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DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

PERSONS WITH disABILITIES

Resources available from Ministry with Persons with disAbilities - "**Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with disAbilities**" by USCCB, also "**Opening Doors of Welcome and Justice to Parishioners with Disabilities - a parish Resource Guide**" by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Please contact Joann, for these and other resources available, at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org. Information is also available at:

<http://www.ncpd.org/views-news-policy/policy/church/bishops>

Guide for Veterans and their Families Returning from the War Zone: a guide for Families. This guide can help families, friends and veterans with the transition from war back to civilian life in the community. Visit <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/>. This eleven page guide will help veterans and their family, friends and parishioners to understand readjustment during homecoming. By helping to look after our returning veterans, a parish has an opportunity to genuinely renew itself and in so doing truly look after the needs of others.

disAbility Resource - **Exceptional Teaching: A Comprehensive Guide for Including Students with Disabilities** by: Jim Pierson. This innovative program is interactive and will guide you through the successful implementation of a disability ministry. This online program, complete with video segments, interactive exercises, and a wealth of resources, gives you and your church all of the tools you'll need to answer God's calling to create and implement a disability ministry in your community. Educators, parents of those with disAbilities, and even people with disAbilities themselves will guide you through the stages of ministry conception, direct ministry to individuals and

families, and community outreach. Available to download at: <http://www.ccfh.org/education/index.php>

MULTICULTURAL EVANGELIZATION

A national congress for Hispanic Ministry - Rooted in discipleship: Enviados en mision. With the desire to revive the spirit of the Encuentros and celebrate the 10th anniversary of Encuentro 2000, the National Congress on Hispanic Ministry "Raices y Alas 2010" is expected to be an extraordinary gathering of Catholic organizations, leaders and individuals from across the United States involved in Hispanic ministry. This gathering will provide the opportunity to celebrate, reflect on the current reality of Hispanic ministry in the United States, carry out theological reflection, and look toward the future with concrete projections for ministerial actions. The reflections on the reality of Hispanics will be based on the priorities outlined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):

- . Marriage and the Christian family
- . Faith formation and sacramental practice
- . Priestly and religious vocations
- . Life and dignity of the human person
- . Diversity with special emphasis on Hispanics

(For more information visit the website of the **National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry** at: <http://isite157931.web08.intellisite.com/501370.ihtml>

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

(Note: There will be a charge of \$ 10.00 per couple, for all Introductions to Natural Family Planning Classes. All couples registered with the Natural Family Planning Office should pay before taking the class. All checks should be made payable to Diocese of Lansing, 228 North Walnut Street, Lansing, MI 48933.)

Introduction to Natural Family Planning Classes offered as follows:

7:00pm, Wednesday, **July 28** at [St. John the Baptist, Howell \(Hartland\)](#) ;

7:00pm, Thursday, **August 26** [St. Mary Parish, Pinckney](#) ;

4:00pm, Sunday, **August 29** [St. Jude Parish, DeWitt](#) .

Pre-registration is required for the following classes:

Billings Ovulation Method - please contact Maria, 517- 523-3526, or visit the diocesan website at:

<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/nfp/ovulationmethodclasses.html> . Next Class - 7:00pm, **September 8**, [St. Anthony Parish, Hillsdale](#) .

Sympto-Thermal Method, taught by the Couple to Couple League (CCL) - visit [the CCL website](#) , then click on "Search / Register for Class" to find classes in in Michigan. Upcoming classes: **August 1**, at the [Sparrow Professional Bldg, Lansing, Room G](#) . E-mail uneewk@yahoo.com ;

September 18, at [Most Holy Trinity Church, Fowler](#) . Contact Tony & Stephanie via e-mail to stfeldpausch@mailaka.net ;

September 27, [Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lansing](#) . E-mail kristinewitkowski@gmail.com .

Creighton Model Fertility Care System - call Hope Fertility Care Center of Mid-Michigan, Amanda Venema, 517-242-3710 or e-mail: amanda.venema@gmail.com

Family of Americas Ovulation Method - call the NFP Office for class information, 517-342-2587.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Congratulations to Tim Metts who retired June 30, 2010! Tim was the Director of Restorative Justice from April 2006 through June 30, 2010. He reinvigorated and reorganized the Diocese of Lansing's ministry in the many state and federal prisons, county jails and other correctional facilities in our diocese. He worked with offenders, victims, and their families. During his tenure he strengthened relationships with the Catholic Charities agencies enhancing the work and effectiveness of the Church's mission to "visit the imprisoned." The Diocese, especially the Department of Catholic Charities, thanks Tim for sharing his faith with everyone who was blessed to encounter him. May God continue to bless Tim on his faith journey.

