



June, 2010

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**Dept. of Catholic Charities**  
**Dept. of Education and Catechesis**  
**Dept. of Formation**  
**Safe Environment Office**

## PROPERTIES AND CEMETERIES

June - a month of bugs, brides, bye to the students and hello to all those chores - June, never a dull moment at the parish.

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**Summer Fairs and Festivals** - Summer may also be festival time. Parish sponsored festivals are covered through the Michigan Catholic Conference property Loss Fund program. However, all contracted services such as food vendors, carnival rides and games etc., are not covered and providers must provide the parish with a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Parishes that rent or otherwise allow non-parish sponsored events to be held on parish property must require the sponsoring organization to provide general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. This applies to all non-parish organizations and individuals whether considered non-profit or not.

To protect the Diocese and the parish, the following wording should appear in the Description and Certificate Holder section on the certificates of liability insurance: *"The policy has been amended to show (name of parish) and Roman Catholic Bishop Earl Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing as additional insured."*

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**Adverse Possession** - Summer is a good time to review parish property to make sure no one is encroaching on parish land. If a person or entity maintains actual visual and obvious continuous usage (possession) of parish property for 15 years - it's theirs not yours. If you have any questions or concerns call Diocesan Legal Counsel, Deacon Michael Murray at 517-342-2456.

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**New Lead Regulations** - In April, 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated new and stricter standards for any type of work, renovation or repair that disturbs lead paint in child occupied facilities. This includes common summer chores such as sanding, cutting, renovations and demolition of any kind which could disturb lead-based paint. Violations could be as much as \$37,000.00 per day.

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**Asbestos** - Summer is the time for AHERA annual Asbestos Awareness Training for school maintenance personnel and their supervisors. This year the Diocese of Lansing will be offering a 16 hour Operations and Maintenance Course for parish personnel who have asbestos in their facilities whether it be a closed school, meeting rooms or church - anyplace where the general public may be exposed to asbestos containing materials. To register, e-mail Paul Garriépy at [pgarriepy@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:pgarriepy@dioceseoflansing.org). Training will be at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt on July 28 and 29, 2010. This training is a DSA sponsored activity.

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**Boiler Inspections** - James Cheney (from St. Therese Parish, Lansing) will be retiring from Michigan State University this month after 30 years working with boilers and has offered to volunteer his services to parishes this summer to do boiler inspections. Jim has a State of Michigan mechanical contractor license and is able to perform CSD-1 testing on boilers. Jim can be reached at 517-484-7790.

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**Cemeteries** - Lastly, we would like to thank:

All volunteers and cemetery workers who worked so diligently and tirelessly during the month of May preparing and decorating our Catholic cemeteries for Memorial Day;

In a special way individuals and groups who took time from their busy schedule to place a flag at the grave of a veteran;

Everyone who came and participated at a Mass or other religious event at their local Catholic cemetery during Memorial Day weekend. A small gesture but very much appreciated by families.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

### **PERSONS WITH dis / ABILITIES**

Opportunities to Serve - Ministry with Persons with disAbilities has compiled a pamphlet on service opportunities within the Diocese working with persons with disAbilities. If you are looking for a rewarding service project that will benefit both you and the adults with disAbilities that you work with please visit our link at:

<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/index.html>

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Ushers & Hospitality Ministers: Available on the website is a four-page pamphlet -

[http://dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/Ushers\\_MinistersofHospitality.pdf](http://dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/Ushers_MinistersofHospitality.pdf) - that will assist you in welcoming persons with disAbilities into your parish. Feel free to download and distribute this informational pamphlet at your next Ushers meeting. If you have any further questions please phone or e-mail Joann at 517-342-2497 or

[jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org)

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Resource Guide for working with persons with disAbilities: Information on sacramental preparation for children with disAbilities. Resources for both teacher`s, DRE and catechists at:

<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/index.html>

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### **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Note: There will be a charge of \$10.00 per couple for all Introduction to Natural Family Planning classes. All couples should register with the Natural Family Planning Office and pay before taking the class. All checks should be made payable to: Diocese of Lansing. Please mail payment to: Natural Family Planning, 228 N. Walnut Street, Lansing, MI 48933

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### **Introduction to Natural Family Planning Classes**

Monday, June 28, 2010, 7:00pm, at [St. Mary Parish, Westphalia](#)

