

Within our diocese we have regions that have been very successful in collaborating out of necessity. These are regions that can be invited to share their wisdom and help mentor those who seek active collaboration. Dialogue and conversation among the faith communities will be one of the keys to collaboration. As all are invited to do more with less, so is the Church. We can model this for the faith communities that we serve by taking the time to grow in this concept of collaboration. All are needed to build the Kingdom.

Collaboration calls us to conversation with one another, to the recognition of the gifts of those who sit with us in worship and work, and an understanding that the work we are about is not our own, but that of God who has chosen to collaborate with us! Collaboration sustained the Church from the beginning and can again in our day.



PLANNING TOMORROW'S CHURCHES **Cooperation and Collaboration**

This article was written by two sage pastoral ministers in the Diocese of Lansing. Marinell High, Director of Religious Education, Saint Joseph Parish, Dexter, and Sharon Wimple, Director of Pastoral Care, Dominican Life Center, Adrian, speak from the depths of their beliefs and experience. Marinell and Sharon served as members of the Diocesan Coordinating Commission and currently serve as members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. It is the Pastoral Council that advises the Office of Pastoral Planning on the implementation of matters related to Planning Tomorrow's Churches.

As we continue to change and to grow in our parishes and diocese we must keep a key concept, collaboration, in mind if we are to do the work of God in the best way possible.

Collaboration has served the church well in the past. Collaboration was part of a way of life for the apostles and those who followed. Jesus sent his disciples out in twos to preach and to heal (Mark 6:7-13). In Luke 5:1-11 Simon needs, and asks for, the help of the other followers in order to pull in his net of fish. Without that collaboration the fish would have been lost and the work that Simon did alone would have had no positive outcome. In these times, it is especially critical that we remember our history, for it serves us well. We have, in the ministry of Jesus, the best model of collaboration. Jesus sought to bring those who desire faith an avenue in which to discover it. It took the form of conversation and the looking beyond physical appearance or status.

Networking, conversation, cooperation and shared goals are necessary tools for effective collaboration. It takes time and effort to do these things. Often we think that we don't have time to gather, to share ideas and to change our way of functioning. Effective staff meetings, gatherings of parish staffs within a region, diocesan events that allow us to interact with parishes within our local church and national gatherings that help us to hear about new ideas and concepts of being church are all important to collaboration. It is these very actions that we must begin to make a priority in our lives. Perhaps for a while we could all do a little less so that we can take part in the activities and structures that will allow us eventually to do more. (continue article in left column)

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OUTREACH MINISTRIES

If you or someone you know is suffering from Post Abortion Grief, Addictions, Separation or Divorce, or just need someone who will listen to them, please call the Outreach Ministries of the Diocese of Lansing at: 517-745-5579.

ACCESS TO LITURGICAL SPACES:

WELCOMING

ALL TO THIS PLACE

Architect Robert Habiger's design goal is to create an Equivalent experience. An Equivalent experience creates a similar physical experience while maintaining a person's dignity. These resources explore how choices regarding barrier-free access can affect sacramental inclusion. Resource links are available on Ministry with Persons with disAbilities website. <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/index.html>

NEW SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

Are you an adult survivor of childhood abuse? You are not alone. We are looking to form teams of parishioners trained to support all adults who want to be healed of their abusive past. Each region will have an ongoing support group for men and women working with professionals to bring healing and hope to all who struggle. Please contact Rory at rhoipkeimier@dioceseoflansing.org or 517-342-2469.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION LANSING GUILD

The Catholic Medical Association Lansing Guild is a group of health care professionals who are committed to living their Catholic identity within their professional environments. The guild provides opportunities for professional and spiritual development and would love to have all Lansing Diocese physicians, dentists, nurses, students and others become actively involved. Please email Janet at cmalansing@gmail.com for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

"Papal Preacher: Love and Marriage Still Go Together"