FAREWELL

Writing this column for VOICES, Alive! has been a very pleasant task for me over the last few years. It has always kept me in focus as I write about the things that are important to this ministry. In this, my last column before I retire, I wish to remind you again of a few of the things that are important.

We are all brothers and sisters. Even the person who has done the worst thing is still loved by God and we should do no less. If we were known by the worst thing that we have done in our own lives, many of us would never leave our homes.

People can and do change. If the court has given sentence, and the sentence has been served, the person should be given opportunity to demonstrate their worth. Often we do not allow someone this opportunity. A determinate sentence of years becomes a life sentence served outside the prison.

I ask you to give my successor the same eager and joy-filled cooperation that was given to me.

Lastly, I thank each and every one of you who has in any way given of your time, talent or treasure to assist me in this ministry. This is a huge task that cannot be accomplished alone. You have demonstrated the love of Christ in this world and I pray God will reward you in the next. God bless!

Tim Metts, Diocese of Lansing Director of Restorative Justice

WELCOME

The Department of Catholic Charities is pleased to announce the hiring of Joe Dionise as the new Director of Restorative Justice. Joe is recently retired from the City of Lansing Police Department after serving the residents of Lansing for 25 years. Joe lives in DeWitt with his wife Rosie and their two children. They are parishioners of St. Jude Parish, DeWitt.

DEAF/HH MINISTRY

Deaf Mass Schedule - The list of interpreted and/or ASL signed Masses for the 2010/2011 year is now [available on the diocesan website](#) . If your parish offers interpreted Mass for the Deaf Community and is not listed on this website, please [contact Rose Smith](#) .

Wireless Microphones - Wireless microphones are routinely used for Mass and other events. However, the lapel type of microphone which is commonly used, is not so effective for hard of hearing people who may already be

struggling to hear. The newer mouthpiece or wraparound microphone does a better job of transmitting the wide range of voice volumes.

LIFE JUSTICE

Promoting Women's Health: Beyond the Fine Print

(By Mary E. McClusky, Special Projects Coordinator at the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Reprinted with permission.)

Today we are rightly concerned about damage to women and children from environmental toxins, yet many ignore the health risks and consequences of flooding a woman's body with hormones from the birth control pill or chemical abortions. As advocates of so-called "reproductive health services" celebrate the 50th anniversary of the pill, and the new law allowing federally subsidized health plans to treat abortion as "health care," it's time again to break through the catch phrases and examine the fine print. Doing so reveals the unpleasant truth that advocates of contraception and abortion frequently undermine women's health by trading their consciences for cash registers.

Why else would Planned Parenthood recently reveal plans to implement "tele-med" abortions in all its clinics by 2015? Implemented in Iowa two years ago, "tele-med" abortions allow doctors to forgo a physical exam, counsel pregnant women by teleconference, and press a button to remotely dispense the deadly concoction RU-486. The woman completes the abortion alone at home. Not only does the drug cause the death of the woman's unborn child, the FDA reports complications from at least a thousand women. Even Exelgyn, the drug's maker, reports that 29 women have died worldwide. Yet Planned Parenthood wants to increase profits by killing more children, endangering women's lives, and potentially violating state laws.

Makers of the new abortifacient drug ulipristal (ellaOne) are currently pushing the FDA to approve it for over-the-counter use as abortion advocates deceptively promote the drug as just another contraceptive "morning-after pill." Ulipristal is actually a derivative from the abortion drug RU-486. A group of pro-life obstetrician-gynecologists has filed testimony to block its approval.

Product information from the recently-developed contraceptive product "Essure" reveals contradictory information and physical risks and problems not mentioned in the slick new ad campaign. Wire coils are inserted into the fallopian tubes through the cervix, expanding and causing tissue to grow around them over the next three months. Flaunted in ads as "permanent," the fine print reveals that "you can become pregnant even years after the Essure micro-inserts are placed" and "very little is known about how well the Essure micro-inserts work beyond the first 5 years." Only two clinical trials have been conducted involving 745 women. Thirty percent of them experienced cramping, 13% pain, 11% nausea/vomiting, 9% dizziness/lightheadedness, and 7% bleeding/spotting. The inserts can get in the way of reading MRIs, making nearby organs harder to see. In fact, any pelvic procedure near the inserts could cause complications.

