



The Mustard Seed



Pastoral Bulletin

May 15, 2009

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office of the Bishop

Invitation to a celebration - The 50th Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Bishop John J. Nevins will be celebrated on Sunday, June 7, 2009, with Mass at 3:00 p.m. in Epiphany Cathedral, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Permanent Diaconate Ordination - Bishop Frank J. Dewane will ordain the four men of the Permanent Diaconate Class of 2009 to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, 23 May 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Epiphany Cathedral. Being ordained are: Joseph W. Allison, Lehigh Acres; Thomas L. Grant, Venice; Kevin F. McKenney, Sarasota; Epimaco G. Roca, Jr., North Port. All friends and parishioners of the ordinandi are welcome to attend.

From The Chancellor's Office

Retirement - This is to inform you that Dan Durkin, Insurance Director, has announced his decision to retire from the Diocese of Venice in Florida effective May 15, 2009. Over the past eleven years, the benefits and risk management operations have improved significantly under Dan's direction; we appreciate all his hard work and dedication.

As we transition job duties and responsibilities, health and welfare benefit related questions should be directed to Joanne Coyne and risk management questions to the Chancellor's office.

Please join in thanking Dan for over eleven years of service to the Diocese of Venice and wishing him well as he prepares for retirement. Our prayers are extended to him and his family in the future.

Education Department

Safe Environment Training - All diocesan employees—clergy, religious, laity must undergo Safe Environment Training. Volunteers who have routine contact with children or vulnerable adults are reminded that attendance of Safe Environment Training is required. 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. ***Bulletin editors:*** Attached is a schedule of upcoming training sessions, please post and share this information with all parish/school staff and volunteers.

Peace and Justice Office

Leaven Conference Being Planned - The 16th annual Leaven Conference is scheduled on Saturday, March 13 at St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota. The conference promotes understanding of Catholic Social Teaching. If you are interested in joining the planning committee please contact the Peace and Justice Office at 941-484-9543 or peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org.

Respect Life

Word of Life Series - The June 2009 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_june09_eng.pdf. WOL features Intercessions for Life and Bulletin Briefs" for weekly use. The Spanish version is at: http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wol_june09_sp.pdf.

Worship Department

The Ascension, May 24 - The Florida Catholic Conference voted in the year 2000 to transfer the solemnity of the Ascension from the Thursday forty-days after Easter to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, in accord with an indult granted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by the Holy See. **For the Catholic Churches in the Province of the State of Florida, the Seventh Sunday of Easter is always to be replaced by the solemnity of the Ascension. This year 2009 Ascension Sunday is celebrated on May 24, 2009**

Pentecost, May 31 - The *Sequence* of Pentecost is sung or recited at **all** Masses. The *Sequence* is sung or recited after the second reading **before** the Alleluia. The double Alleluia is added to the dismissal and the response as it was at the Easter Vigil. The Easter Candle might be used in procession at the end of each Sunday Mass as a sign that the Easter Season has come to an end. After Pentecost, the Easter Candle is returned to its place near the baptismal font. (*Ordo page 133*)

Development and Stewardship

Catholic Faith Appeal - Please remember that only one "in-pew" collection for the Catholic Faith Appeal is allowed, and if necessary another is allowed in the fall if your parish has not met its goal. However, second collections throughout the year are not allowed.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please publish in your bulletins)

Communications Department

TV Mass features local parishes - Featured parishes during May TV Masses are St. Ann Parish and St. William Parish, both in Naples. Please join Fr. John Ludden and Fr. George Ratzmann for the celebration of Mass. The complete TV Mass schedule with a list of times and broadcast stations is available at <http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/news/tvmass.cfm>. Copies of all TV Masses are available to the public. For more information contact the Communications Department at 941-486-4714 or e-mail Visner@dioceseofvenice.org.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of Collier County seeking office volunteers - Catholic Charities of Collier County in Naples is looking for volunteers to assist with light clerical work weekday mornings. If you are interested please call Michelle at 239-455-2655.