People frequently ask what relationship there possibly could be "between the love between two young people and the law of marriage," Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa said in the Lenten meditation presented March 20 to top Vatican officials. Father Cantalamessa, the preacher of the papal household, said people commonly want to know "what need there is for love to 'bind itself,' since it is by its nature free

and spontaneous." Thus, a growing number of people "refute, in theory or in practice, the institution of marriage and choose so-called free love or simply living together," said Father Cantalamessa. He continued his series of Friday Lenten meditations even while Pope Benedict XVI was in Africa. In his March 20 meditation, Father Cantalamessa examined the Christian perspective on the relationship of love and law. He insisted that neither "the unbreakable bonds of marriage" nor "the permanence of religious vows" constrain the freedom to love. Instead, he said, "they free a person to love forever, in good times and bad." Father Cantalamessa pointed out that "there are two ways through which people can be led to do something or not do something: by constriction or by attraction." The first way, constriction, leads to action "through the threat of punishment." However, the second way, involving attraction, leads to action that stems from love. The Christian law of the Spirit "is a new capacity for love," said Father Cantalamessa. This law is not at odds with true human freedom. Father Cantalamessa said that when "two people are really in love, they do not see a promise to love each other forever as a burden, but as a joy." He paraphrased something the 19th-century Christian theologian and philosopher Soren Kierkegaard said about this: "Give me a person who is truly in love, and you will see whether the thought of having to love forever is a weight for him or rather the highest bliss." (From USCCB website / www.foryourmarriage.org)

CSS OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

When **Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County (CSSW)** was established in May 1959, its mission was to extend a helping hand to struggling residents regardless of their faith, race or economic background. Embracing the tenets of Catholic social teaching, the new agency was dedicated to changing the lives of families in the most vulnerable circumstances. That is as true today as it was 50 years ago. Today's vision—to help people live safe, meaningful and independent lives, in a more just community—is much broader, reflecting the increasing diversity of our contemporary culture. Offering more than two dozen programs designed for myriad life challenges, CSSW also collaborates on other community-wide projects benefiting families at all stages of life.

CSSW would never be where it is today, however, if it was not for the commitment of its founders from the diocese, local parishes and the community at large. They put into action the teachings of the Catholic Church to support those most in need. With this in mind, Catholic Social Services would like to take this opportunity to honor its board members, staff and volunteers who came before us as we look forward to starting our second 50 years. Clearly, there is much work yet to be done, needs new and timeless, that are still unmet. It is a tall order, but one CSSW enthusiastically embraces—then, now and forever. For more information, call 734-971-9781 or www.csswashtenaw.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Much of the news these days is filled with the issue of the State's fiscal problems and the various ideas to control spending and lower the budget deficit. One of the proposals that has been put forward is the reduction of the population in Michigan's prison system and the closure of several prisons along with a reduction in staffing. The Michigan Department of Corrections has closed, or plans to close, at least eight facilities since 2002 while the population has remained at approximately 50,000 inmates. Currently, there are plans to reduce the population. This seems to have received quite a bit of attention from folks on both sides of the issue. The Michigan Parole Board has been expanded in order to facilitate and expand the review of upcoming paroles. There are many who could be paroled that have gone beyond their parole date and have been kept in prison because of the hysteria generated by incidents that are reported in the press. Some are elderly, in wheelchairs or sick, that could be cared for on the outside in a much more cost effective way.

Other issues that affect parolees are before the legislators now. As I reported last month, the Senate has a package of four bills addressing the issue of Juvenile Life without Parole. A package of four bills is currently working its way through the House with a similar package in the Senate. These bills, if passed, would allow an inmate sentenced to Life without Parole as a juvenile the opportunity to go before the Parole Board after having served a period of ten years. A hearing is scheduled for April 29, 2009 before the Senate Judiciary Committee. If you would like more information on these or other issues pertaining to restorative justice, please call Tim Metts at 517-342-2495.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The *Introduction to Natural Family Planning* is \$10.00 and couples must register with the Natural Family Planning Office at 517-342-2587 or at nfp@dioceseoflansing.org prior to attending the class. Checks can be made out to **Diocese of Lansing** and mailed to: Diocese of Lansing, NFP Office, 300 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

Introduction to Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes:

Saturday, June 6 at 9:00 am, St. Robert Bellarmine, Flushing

Monday, June 22 at 7:00 pm, St. Mary Parish, Westphalia

Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 pm, St. John the Baptist, Hartland

In the Diocese of Lansing, several methods of Natural Family Planning are taught, **pre-registration is required** for the following classes:

Family of Americas Ovulation Method: Call the NFP Office to register: (517) 342-2587

Sympto-Thermal Method: taught by Couple to Couple League (CCL) Website: ccl-mi.org

Creighton Model Fertility Care System: is available in the Diocese of Lansing.

