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# The Mustard Seed

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Pastoral Bulletin

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## **DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Office of the Bishop**

*Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe* – This prayer is being offered to immigrant communities throughout the country:

#### ***Immigrant's Prayer***

Heavenly Father, Creator of heaven and earth, I thank you for the land of my birth. You chose that this New World should be the place where the Mother of Your Son would become the Mother of the Americas. Far from her home in heaven, she came with her roses to lead us all. Now, I am far from my home and I need Your grace and Your help, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to obtain justice and legality and peace here among so many other immigrants in this land of hope and freedom.

#### ***Oracion del inmigrante***

Padre Celestial, creador del cielo y de la tierra, to doy gracias por mi tierra natal. Tu escogiste que este mundo Nuevo deberia ser donde la Madre de tu Hijo seria la Madre de las Americas. Lejos de su hogar en el cielo, ella vino con sus rosas para guiarnos a todos. Ahora yo estoy lejos de mi hogar y necesito tu gracia y tu ayuda a través de la intercesión de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para obtener justicia, legalidad y pas aquí, entre tantos inmigrantes en esta tierra de esperanza y libertad.

### **Stewardship and Development Office**

*Save The Date* - Annual Diocesan Stewardship Day, September 22, 2009 at St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota, 9am – 3pm. More information to follow.

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

### **Communications Dept**

*“Year for Priests”* – Bishop Dewane is encouraging the faithful to pray for priests during the “Year for Priests” especially those who serve you here in the Diocese of Venice. The year extends from June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010. The Diocesan website features a calendar with which you can offer daily prayers for the clergy of the Diocese. Please visit [www.dioceseofvenice.org](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org) and click on “Pray for a Priest”.

***TV Mass features local parishes*** – Featured parishes during July TV Masses are Holy Cross Parish in Palmetto and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Parrish. Please join Fr. Teofilo Useche and Fr. Janusz Jancarz for the celebration of the 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](mailto:visner@dioceseofvenice.org).

### **Peace and Justice Office**

***Comprehensive Immigration Reform*** - Social Justice Advocates of the Peace and Justice Office of the Diocese of Venice and the faithful of the Diocese are asked to please contact President Barack Obama and elected Florida officials in Congress to renew efforts to enact legislation for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. For more information, contact the Peace and Justice Office: 941-484-9543 or [peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org).

***Water Forum Steering Committee*** - The Environmental Justice Commission of the Peace and Justice Office will hold a Water Forum in the southern deanery of the Diocese in January 2010. A steering committee to plan the event will meet on July 28, 2009 at St. Columbkille Parish in Fort Myers. Those interested in joining the committee are asked to contact the Diocesan Peace and Justice Office at 941-484-9543 or [peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:peace&justice@dioceseofvenice.org).

### **Respect Life**

***Help with Medical Decisions*** - If you are faced with a question regarding the morality of medical treatments or decision making, staff ethicists at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia are available for free consultations. Call 215-877-2660 and ask to speak with an ethicist or e-mail them through their website: [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.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](mailto:project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org).

***Did You Know?*** In a recent letter to Governor Crist imploring him to end executions, the Bishops of Florida stated: “Neither retribution nor deterrence can justify the death penalty. Society needs to be protected from criminals, and we have that ability by sentencing offenders to life in prison without possibility of parole.” For further information, please contact the diocesan Respect Life Department at 941-441-1112 and the entire letter may be found online at: <http://www.flacathconf.org>

### **Worship and Ministries**

***Is your marriage hurting? A Retrouvaille Weekend*** (for troubled marriages) will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice on October 30 – November 1. We invite couples to attend this program which offers help to hurting marriages. Retrouvaille places strong emphasis on communication. For information and/or reservations please call (800) 470-2230 or (239) 395-0810. All inquiries are held in strict confidence.

***Marriage preparation in Spanish language*** - The Diocese of Venice will hold a one-day Marriage Preparation Class in Spanish on Saturday August 1, at St. Jude Parish in Sarasota. For information please call Frances at (941) 955-3934.

***Married: The Good Life*** - A Day of Enrichment to build on the differences between men and women and enhance marriage will be held at two parishes in the Diocese of Venice in August. The Enrichment, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, is scheduled August 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Cecelia Parish in Ft Myers and August 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick Parish in Sarasota. Registration fee is \$20 per couple and lunch is included. For more information please call 239-495-1803 for St. Cecilia Parish and 941-927-3481 for St. Patrick.

#### NORTHERN DEANERY

***For couples planning marriage*** - The Diocese of Venice will hold a one-day Marriage Preparation Program on Saturday, August 22, at Incarnation Parish in Sarasota. Engaged couples will have the opportunity to have open and honest discussions about their future life together within the Sacrament of Marriage. The non-refundable registration fee is \$65 per couple and it includes breakfast, lunch and printed materials. For information please call Betty K at (941) 484-9543.

#### CENTRAL DEANERY

***For couples planning marriage*** - The Diocese of Venice will hold a Pre Cana Conference on Saturday, September 19, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Myers, to help engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Registration 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

***Opening - Christ The King Chapel Bookstore*** - The opening of Christ the King Chapel Bookstore will be held on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 1900 Meadowood Street, Sarasota. Statues, rosaries, crucifixes, jewelry, books, Bibles, prayerbooks, missals, and many items from Convents and Monasteries from around the world will be featured. Refreshments will be served! Please call Karen Cullen at 941-924-2777 Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with any questions.



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