as to the generation and education of children. Christ the Lord raised marriage between the baptized to the dignity of a sacrament." (CCC, #1660) For more information visit the Florida Catholic Conference website at <http://www.flacathconf.org/Marriage.htm>

### **Respect Life**

***August Novena of Masses for Life*** - The Respect Life Department, in collaboration with Laity for Life, announces the August schedule of the Novena of Masses for Life. On Monday, August 25th, the fifth month of Jesus' development in the womb of Our Lady will be celebrated with a special Mass at the following parishes: Sacred Heart in Bradenton at 7:30 am; St. Katherine Drexel in Cape Coral at 7:00 am; St. Peter the Apostle in Naples at 8:00 am; St. Agnes in Naples at 8:30 am; and St. Margaret in Clewiston at 7:30 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://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 their statement *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic Bishops say: "Society has a duty to defend life against violence and to reach out to victims of crime. Yet our nation's continued reliance on the death penalty cannot be justified. Because we have other ways to protect society that are more respectful of human life, the USCCB supports efforts to end the use of the death penalty and, in the meantime, to restrain its use through broader use of DNA evidence, access to effective counsel, and efforts to address unfairness and injustice related to application of the death penalty." The entire statement may be found online at: <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/church/statements>. For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-441-1112.

## **Peace and Justice Office**

**New Educational Resource** — Torture is a Moral Issue. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Department of Social Development and World Peace has released a Catholic study guide based on what the Church says about torture. Pope Benedict XVI, when addressing an international congress of Catholic prison ministers in 2007, stated: "The prohibition against torture cannot be contravened under any circumstances." The study guide can be used by parish groups wishing to discuss this timely issue and discover what they can do to stop torture. To obtain a copy of the guide, go to: [www.usccb.org/sdwp/TortureIsAMoralIssueCatholicStudyGuide.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/TortureIsAMoralIssueCatholicStudyGuide.pdf) or contact the Peace and Justice Office at 941-484-9543.

## **Catholic Charities**

**Catholic Charities Counseling Program** offers additional locations. Specializing in helping to keep families together, Catholic Charities of Sarasota and Manatee Counties expanded the counseling program to include office locations in Bradenton, Sarasota and Venice. Licensed, professional therapists are available at Catholic Charities during daytime and evening hours and on Saturdays for individual, couples and family counseling. All three locations also offer therapists who speak both English and Spanish. The program accepts most types of medical insurance and provides a sliding fee scale based on household income. Appointments can be made for the Catholic Charities Counseling Program by calling 941-379-9111.

## **Buildings/Real Estate Department**

**The Southwest Florida Water Management District** regularly monitors rainfall patterns, river flows, groundwater levels and other drought indicators in accordance with its Water Shortage Plan. Many of these drought indicators remain abnormally low despite the arrival of the summer rainy season. The District has extended the Water Shortage Order through September 30, 2008, meaning that the Order's once-per-week lawn watering schedule and other restrictions will remain. For more details about the current restrictions and Florida-friendly yards, please visit the District's website ([www.WaterMatters.org](http://www.WaterMatters.org)).

## **Worship & Ministries Department**

### **FOR NORTHERN DEANERY**

**For couples planning marriage** - The Diocese of Venice will hold a one-day Marriage Preparation Program on Saturday, August 2, at Epiphany Parish in Venice, to give engaged couples the opportunity to dialogue honestly about aspects of their future life together within the Sacrament of Marriage. Registration is \$65 per couple and it includes 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 August 2, at St. Jude Parish in Sarasota. For information please call Frances at (941) 955-3934.

#### **FOR CENTRAL DEANERY**

***For couples planning marriage*** - The Diocese of Venice will hold a Pre Cana Conference on Saturday, September 13, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Myers, to help engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Registration is \$65 per couple, and it includes a continental breakfast and lunch. This fee is non-refundable. For reservations please call Betty K at (941) 484-9543.

#### **ALL DEANERIES**

***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 October 31 - Nov. 2. Please call Steve and Linda Smith at (239) 395-0810 or (800) 470-2230. All inquiries are held in strict confidence.

***MARRIED AND LOVING IT! (MOST OF THE TIME)*** -- Please save August 16th for a very special one day marriage enrichment program. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Venice is hosting this day for all married couples to “get away” you rekindle the passion for your marriage. The program will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and all materials are provided -- cost per couple for the day is \$25. For more info, call Larry and Sue Haag at 941-927-3481.



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## 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 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm	St. Joseph			
Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am	St. Joseph			
Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm				St. Agnes
Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am				St. Agnes
Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm		St. Charles Borromeo		
Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am		St. Charles Borromeo		
Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm		Ascension		
Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am		Ascension		
Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm			St. Michael	
Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am			St. Michael	
Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm				St. William
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am				St. William
Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> 12noon to 2:00pm				Our Lady of Light
Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm		San Antonio		
Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am		San Antonio		
Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm	St. Martha			
Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am	St. Martha			
Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm to 8:00pm		St. Cecilia		
Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> 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.