Call Amanda Venema at (517) 242-3710 or e-mail: venemafamily@cablespeed.com

Billings Ovulation Method: is available in the Diocese of Lansing. If interested, need to call Maria at (517) 523-3526 for class information.

DEAF/HH MINISTRY

For further information on any of the following items from the Deaf/HH Ministry Office, please contact Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 or rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month and would be a good time to promote your parish's Assistive Listening Equipment (ALD). Those who have recently been diagnosed with a hearing problem may not know you provide ALDs. The new headset microphones are another resource being used increasingly in parish churches to enhance communication delivery.

Religious ASL Week held annually at DeSales Center in Brooklyn, Michigan will be offered again this year from July 26-31. The program is designed for priests and deacons, qualified interpreters and lectors who minister to the Deaf Community.

The International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA) Conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio from July 17-21, 2009.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for participating in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. The Operation Rice Bowl Grant applications are due June 1, 2009. To access the application, go to the following website:

http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/crs/09_operation_ricebowl_application.pdf



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

SHIELD THE VULNERABLE

A Shared Responsibility

Shield the Vulnerable is dedicated to raising awareness of abuse and neglect, and providing training and resources to help protect the most vulnerable members of our communities. Shield the Vulnerable provides “. . .innovative, state-specific, online training. . .to teach adults who interact with children, youth and elders how to recognize, report and prevent abuse or neglect.”

Beginning July 1, 2009, Shield the Vulnerable [STV] will be implemented in the Diocese of Lansing as the online training for adult volunteers who interact with children and youth. The course incorporates state-specific mandatory reporting law and the Diocese of Lansing Volunteer Code of Conduct. STV courses are available in both English and Spanish.

STV is for adult volunteers who **absolutely** are unable to attend a VIRTUS *Protecting God's Children for Adults Awareness Session*. The volunteer will register themselves for the STV course. STV has a comprehensive Data Management System that makes tracking and reporting easy to meet the USCCB audit requirements. You will receive further information/instruction as soon as STV is tailored to the Diocese of Lansing.

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER'S HEALING PROGRAMS ~ RETREATS

HEALING THE HEART'S CRY

Friday - Sunday, June 5-7, 2009

Fr. Larry Delaney, Patricia Martin, MSW, ACSW

A weekend of healing for women who have experienced sexual abuse.

\$135 per person suggested donation

To register or for more information, call toll-free: 866 669-8321 or go online at: www.stfrancis.ws

A TIME TO HEAL

Tuesday - Thursday, June 9-11, 2009

Fr. Larry Delaney, Patricia Martin, MSW, ACSW

A retreat for victims of abuse within the Church

No cost to participants

To register or for more information, call toll-free: 866 669-8321

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH

Train the Trainers workshops are scheduled (see below). Time is 9:00am - 3:00pm Christy Schiller, Praesidium's Called to Protect™ Program Manager will facilitate the training. Principals, DREs, CYM's and staff who will be teaching the material are required to attend one of the sessions:

Tuesday, August 18 Lansing Catholic Central High School

Wednesday, August 19 Luke M. Powers High School, Flint

Thursday, August 20 Fr Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor

Friday, August 21 Queen of the Miraculous Medal School, Jackson

One training manual will be provided to each parish and to each school.

Lunch will be included. Registration fee is \$10 to help defray the cost of light refreshments in the morning and lunch.

The registration form is be available at: http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/safe_environment/index.html Contact Sally Ellis, 517-342-2551.

REGISTER FOR THE 2009 ASBESTOS AWARENESS, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SEMINAR

A required eight-hour “Asbestos Awareness Re-certification Training” for all school maintenance personnel and an “Asbestos Operation and Maintenance” training will be offered on **July 29, 2009**.

Both training is required under Federal AHERA regulations.

This is a D.S.A. provided training without fee to participating schools. The training is for maintenance personnel and volunteer maintenance personnel and their supervisors.

Training will be at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt.

