

In his Apostolic Letter announcing the Year of the Eucharist, the late John Paul II observed that at the communal meal which serves as the centerpiece of our Catholic faith, the Eucharist “expresses the fellowship which God wishes to establish with us and which we ourselves must build with one another.” What better way to describe the reason for supporting the DSA than the establishment and building of fellowship with God and one another?

The DSA’s impact is felt in countless ways. Funding for 59% of the Diocesan Central Services budget comes from the DSA, supporting more than 100 services and programs. A list of these can be obtained from the DSA office by contacting: 517-342-2558 or dsaadmin@dioceseoflansing.org.

To Raul and all of you who have helped make the DSA possible, THANK YOU!

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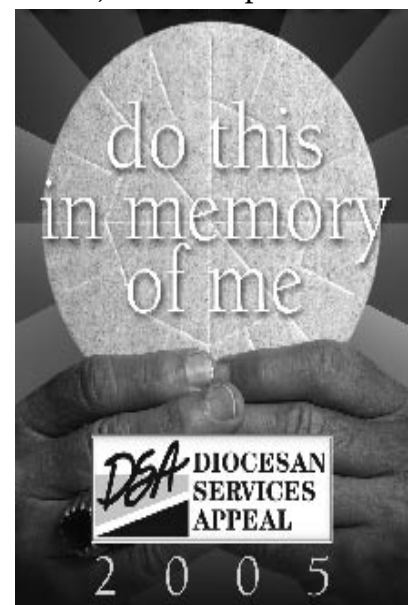
2005 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

The face of the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Flint belongs to Raul Garcia. For 44 years, he has been involved in the annual appeal and its predecessor, the Diocesan Development Fund (DDF).

While his longevity is remarkable, Raul is not alone in his commitment to the DSA and the work of the Church it supports. Many parishes have chairpersons and volunteers with multiple years of service as the point person for the appeal. These good and faithful servants embody the spirit of generosity and dedication that has sustained the appeal for nearly half a century.

Raul and the other DSA workers share a common bond with the pastors, pastoral coordinators, associate pastors, deacons, and other parish staff whose effort has made the DSA successful over the years. The hands of many clergy and lay people alike are united in the extraordinary undertaking of asking more than 80,000 Catholics to support the mission of the Diocese of Lansing.

Underlying all of this, of course, is the mandate that comes from the words of Our Lord in the Gospel. Each year, a theme for the appeal is chosen based on a scriptural reference that highlights our Christian identity. The 2005 DSA theme, “Do this in memory of me,” reflects the pronouncement of this year as the Year of the Eucharist.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Goal 1: Form parishes into communities of faith which are inclusive, receptive and committed to spiritual and social development.

Operation Rice Bowl Grant Applications are available and must be postmarked by **June 3, 2005**. ORB funds food security programs and global solidarity education efforts. Call: [Vince Gale](#) at 517-342-2470.

CAREGIVER RETREAT

Goal 6.2, Strategy A: Offer opportunities that educate and form the faithful in the call to holiness, spirituality and prayer.

A Caregiver Retreat for persons with disAbilities and their families will take place on Saturday, April 23, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ann Arbor. Two retreats are held at the same time, one for caregivers, and one for persons with disAbilities. The retreat will begin at 2:00pm and end with the Vigil Mass at 5:00pm. Call: [Joann Davis](#) at 517-342-2500 to register.

MASSES IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Goal 6.1: Provide reverent liturgy that invites full and active participation.

Mass for the Deaf community in American Sign Language with Fr. Mike Depcik, chaplain, has the following liturgical schedule.

April 17 & 24 and May 1, 8, & 15
Flint Area: 10:00am, Sundays, St. John the Evangelist Chapel, Fenton
April 23 and May 21

Ann Arbor area: 6:30pm, Saturday evenings, St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor

April 17 and May 22

Lansing Area: 4:00pm, Sunday afternoons, St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing

Contact: Rose Smith, Director of Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry at 517-342-2532 (TTY/V) or rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



CATHOLIC CHARITIES - SHIAWASSEE, GENESEE

Goal 5, Strategy A: Make the needs and independence of the poor and vulnerable a priority.