Catholic teaching calls on medical professionals to consider fertility as the healthy, natural, God-given state of a woman's body in her child-bearing years, and to treat a pregnant woman and her unborn child equally as patients. Critics incorrectly argue that the Catholic Church just wants to oppress women. On the contrary, the Church has a long history and a vast array of teaching documents exalting the unique gifts and contributions of women, denounces their exploitation for profit, and calls for "a renewed commitment by all to the well-being of all the world's women" (Pope John Paul II, Address to the International Meeting On Promoting The Well-Being Of Women, 1996).

May both men and women alike respond to this call by educating themselves on the risks to both body and soul of contraception and abortion, and opening themselves to God's plan for love, life and marriage. Let all Catholics pray for increased respect for the bodily integrity of women and their gift of fertility and motherhood.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Marriage Prep Update: Building Bridges (for ReMarriage) has been replaced with **Smart Steps for Stepfamilies** and/or ReMarriage Inventory. Please [view or download the brochure](#) for more details.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring **World Priest Day**. Please [follow this link for more information](#) .

Retrouvaille of Lansing is sponsoring a Retrouvaille Weekend on August 13 - 15 at [St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt](#). More [information is available here](#) .

OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

(formerly known as Safe Environment Office)

NAME CHANGE for the Safe Environment Office: Effective immediately the office has been renamed the **Office of Child and Youth Protection (OCYP)**

OCYP staff and contact information:

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2010 Compliance Audit - audit forms were e-mailed to audit contacts on May 4, 2010, and are now due in the Office of Child and Youth Protection. Please contact [Sally Ellis](#), 517-342-2551, if you need assistance with the compliance audit.

Background Check Audit - The FBI directed the Michigan State Police [MSP] to audit the agencies for which the MSP conducts background checks utilizing live scan fingerprinting and the Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT). The Diocese of Lansing was audited April 21. The audit resulted in the following:

The three reasons commonly used to be live scan fingerprinted are:

Michigan School employment, MCL 380.1230 (for school employees only);

National Child Protection Act, NCPA employee (for parish/agency employees);
National Child Protection Act, NCPA volunteer.

If a person completed a background check utilizing live scan fingerprinting under the National Child Protection Act (employee or volunteer) and then becomes a school employee, he or she MUST BE LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINTED AGAIN under the Michigan School Employee Act, 380.1230.

Background Screening Resource - Effective immediately, the Department of Human Services Central Registry Clearance will be utilized as an additional step in background screening. A photocopy (preferably in color) of a driver's license is required for this screening. This includes, but is not limited to, parish/school/agency employees, seminarians, permanent deacon candidates, lay ecclesial ministers, catechists, catechist aides, coaches, volunteers who chaperone overnight trips, teacher assistants, pre-school/daycare employees and volunteers. You need to plan ahead and cannot wait until the last minute for this part of the screening process. The DHS requires some time to respond to Central Registry Clearance requests.

Consent Form for Background Check - the form was revised May 6, 2010 and is available at:
http://dioceseoflansing.org/safe_environment/DOLconsentform07_01_10.pdf

The Consent form is required for everyone completing a background check.

WHY? If the FBI has a criminal history on an individual working for or volunteering at a diocesan unit, the FBI will not disseminate the information to us without the consent form and a copy of the individual's driver's license.

WHY? Because we are not a government agency. The Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools and the Michigan Catholic Conference are working with legislators to remedy this situation.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

Catechist Formation Opportunities:

August 6-7, Opportunities in the Sun, [Saint Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn](#) . All 22 Formation Topics are offered. [More information and registration form here](#) .

September 11, Back to School Catechist Formation, [St Martha, Okemos](#) . Topics 2, 6, 4, 8, 5, 10 offered. [More information and registration form here](#) or call Jackie Rosalez, 517-349-1763.

September 14, Managing Student Behavior, [St. Agnes, Fowlerville](#) . Topic 5 offered. [More information and registration form here](#) .

October 9, Souper Saturday, [St Patrick Church, Brighton](#) . Topics 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 12, 10, 17 offered. [More information and registration form here](#) .