To register contact Paul Garriépy at the Cemetery and Property Management Office, Tel 517-342-2534 or fax 517-342-2519 or e-mail pgarriepy@dioceseoflansing

More information will be mailed to school principals and those who have registered to date in May.

FORMATION

2009 DIACONATE ORDINATION - MAY 16, 2009

PERMANENT DEACONS

Please join us in praying for these men as they are ordained for their ministry of service to the Diocese of Lansing

James Roger Cahaney

Wayne Walter Corrion

John Harrison Epley

John Xavier Flanagan

James Martin Kasprzak

David Paul Lawrence

Donald Allen Michael

Gregory Raymond Middleton

Dennis Marvin Pennell

Aaron Michael Petersen

Gary William Prise

Larry Anthony Randolph

Thomas James Rea

TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

Please pray for these men as they begin this final step in the preparation toward the priesthood

Anthony John Strouse

Mathias David Thelen

Pieter Charles VanRooyen

Thomas Kazimierz Wasilewski

FORMATION CALENDAR

- May 16** Permanent & Transitional Diaconate Ordination
Saint Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing - 10:30am
Reception to follow in school gym/cafeteria
- June 5-6** Ministry Formation Program Retreat - SFRC, DeWitt
Director: Sr. Carol Weber
- June 13** Priesthood Ordination: Bishop Boyea will ordain
Deacon Mark Rutherford into the priesthood at
10:30am at St. Mary Cathedral
- June 15** Lay Ecclesial Ministry Committee Meeting - Diocesan Center
- June 26** Senior Priest Appreciation Luncheon - Bethany House
- July 26** Deacon Summer Gathering - KofC Picnic grounds, Ann Arbor
- July 30** Midsummer Priest Evening - Bethany House
- July 31** Vocations Awareness Lugnuts Game - Lugnut Stadium
- Aug 14&15** Seminarian Gathering - SFRC
- Aug 16** Prospective Seminarian Dinner with the Bishop
- Aug 24** Installation of Office of Reader - St. Mary Cathedral
- Sept 1** Bishop's Golf Classic for Seminarian Education
- Sept 16** Aspirant and Deacon Formation classes begin
- Sept 28-Oct 1** Presbyteral Convocation - McGuire's, Cadillac MI
- October 3** Deacon's St. Francis Day - St. Agnes, Fowlerville
- October 16** Lay Ecclesial Ministry Convocation -
St. Agnes Fowlerville

SHARING HOPE IN DIFFICULT TIMES

2009 DSA Goal: \$4,500,000

Total Pledged: \$2,196,476

(as of 5/7/09)

Hearty Congratulations to these parishes that have already reached their DSA goal!

(as of 5/7/09)

St. Mark Church, Goodrich
St. Elizabeth Church, Tecumseh
All Saints Church, Flint
St. Isidore Church, Laingsburg
St. Mary Church, Swartz Creek
St. Paul Church, Owosso
St. Peter Church, Eaton Rapids
St. Mary Church, Chelsea

Remember, this year your pledge will also help your parish.

All PAID PLEDGES received, over and above your parish goal, will be returned 50% to your parish for local use.



EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

NEW PARISH STAFF

Goal 4: Nurture ministers and leaders in the life of the Spirit and the vision of the church to use their gifts to serve the needs of all.

Orientation for new Pastors, Priests new to ministry in the diocese, Deacons, Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Evangelization, RCIA Directors, Directors of Adult Faith Formation and Pastoral Ministers is at the Diocesan Center, Wednesday, August 6, 9:00am – 3:30pm. Call: Department of Education and Catechesis or the Department of Formation so we may also extend an invitation.

NATIONAL RCIA CONFERENCE COMING TO THE DIOCESE OF LANSING

Plan now to attend the North American Forum on the Catechumenate Institute on Mystagogy co-sponsored with the Diocesan of Lansing on Thursday-Friday, June 25-26 at Bethany House, DeWitt. Intended for RCIA Directors, RCIA team members, priests, deacons, and other parish staff members, this institute:

- Deepens an understanding of the intent and activities of the period of Mystagogy
 - Models post-baptismal catechesis from the experience of the sacraments
 - Leads participants to reflect critically on their approach to this period
- Team members include Fr. Chuck Barthel, pastor of St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish in St. Louis, Missouri and Jerry Gallipeau, past chairperson of Forum's Board and national expert on this period of the RCIA.