Tuesday, June 29, 2010, 7:00pm, at [Holy Spirit Parish, Hamburg](#)

Wednesday, July 28, 2010, 7:00pm, at [St. John the Baptist, Howell \(Hartland\)](#)

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Pre-registration is required for the following classes:

**Billings Ovulation Method.** If interested call Maria, 517-523-3526, or visit the diocesan [Natural Family Planning website](#) . Next Class: 7:00pm, September 8, 2010 at [St. Anthony Parish, Hillsdale](#)

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**Sympto-Thermal Method**, taught by Couple to Couple League (CCL). Visit [the CCL website](#) and click on "Register for Class" to find classes in Michigan. Next Class: August 1, 2010 at Sparrow Professional Building. Contact Kobi or Gretchen via e-mail to [uneewk@yahoo.com](mailto:uneewk@yahoo.com) .

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**Creighton Model Fertility Care System.** Call Hope Fertility Care Center of Mid-Michigan, Amanda Venema at 517-242-3710, or e-mail: [amanda.venema@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.venema@gmail.com)

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

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### **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

*([Diocese of Lansing Pastoral Plan](#) , Goal 5, Strategy A: Make the needs and independence of the poor and vulnerable a priority)*

The Office of Restorative Justice is providing a contact telephone number for the Prison Ministry Coordinators for each of the State prison facilities and the Federal prison located within the Diocese of Lansing. These contact listings can be found at <http://dioceseoflansing.org/restorativejustice/directory.html> . Opportunities for ministry include visiting prisoners and taking the Good News to them, working as a mentor to persons released from prison, writing monthly to incarcerated persons as a Pen-Pal and many other ministries. The numbers are being provided in order to facilitate and increase ministry in the prisons. Persons desiring information about this ministry are encouraged to contact the Coordinator of a prison in their area or the Office of Restorative Justice, 517-342-2495.

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### **DEAF/HH MINISTRY**

Videophone for Deaf Installed at St. John in Fenton - Technological advances have been a blessing for the deaf and hard of hearing communities who are unable to use a standard telephone. Text phones are in use by the majority of this population, but another option is also available for deaf people who prefer to communicate in sign language.

Sorenson VRS has developed a system which allows deaf people to communicate visually by use of a special webcam type of adaptation coupled with a standard television. Both the caller and the recipient must have the equipment to communicate. When a deaf person wants to call a hearing person or business, the system will connect to an interpreter who translates live what the hearing person is saying to the deaf consumer and vice versa. By using the Sorenson VRS, deaf individuals can interact with almost any business or individual that has a phone.

Deaf Catholics can now contact, Fr. Bosco Padamattummal, Diocese of Lansing Chaplain for the Deaf, in his office at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Fenton. The videophone number at St. John is 888-387-1914. Also, deaf people attending events or programs at St. John can utilize the videophone to make calls to hearing or deaf people. Sorenson Communications provides this service at no cost to the deaf community except that the location which houses the equipment must have a television set and high speed internet service to effectively utilize the system.

Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry in the Department of Catholic Charities is most grateful to Sorenson Communications, Inc. and St. John, Fenton for providing this wonderful access to the deaf community. For further information please contact Rose Smith via e-mail to [rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org) or call 517-342-2532.

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### **MULTICULTURAL EVANGELIZATION**

Migrant Ministry is coordinated by the office of Multi-Cultural Evangelization. The four Catholic Charities agencies responsible for direct supervision of the migrant camps and volunteers are:

**Catholic Charities of Jackson**, 517-782-2551, Website: <http://ccjax.org/>

**Cristo Rey Community Center**, 517-372-4700, Website: <http://cristo-rey.org/Site/Welcome.php>

**Catholic Charities of Lenawee**, 517-263-2191, Website: <http://www.catholiccharitieslenawee.com/>

**Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County**, 734-971-9781, Website: <http://csswashtenaw.org/>

If you wish to volunteer, make a donation or have any questions about Migrant Ministry, please contact the agency above where the migrant camp is located. If you are uncertain which agency provides the necessary services, please contact Ron Landfair via e-mail to [rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org) or call 517-342-2496.