Development and Stewardship

Pilgrimage to Italy! There are just a few seats left for the Pilgrimage to Italy in September with Bishop Frank Dewane. If you are interested in learning more, please call Mary Campo at 941-441-1117. Raffle tickets for the CCW raffle of two seats for this Pilgrimage are available by calling Fran Patterson at 239-540-7116. The raffle tickets are \$100 and are limited to 250 chances.

Ministries Department

Engaged Encounter Weekend - The Diocese of Venice will hold an **Engaged Encounter Weekend at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center June 5-7, 2009**. This weekend offers a unique opportunity for couples to discover a deeper appreciation of their relationship and God's call to unite them. The Retreat Center is in a beautiful wooded setting on the Myakka River. The \$275 non-refundable fee includes separate overnight accommodations for men and women plus meals and materials. For more information and/or reservations, please call Betty Karsokas at (941) 484-9543.

For couples planning marriage - The Diocese of Venice will hold a one-day Marriage Preparation Program on Saturday, June 6, 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. Registration is \$65 per couple which includes breakfast, lunch and printed materials. This fee is non-refundable. For information please call Betty K at (941) 484-9543.

Peace and Justice Office

Action Needed on Darfur - Dire conditions in Darfur have escalated recently. In conjunction with the organization, "Humanity Working to End Genocide," parishioners are asked to write letters and sign petitions asking President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton to expand U.S. efforts to end genocide, violence, rape, starvation and disease in Darfur, Sudan. For more information, contact the Peace and Justice Office at 941-484-9543 or peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org.

St. Francis Pledge to Care for the Environment and the Poor - The St. Francis Pledge, promoted by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, is a promise and a commitment by Catholic individuals, families, parishes, organizations and institutions to live our faith by protecting God's Creation and advocating on behalf of people in poverty who face the harshest impacts of global climate change. For more information on this national effort and to take the pledge, go to catholicclimatecovenant.org or contact the Peace and Justice Office at 941-484-9543 or peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org.

Respect Life

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.

Did You Know? The scheduled execution of David Johnston on May 27, 2009 will be the 68th in Florida since the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1976 and the 2nd in 2009. For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-441-1112.

Vocations Office

On behalf of the Vocations Office, ***we congratulate Bernard Chojnacki and Cory Mayer*** in receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders as Transitional Deacons on May 8, 2009 at Epiphany Cathedral. May they continue to receive blessings from our Lord as they approach Priesthood.

OUT AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

Florida Catholic Chamber of Commerce – the Florida Catholic Chamber of Commerce is inviting the public to an expo Sunday, May 31st at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall in Fort Myers. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by a pancake breakfast. Exhibits will be on display until 12:30 p.m. Please call Shari M. Garcia at 239-332-8485 or email sharigarcia@embarqmail.com for more information.

Bulletin Editors: A flyer of the expo is available on the diocesan website calendar at <http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/news/calendar.cfm>. Click on May 31.

Volunteer Nurse Needed – the Council of Catholic Women is searching for a retired nurse who may be interested as serving as a Respite Coordinator who will lead 2 to 3 workshops per year. Training will be provided as well as great blessings and rewards. Contact Rickie at 941-778-3224 for details.



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Regional Safe Environment Training - Summer 2009

The following parish will hold Regional Safe Environment Awareness training session. **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. *No one should attend Safe Environment Training until their fingerprints have cleared.* Continued employment/volunteer status requires that you attend one of these sessions. **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 or you may register online at www.dioceseofvenice.org. Please share this information with all parish/school staff and volunteers. Due to the sensitive nature of this training, no children are permitted to attend.

Date/Time	Northern	Central	Eastern	Southern
Thursday, June 25 th 6:00pm to 8:00pm		St. Maximilian Kolbe		

This is the only regional training that will be held until Fall 2009.