DYLC Calendar Items - Mark your calendars for two events celebrating the 25th anniversary of our Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp (DYLC) for high school youth!!!

DYLC Reunion: On August 8 there will be a reunion at St. Martha, Okemos, inviting this year's campers and other recent attendees and leader teams. There will be opportunities to connect with past campers and this year's team and

campers.

DYLC 25th Anniversary-Banquet: On October 16 we will have an anniversary dinner for those adults who are past campers, team members or supporters of our leadership camp. Let us join together in celebrating a quarter century of forming young Catholic disciples.

Orientation for Principals, Teachers and New Parish Administrators

Tuesday, August 10: **NEW SCHOOL TEACHERS** - This is for all new teachers to our diocese. PLEASE let Claudia know how many teachers will be coming from your school no later than Friday, July 30, 2010.

Wednesday, August 11: **NEW ADMINISTRATORS / MINISTERS / PRINCIPALS** - This day is for all new pastors, administrators, ministers and principals. The focus will be on the many resources available from the diocese. We will discuss policies and procedures and programs. The employee benefit program will be reviewed by the Michigan Catholic Conference staff. If you are a new principal, pastor or parochial administrator, PLEASE contact Claudia to let her know how many will be in attendance.

Thursday, August 12: **ALL PRINCIPALS** - This is for all principals. Every principal is expected to be here.

All meetings will be held at the [Diocesan Center, Madonna Hall](#), located directly behind St. Mary Cathedral. Lunch will be served at every meeting. Please carpool as parking is at a premium. (We may not park in St. Mary Cathedral's parking lot) You may park in the parking lot on the corner of Ionia and Seymour or there is 10 hour metered parking on Walnut Street.

Please call Claudia Kaloz at 517-342-2482 or FAX at 517-342-2515 or e-mail at ckaloz@dioceseoflansing.org no later than Friday, July 30, 2010 so that we may have an accurate count of all attendees. Please use the [RSVP form found on our Diocesan website](#).

Fall Course schedule for our **Siena Heights Ministry Formation Program:**

RST 313 ECCLESIOLOGY - Thursdays, 9:00am - noon, September 2 through December 16 (no class 11/25), [St. Pius X Parish, Flint](#).

RST 319 CHRISTOLOGY - Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9:30pm, August 31 through December 7, [Holy Trinity Student Parish, Ypsilanti](#), Rev. Randy Phillips.

RST 345 LITURGICAL CATECHESIS - Saturdays, 9:00am - noon, August 28 through December 18 (no class 9/4 & 11/27), [St. Casmir Education Center, Lansing](#), Rev. William Luger.

RST 365 CATECHETICAL METHODOLOGY - Thursdays, September 2 through December 16 (no class 11/25), [Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Jackson](#), Mrs. Jean Schaub.

RST 365 CATECHETICAL METHODOLOGY - Saturdays, 1:00 - 4:00pm, August 28 through December 18 (no class 9/4 and 11/27), [St. Casimir Education Center, Lansing](#), Mr. Peter Ries.

Education and Catechesis Calendar Reminders for August

- 8 DYLC Reunion, St. Martha, Okemos
- 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 10 New Teachers' Meeting: 9:00am - noon (lunch served at noon)
- 10 VIRTUS Training: 1:00 - 4:30pm
- 11 New Pastors, Ministers & Administrators Meeting: 9:00am - 3:30pm
- 12 Principals Meeting: 8:30am - 3:30pm (9:00am Mass)
- 12 LCCMA, St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor: noon - 4:00 PM
- 21 Rite of Candidacy, St. Thomas Aquinas: 4:30pm
- 23 Rite of Acolyte, St. Mary Cathedral: 7:00pm
- 30 Young Adult Council: 6:30 p.m., Diocesan Center

2010-2011 Calendar: http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/education_catechesis/2010_11_ed_cat_calendar.pdf

ASBESTOS TRAINING

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER for the Asbestos Operation and Maintenance Workshop for maintenance personnel in building with asbestos, July 28 and 29 at the St. Francis Retreat Center. Training will focus on how to safely conduct small scale and short duration clean up of asbestos containing material by church personnel. This training is a DSA funded activity, at no cost to parishes. This training will not be given again for several years. To register contact Paul Garriepy at pgarriepy@dioceseoflansing.org.