19 different program services are offered to provide necessary help and create hope in all people who seek our assistance, including: Individual and group counseling services, pregnancy counseling, foster care and adoption services, senior services, prevention services, translation, interpretation, information and referral services for Spanish-speaking persons, substance abuse treatment for persons facing incarceration, family preservation services, an evaluation of children/adolescents who are exhibiting aggressive behaviors, communication and relationship enhancement programs for pre-marital couples, marriage enrichment programs and the North End Soup Kitchen food programs.

Kinship Caregivers Program offers no cost, supportive services to those who are working hard to keep their families together. 8.3 percent or one in twelve of all Genesee County children are living with a relative or relatives other than their grandparents; 8,109 of these children are living with one or both grandparents. This number is rapidly increasing.

Monthly Support Groups: There are 20 locations throughout the county. Trained volunteers facilitate the meetings. Support groups are designed to help grandparents (through education and referral) access community resources that are available to them, communicate with others in their situation, address parenting, legal issues and more.

Case Management Services: Assisting caregivers (over time) through one-on-one meetings, counseling, etc., with the goal of helping them meet their needs and the needs of their family.

Children's Support Group: Family values, respect for self and others, how to succeed in school and at home, are discussed in support group sessions. Contact: Darlene Thomas at 810-232-9950.

JOURNEY TO THE SHRINE

Goal 1.1, Strategy A: Form parish communities that welcome all persons into the social, educational and liturgical life of the community.

Black Catholic Ministry and Christ the King Parish invite all to join the **4th Week-end Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.** . Thursday, September 1 through Sunday, September 4, 2005. \$180.00 per person, round trip. Includes: three day (3) and two (2) night housing stay at Trinity College, Friday meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and Sunday (breakfast). Travel provided by DEAN Transportation. ***Seating is limited to 55 persons.*** Registration and final payment deadline is **August 1, 2005**. Call: 517-342-2496.

PROJECT RACHEL/RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Goal 2: Commit to our mission of evangelization by sharing the joy and promise of the Gospel with inactive and alienated Catholics and the unchurched.

Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard are two post-abortive ministries of the Diocese. We are currently recruiting pastors, office staff and therapists who are interested to attend a one-day local training on post-abortion trauma and healing. Call: [Vince Gale](#) at 517-342-2470.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR DEAF/HH MINISTERS

Goal 4.3, Strategy D: Recognize the inter-dependence of all people by increasing opportunities for lay ministry and leadership among those of varying ages, genders, ethnic groups, education and disabilities.

DeSales Center in Brooklyn will sponsor several programs for persons who are Deaf/HH, those who work with the Deaf/HH community, and families with Deaf/HH children.

Religious ASL Week July 31 - August 5, 2005: For those who want to learn more about signing in religious settings. Applicant must have completed at least three semesters of college-level ASL classes in order to participate. Audience: seminarians, priests, interpreters. Cost: \$350/person.

Deaf Youth Leadership Week June 26 - July 3, 2005: Fr. Mike Depcik, OSFS, directs this week, which is open to Deaf and hard of hearing teens, ages 13-17. Participants learn more about God and themselves through a variety of activities, lectures and group discussion. Non-Catholic teens also welcome. Cost: \$300/person.

Catholic Family Week July 10 - 15, 2005: Families with at least 1 Deaf member who want to reconnect with God and one another are welcome to attend this program directed by Fr. Mike Depcik, OSFS. Parents will learn how to pass the faith on to their children. Cost \$200/adult, \$100/child, \$400 minimum, \$700 maximum per family. Contact: Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry office at 517-342-2532, Rose Smith at rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org or www.desales.org/Summer/summer.htm.

SIGHT-IMPAIRED/BLIND RETREAT

Goal 6.2, Strategy A: Offer opportunities that educate and form the faithful in the call to holiness, spirituality and prayer.

The annual Retreat for persons who are sight-impaired/blind will be Tuesday, May 17-19 at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. "A Better You Inside and Out: 6 Spiritual Steps to Progress," is a time of sharing and growing in faith and love for God and one another. \$90 per person for all meals and accommodations. Ministry with Persons with disabilities is also looking for volunteers for this event. Contact: Sr. Marlene Taylor, AD or Joann Davis at 517-342-2500.