Registration deadline is May 28. To register go to www.naforum.org or call Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 for registration materials. Check for discounts for multiple registrations from the same parish.



Goal 3.1: Create comprehensive continuing adult education and formation opportunities.

This might be a good time of year to consider recruiting or enhancing the membership of your parish adult faith formation committee. Try to include young adults and seniors. Include someone from evangelization, RCIA, marriage preparation and baptismal preparation. Schedule a couple of organizational gatherings in a relaxed summer setting. Purchase copies of *Our Hearts Were Burning*

Within Us as initial discussion materials to begin building a common vision and purpose. Call: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 to discuss approaches to building/ enhancing your committee and to schedule in-parish formation for your committee.

Goal 7.1 Engage youth, college students, and young adults through ministry and creative programming:

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES:

National Catholic Youth Conference parishes are signed up and we are now at 280 people. We have only received deposits for 215. Some parishes still need to get in their \$50.00 deposits. Scholarship assistance is available. Adult track has been added to encourage parents to register and come to the conference. **We need list of all adults attending, their parish, and their birthdates for CBC.** Please contact Pat Rinker, 517-342-2485.

Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp is the best opportunity for forming young disciples offered for our diocesan high school youth. Please pray for our participants and teams as they are formed in Christ in order to respond to their vocation call to leadership in parish youth ministry.

Diocesan Young Adult Picnic will be July 19 at Independence Lake, between Brighton and Ann Arbor. Pamphlet will be posted on the young adult webpage by the end of May. We have enjoyed the presence of over 125 young adults the last two years with liturgy, food, fun and worship. <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youngadult/index.html>

Many parishes will be doing **summer camps and service trips**. Please download policy forms from the youth ministry webpage. <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/index.html>

DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTER

A large collection of faith formation materials for adults, teens and children are on display for your review. Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm. Evening or weekend hours can be arranged by contacting Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, pries@dioceseoflansing.org. Program leaders, catechists and committee members are welcome to review this large collection of program resources.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

THANKS AND FAREWELL

The following are leaving their current places of ministry. Some are moving on to new parishes; some are moving to new positions at their current parishes; others are beginning different endeavors. Best wishes and thanks for all you have done in service to God's people.

Carla Corrado, Principal, Holy Family, Grand Blanc

Glenna Diskin, Director of Adult Faith Formation and Director of Evangelization, St. Patrick, Brighton

Dr. Conrad Donakowski, Director of Music, St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

Sr. Joanne Fedewa, SLW, Pastoral Coordinator, DRE, Director of Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Director at Christ the King, Flint

John Gilboe, Principal, St. Mary, Pinckney

Martha Goode, CYM, St. Patrick, Brighton

Joan Grant, Director of Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Director, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson

Turney Gratz, Director of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Director, and Director of Evangelization, Holy Cross, Lansing

Shannon Kahne, Principal, Resurrection, Lansing

Michael Kehoe, Principal, St. John the Evangelist, Fenton

Sr. Josephine McNamara, Pastoral Coordinator, Director of Adult Faith Formation, and RCIA Director at Good Shepherd, Montrose

Patricia "Wilson" Perkowski, DRE, Holy Cross, Lansing

Paul Schlegelmilch, DRE, St. Michael, Flint

Paul Schroeder, Principal, St. Gerard, Lansing

Dcn. Steve Thomashewski, Director of Evangelization, Transfiguration, Ypsilanti

Marlene Zebrowski, Director of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Director, and co-Director of Evangelization, St. John the Baptist, Howell

Amber Zelle, CYM, St. Pius X, Flint

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS AND CONTRACTS

Goal 4.1: Clearly define present roles and create new roles in the Church to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of people.

DREs, CYMs, Directors of Evangelization, RCIA Directors, and Directors of Adult Faith Formation: Job performance appraisal/administrative review forms for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and contracts for 2009-2010 are included with the mailing of this issue of **VOICES**. Send in your 2008-2009 Administrative Reviews by June 30, 2009. Contracts for 2008-2009 should be in by September 1, 2009.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

Common Strategy 3: Assist every parish to develop a plan to improve communication.