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### **LIFE JUSTICE**

**America is Trending Decidedly Pro-Life** - Gallup`s demographic analysis shows that the trend remarkably holds true across all age and gender groups. Building on last year`s trend, both men and women are more likely to identify as pro-life, with a more noticeable change among women since 2008. While all age groups have become more pro-life, pro-life young adults (18-29) and those aged 50-64 have shown more significant shifts. Pro-life respondents jumped from 42% of young adults in 2007-2008 to 47% in 2009-2010, surpassing pro-choice respondents (now at only 45%). A separate analysis released by Gallup on March 12 also shows that support for making abortion generally illegal is growing fastest among young adults.

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### **FAMILY MINISTRY**

*(the following is reprinted from the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)*

**Church Teaching on Cohabitation** - On average, marriage preceded by cohabitation is 46% more likely to end in divorce. It`s no secret that many couples are cohabiting, that is, living together in a sexual relationship without marriage. Currently, 60% of all marriages are preceded by cohabitation, but fewer than half of cohabiting unions end in marriage. Many couples believe-mistakenly-that cohabitation will lower their risk of divorce. This is an understandable misconception, since many people are the children of divorce, or have other family members or friends who have divorced. Other reasons for living together include convenience, financial savings, companionship and security, and a desire to move out of their parents house.

**What social science says about cohabitation** - On average, marriage preceded by cohabitation is 46% more likely to end in divorce;

The risk is greatest for "serial" cohabitators who have had multiple relationships;

Some studies indicate that those who live together with definite plans for marriage are at minimal risk; however, there are no positive effects from cohabiting;

Cohabitation puts children at risk. Forty percent of cohabiting households include children. After five years, one-half of these couples will have broken up, compared to 15% of married parents.

**Cohabitation and Catholic Church teaching** - Every act of sexual intercourse is intended by God to express love,

commitment and openness to life in the total gift of the spouses to each other. Sexual intercourse outside of marriage cannot express what God intended. Rather, it says something false—a total commitment that the couple does not yet have. This total commitment is possible only in marriage.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church points out that some couples claim a right to live together if they intend to marry later on. Although the couple may be sincere in their intention, the Catechism stresses that human love is not compatible with "trial marriages." Rather, "it demands a total and definitive gift of persons to one another."

**Cohabitation and marriage preparation** - If you are a cohabiting couple who has chosen to marry, the Catholic Church welcomes your decision to marry. Because cohabitation can have an effect on the marriage, couples are encouraged to explore certain questions with the pastoral minister who is preparing them for marriage. These include:  
Why did you choose to live together?  
What did you learn from the experience of living together?  
Why did you decide to marry?  
Why do you wish to marry in the Catholic Church?  
What does marriage as a sacrament mean to you?

Pastoral ministers may encourage cohabiting couples without children to separate for a period before marriage as a sign of their free, loving decision to follow the Church's vision of marriage and sexuality. Couples are also encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

People have a right to marry; therefore, cohabiting couples cannot be denied marriage in the Catholic Church solely because they are cohabiting. However, cohabitation may raise questions, for example, about the couple's freedom to marry, that need to be explored.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

### **Catechist Formation Opportunity - Genesee Vicariate**

Effective Catechetical Techniques, Creation and Incarnation, Catechesis and Social Justice, and New Testament: Acts and Letters (Topics 4, 8, 22, 19) will be held on Thursday, June 17 at St Francis Xavier, Otisville:

[http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/catechesis\\_k12/Genesee\\_Cat\\_Form\\_Otisville\\_June\\_10.pdf](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/catechesis_k12/Genesee_Cat_Form_Otisville_June_10.pdf)

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**Annual Report of Catechist Formation** is available online at

[http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/catechesis\\_k12/annualreport\\_catechesis.pdf](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/catechesis_k12/annualreport_catechesis.pdf). The report is due on June 25, 2010. It may be faxed to 517.342.2515.

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**Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp** will be held June 20-25 camp at Bethany House. Participants must arrive by 2:30 PM on Sunday, June 20. Please pray for our young Christian leaders and the formation that takes place during this week of camp.

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**Scout Opportunities this Spring and Summer** - Summer Encampment Week for Venture Scouts is hosted by the Diocese of Kalamazoo this summer.

[http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/Scout\\_Encampment\\_2010\\_Lansing.pdf](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/Scout_Encampment_2010_Lansing.pdf)

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**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.

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Registration materials for **overnight basic training in youth ministry** July 8 & 9 at Bethany House are online. Given that we are not having Nuts and Bolts in August, new Coordinators of Youth Ministry and new adult and teen youth leaders should attend. <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/index.html>

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Diocesan Young Adult Picnic (18-35) co-hosted by the diocesan office and [Generation Christ](#), will be July 18 at Independence Lake.