"STANDING STRONG AS A PARENT"

Goal 5: Respond to the Gospel's call to social justice and outreach through education and coordinated assessment and response to the needs of our communities.

Doctor Ray Guarendi will speak on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at St. Mary Queen of Angels, in Swartz Creek, co-sponsored by Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties. Doctor Ray is a nationally-known speaker, author and radio host of the popular show, "The Doctor Is In," heard locally on Catholic Radio (990, 1080, 1440 AM). His talk on April 21 is "Standing Strong as a Parent." Don't miss this fantastic evening! Cost for the evening is \$15.00 and includes hor'dourves beginning at 6:00pm with Doctor Ray following at 7:00pm. Space is limited. Call: Marcie Ward at 989-271-9349 or Kathy Brcic at 810-621-3520. Limited child care is also available!

CHRISTIANS CONCERNED ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS

Goal 1.1, Strategy B: Ensure every person will have a specific experience of being invited, welcomed and nurtured into the parish community.

Christians Concerned about Mental Illness (CCMI) meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26. The final meeting before summer break will be Tuesday, May 24. Meetings take place from noon - 1:00pm at the Diocesan Center in Lansing. Contact: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497.

Christians Concerned about Mental Illness (CCMI) Day of Reflection for persons with mental illness and their friends and families, will be at St Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt on Wednesday, June 29. \$20/person will include breakfast and lunch. Fr. Tom McDevitt will offer spiritual guidance at the Day of Reflection. We will also have two social workers with experience in mental health counseling from Payee Resource Inc. of Lansing who will offer information and assistance as part of the day's events. The event is from 9:30am - 3:00pm and is open to everyone! Call: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497 to RSVP.

SCRIPTURE DAYS

Goal 1.1: Provide community activities to stimulate participation in the life of the community.

The 12th Annual Summer Scripture Days are scheduled for June 28-30, in Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt and August 9-11 at Weber Center, Adrian. Jean Schaub, Pastoral Coordinator, St. Mary on the Lake, Manitou Beach, will present "People Sharing God's Love." Call: Catholic Charities at 517-342-2458.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CONTINUED)

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Goal 5, Strategy B: Offer educational tools that will assist individuals and families to integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into their daily lives.

The Introduction to Natural Family Planning video-assisted program is now available.

The **Introduction classes** will be offered as follows:

7:00pm, Thursday, April 21, 2005,
St. John Vianney Parish, Flint

10:00am, Saturday, April 23, 2005,
St. Joseph Hospital, Women's
Health Center, Ann Arbor

5:00pm, Sunday, April 24, 2005, St.
Joseph Retreat Center, Jackson

9:00am, Saturday, May 21, 2005 at
St John Vianney Parish in Flint

7:00pm, Thursday, May 26, 2005 at
Holy Spirit in Hamburg

The introduction course is a required part of marriage preparation in our diocese. The cost is \$20.00 per couple and advanced registration is required. Contact: [Rita Michaels](#) at 517-342-2587.

The **Billings Ovulation classes** are as follows:

10:00am, Saturday, May 7, 2005
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Flint
(Continues May 21, June 4, and
July 2). Advanced registration is
required. The class fee is \$50 per
couple which includes all materials,
course instruction and individual
chart reviews. Call: [NFP Program](#)
to register at 517-342-2587.



PASTORAL PLANNING



PARISH PASTORAL STAFFS, COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS, AND PARISH LEADERS INVITED TO REGIONAL GATHERINGS

Invitations to attend one of nine designated regional meetings have been mailed to pastoral staffs, parish pastoral council chairpersons, and parish leaders. These meetings are a continuation of the process that began in each parish with the diocesan-wide listening sessions – VOICES in the fall of 2000. Five-fold purpose of the spring 2005 meetings includes:

- Review the regional planning which began in spring 2004
- Rework those regional initiatives based on new ideas and information
- Prioritize the initiatives to be developed
- Determine a structure by which the regional agenda can move forward
- Inform parishes of the next steps in regional planning

Scheduled regional meetings include:

LENAWEE/HILLSDALE:

April 19 at Holy Cross Children's Services Administration Bldg, Clinton

Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

INGHAM/EATON:

April 20 in Madonna Hall, Diocesan Center, Lansing

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

INGHAM/SHIAWASSEE:

April 21 at St Mary Parish Center, Morrice

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

LANSING (NORTH/WEST):

April 28 in Madonna Hall, Diocesan Center, Lansing

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

JACKSON:

May 4 at St John the Evangelist Parish Center, Jackson

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

GENESEE (SOUTH):

May 5 at St John the Evangelist Parish Activity Center, Fenton

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

GENESEE (NORTH):

May 10 at Christ the King Parish Center, Flint

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

GENESEE (EAST):

May 11 at St John the Evangelist Parish Family Life Center, Davison

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

WASHTENAW:

May 18 at St Andrew Parish, Saline

Time: 1:30 - 3:30pm

Pastoral staffs, parish pastoral council chairpersons, and parish leaders are encouraged to participate. Contact: Office of Pastoral Planning, Sister Rita Wenzlick, OP at 517-342-2502 or rwenzlick@dioceseoflansing.org

FORMATION

MEETINGS FOR DISCERNING A CHURCH VOCATION

Goal 4.4: Promote and support vocations to priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and the call to ecclesial lay ministry.

The Department of Formation of the Diocese of Lansing is offering meetings for persons who are discerning a church vocation to priesthood, permanent diaconate, lay ecclesial ministry, consecrated life (religious sister, brother, priest, consecrated virgin), foreign or home missions, and theological studies. The meetings will focus on spiritual discernment and the role of spiritual direction. There will also be an opportunity for group meetings with other persons considering the same vocation.

7:00pm, Thursday, June 2, St. Mary Church, Chelsea

2:00pm, Sunday, June 5, Diocesan Center, Lansing

7:00pm, Tuesday, June 7, St. Pius X Church, Flint

7:00pm, Wednesday, June 8, Diocesan Center, Lansing

Interested persons are asked to select a meeting date and contact:

Department of Formation at 517-342-2504 or mfedewa@diocesoflansing.org.

ORDINATION OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATES

Goal 4.4: Promote and support vocations to priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and the call to ecclesial lay ministry.

Please join the Office of Deacons in congratulating and asking God's Blessing on the seven men and their families being ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at 10:00am, May 14, 2005 at Saint Mary Cathedral.

Thomas Jay Fogle (Jo Anne) - St. Mary, Charlotte

Ronald Lee Kenney (Lisa) - St. John, Fenton

Stanley Joseph Kukla, II (Celeste) - Holy Trinity, Ypsilanti

Michael Aloysius Murray (Linda) - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

Gregory Vance Poole (Elizabeth) - St. Mary, Charlotte

David Bruce Rosenberg - St. Joseph, Dexter

Michael William Sullivan (Particia) - St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor

ANNUAL SOCIAL FOR SENIOR PRIESTS

Goal 4.4: Promote and support vocations to priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and the call to ecclesial lay ministry.

The annual Social for Senior Priests will take place at Saint Francis Retreat Center on Tuesday, May 24, beginning at 11:30am. All priests are invited to attend and join the Priestly Life & Ministry Committee in honoring our Senior Priests and support each other in our ministry. There is no fee for this gathering, but you do need to register by contacting: Arlene at 517-342-2510 or awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org.

Other Upcoming Events sponsored by the Formation Department:

June 11 Ordination to Priesthood

St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing - 10:30am

July 26 Priests' Summer Day
Bethany House, DeWitt

Presenter: Rev. J. Cletus Kiley

August 9 Orientation Day
for new Administrators, Priests,
Pastors, Deacons and Pastoral
Ministers

Diocesan Center

August 23 Institution to Reader
St. Mary Cathedral - 7:00pm
Reception in Madonna Hall
following

Sept. 26-29 Priests' Retreat
Bethany House and Saint Francis
Retreat Center, DeWitt

Presenter: Rev. Raniero
Cantalamesa, ofm cap, the
preacher to the papal household
will be the guest presenter. He is
the author of, "The Eucharist: Our
Sanctification."

After June 1, this retreat will be
open to priests from the Kalamazoo,
Grand Rapids and Saginaw
Dioceses.