All new employees must have a verified criminal background check before a contract can be signed. Call Sally Ellis at 517-342-2551.

PARISH CATECHETICAL REVIEW

Goal 3: Provide vibrant, lifelong faith formation opportunities which enable us to live the Gospel.

The Review is an opportunity to give some concrete, practical direction to the faith formation aspects of your parish's goals which were derived from doing the **Parish Assessment Tool**, its annual updates, and the **Parish Evaluation Inventory**. It also relates to the concept of having a parish catechetical plan (**National Directory for Catechesis**, p. 255). This will result in a more detailed picture of where your parish wants to go in developing its faith formation programs for adults, teens and children over the next 5-7 years. Workbooks are available. Every parish is asked to do the Review. If your parish is ready to begin or repeat this process, call Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, Michael Andrews at 517-342-2479, or Pat Rinker at 517-342-2485.

2008-2009 ANNUAL DATA GATHERING ON FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS, TEENS AND CHILDREN

Goal 3: Provide vibrant, lifelong faith formation opportunities which enable us to live the Gospel.

Copies of this survey **will be sent by e-mail this May** to parish DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, and Directors of Evangelization. **Deadline for return is July 31**. For those of you not at your parish in July, please fill out your section on line before you leave for your summer break. For any questions call Pat Rinker at 517-342-2485, prinker@dioceseoflansing.org, Michael Andrews at 517-342-2479, mandrews@dioceseoflansing.org or Margaret Grima at 517-342-2555, mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org This year you are being required to send your information **electronically**.



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DIOCESAN CALENDAR MAY - AUGUST, 2009

May 13	Diocesan Worship Commission ~ 10:30am - 3:00pm	July 9-10	Basic Youth Ministry Training Overnight Retreat ~ Bethany House, DeWitt
May 14	DRE Advisory Committee ~ 9:30am - 12:00pm	July 19	Young Adult Mass, Picnic and Concert ~ Independence Lake ~ 12:30-5:30pm
May 16	Transitional and Permanent Deacon Ordinations ~ 10:30am - 12:00pm ~ St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing	July 27-29	NPM Institute Music with Children ~ Bethany House, DeWitt
May 19-20	MCCMA at St. Francis Retreat Center	July 31	Knights of Columbus Family Night ~ Oldsmobile Park
May 25	Memorial Day ~ Central Staff Offices Closed	August 10	Feast of St. Lawrence - Deacon
May 28	Implementation Commission ~ 1:00 - 3:00pm ~ St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton	August 11-13	Summer Scripture Days ~ 8:00 - 9:00am ~ DCC
May 31	Pentecost	August 11	Orientation for New Catholic School Teachers ~ 9:00am -12:00pm ~ DEC
June 13	Priesthood Ordination ~ 10:30am ~ St. Mary Cathedral	August 12	Virtus Training ~ 1:00-4:00pm Orientation for New Pastors, Administrators, Ministers ~ 9:00am - 3:30pm ~ DEC
June 14-19	DYLC ~ Bethany House, DeWitt	August 13	Principals' Meeting ~ 9:00am - 3:30pm ~ DEC
June 15-18	Social Studies Curriculum Institute	August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Not a Holy Day of Obligation - USA
June 21	Father's Day		Rite of Candidacy ~ St. Thomas Aquinas ~ East Lansing ~ 4:30pm
June 23	DYAC planning meeting for Basic Training Overnight, Diocesan Center ~ 10:00am - 3:00pm		Connections in Ministry ~ 8:00am -5:00pm ~ DOF
June 24	Diocesan Cedar Point Day ~ Sandusky, Ohio	August 18	Praesidium, Safe Environment ~ 9:00am - 3:00pm
June 25	Institute on Mystagogy ~ Bethany House, DeWitt Diocesan Catechetical Day Planning Meeting II ~ 10:00am - 1:00pm	August 19	Lansing Catholic Central High School, Lansing Praesidium, Safe Environment ~ 9:00am - 3:00pm
July 3	Independence Day Observed ~ Offices Closed	August 20	Luke M. Powers High School, Flint Praesidium, Safe Environment ~ 9:00am - 3:00pm
July 4	Independence Day		Father Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor
July 6-9	NPM National Convention ~ Chicago, IL		