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### **Education and Catechesis Calendar Reminders**

**June 14** LEM Advisory Committee, 10-2 pm

June 14-17 Curriculum Institute

June 19 DYLC Team Report

June 20-25 DYLC, Bethany House, DeWitt

June 30 Diocesan Cedar Point Day, Sandusky, OH

**July 8-9** Basic YM Training Overnight, Bethany House

July 12-16 NPM National Convention, Detroit

July 18 YA Picnic, Independence Lake

**August 8** DYLC Reunion, St. Martha, Okemos

August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 10 New Teachers' Meeting: 9:00am - noon (lunch served at noon), VIRTUS Training - 1:00 - 4:30pm

August 11 New Pastors, Ministers & Administrators' Meeting - 9:00am - 3:30pm

August 12 Principals' Meeting - 8:30am - 3:30pm (9:00 Mass)

August 12 LCCMA, St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor, Noon - 4:00pm

August 21 Rite of Candidacy, St. Thomas Aquinas, 4:30pm

August 23 Rite of Acolyte, St. Mary Cathedral, 7:00pm

August 30 Young Adult Council, 6:30pm, Diocesan Center

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**2010-2011 Calendar** - [http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/education\\_catechesis/2010\\_11\\_ed\\_cat\\_calendar.pdf](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/education_catechesis/2010_11_ed_cat_calendar.pdf)

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## **DEPARTMENT OF FORMATION**

**Farewell to Formation Department Chair Fr. Jerry Vincke - Welcome new Department Chair Fr. John Linden**

This is a season of change in the Department of Formation. After seven years as Director of Seminarians and four as Chair of the Department of Formation, Fr. Jerry Vincke has accepted a position as Spiritual Director of Seminarians for the Pontifical North American College in Rome. In light of the many outstanding young men who have chosen to study for the Lansing Diocesan priesthood over the last 7 years, our loss will be Rome's gain.

One of the men ordained during Fr. Jerry's term as Director of Seminarians, 43-year-old Fr. John Linden, will now become the new Director of Seminarians and Chair of the Department of Formation. Fr. Linden, finishing up three years as parochial vicar at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ann Arbor, will move to Lansing to assume his new responsibilities as of June 30. A native of Jackson, we welcome Fr. Linden who will continue the prayerful, dedicated service to our Diocese that was the hallmark of his predecessor.

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### **Department of Formation Calendar Reminders**

**June 11** Priesthood Ordination, St. Mary Cathedral, 6:30pm

**June 26** Statewide Men's Conference, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, purchase tickets online at <http://www.christschosen.com/>

**August 6-8** Deacon Retreat, SFRC

**August 20** Vocations Night Lugnuts Game - tickets available at parishes, from local Knights of Columbus councils, or call Cooley Law School Stadium directly at 517-485-4500, mention Diocese of Lansing

**August 20-21** Seminarian Summer Gathering - SFRC

**August 21** Rite of Candidacy and Installation to Office of Acolyte, St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing, 5:00pm for both Transitional and Permanent Diaconate

**September 27-30** Emmaus Convocation, Crystal Mountain

**October 1-3** Deacon Convocation, Crystal Mountain

**October 15** Lay Ministers Convocation

**November 6** Lay Ecclesial Ministers Commissioning, St. Mary Cathedral

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE**

**Protecting God's Children Awareness Sessions for Adults** (duration of all sessions is 3 hours). For more information, contact Safe Environment Coordinator, Sally Ellis at 517-342-2551, or e-mail to [sellis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:sellis@dioceseoflansing.org)

Pre-register for a session at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org). Please do not call the hosting parish to pre-register.

**Saturday, June 12, 9:00am, [St. Mary Parish, Pinckney](#), Facilitator: Rebecca Keiser**

**Wednesday, June 23, 7:00pm, [St. Patrick Parish, Brighton](#), Facilitator: Sister Theresa Fifer**

**Tuesday, June 29, 6:00pm, [St. John the Evangelist Parish, Davison](#), Facilitators: Elaine Ouellette and Paul Schlegelmilch**

**Tuesday, July 6, 9:30am, [St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn](#), Facilitator: Diane Dover**

**Tuesday August 10, 1:00pm, [Diocesan Center, Madonna Hall](#), Facilitator: Cheryl Hecksel**

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