October 7-9 Permanent Deacons'
Convocation

Boyne Mountain Resort

Presenter: tba

October 10-13 Priests' Presbyteral
Convocation

McGuire's Resort, Cadillac

Presenter: Msgr. John P. Zenz

Theme: "The Spiritual Level" from
the "green book"

October 25 Lay Ministers'
Convocation

St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton

November 5 Ecclesial Lay
Ministers' Commissioning
St. Mary Cathedral - 10:00am

2006

May 1-5 Priests' Spring Retreat
Bethany House, DeWitt

Presenter: Fr. Norbert J. Wood, O.
Praem

Theme: tba

PASTORS/PASTORAL COORDINATORS

Goal 3.2 Strategy B: Ensure that all program directors, catechists and pastoral working in the religious education program are faithful witnesses to Christ and the teachings of His Church.

Contracts for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and job performance appraisal/administrative review forms for 2004-2005 have been sent to all principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Education, and RCIA Directors. Call: Department of Education and Catechesis for information.

CATECHETICAL

SATURDAY '05 UPDATE

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

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

Goal 3.2: Offer quality religious education programs which engage children, youth, parents and families.

Mark Saturday, October 15, 2005 on your calendar for Catechetical Saturday at the Lansing Center. Registration fee of \$49 includes continental breakfast and lunch. There is a 10% discount for 10 or more registrations from the same parish received by the registration deadline of **October 1**. Look for more than a dozen catechist formation topics, workshops on using art in religious education, modules on welcoming diversity in our parishes and approaches to evangelization. Registration brochures should arrive in parishes and schools by the end of May.



EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

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Goal 3:1 Create comprehensive continuing adult education and formation opportunities.

Not all adult faith formation need be parish based. Not all program offerings need to be short. Consider advertising for your parishioners Summer Scripture Days, an opportunity for adults to break apart to increase their Scripture-based knowledge, to reflect on their faith, and to be empowered to pass on their faith to their families and others. Offered twice, the first opportunity is June 28-30 at Bethany House, DeWitt. The second is August 9-11 at Weber Center, Adrian. Cost is \$100 to \$135 per person, depending on meal plan and lodging. Scholarships are available. Contact: Catholic Charities at 517-342-2458 or lrogge@dioceseoflansing.org.



RCIA DIRECTORS AND TEAMS

Goal 2: Commit to our mission of evangelization by sharing the joy and promise of the gospel with inactive and alienated Catholics and the unchurched.

- 1) The March, 2005 issue of Today's Parish includes several articles about the year-round catechumenate, presenting the vision, exploring its challenges, and describing practical ways to begin moving in this direction.
- 2) A gathering of those who work with the Christian Initiation of Teens and Children and those who are interested in this ministry will be held at St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor, Monday, May 9, at 10:30am. To pre-register, call: Pattie Scherer at 734-821-2122. The gathering will include input and much conversation regarding the issues and challenges of doing initiation with teens and children.
- 3) The North American Forum on the Catechumenate and the Diocese of Saginaw are sponsoring an institute on the period of the catechumenate, June 23-25, 2005. Registration deadline is **May 12**. Call the Forum at 202-529-9493, ext. 26 or register online at www.naforum.org.

NEW EDUCATIONAL MINISTER IN CATECHIST FORMATION

Goal 3.2 Strategy B: Ensure that all program directors, catechists and pastoral working in the religious education program are faithful witnesses to Christ and the teachings of His Church.

Congratulations to Pat Rinker on completing the formation program. Please add him to your list of Educational Ministers who are available for catechist formation services to all parishes and schools in the Diocese. Contact: Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 300 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, 48933 or 517-342-2485.

DRES, CYMS, PRINCIPALS

Goal 3.2 Strategy B: Ensure that all program directors, catechists and pastoral working in the religious education program are faithful witnesses to Christ and the teachings of His Church.

The deadline for returning the 2004-2005 Annual Report of Catechist Formation is May 12. Call: [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2486.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

NUTS & BOLTS YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Goal 7.2: Engage more adults in ministry with youth & young adults.
Registration material will be mailed in April. The event is August 26-28. Featured speakers are Mike Patin from Louisiana and Joan Weber from the Center for Ministry Development. Workshops being offered include:

TRACK 1 - Mike Patin

In this track, participants will explore in greater depth the General Session:

Workshop 1: The Amazing Race (Current Trends in Youth Ministry)

Workshop 2: Extreme Makeover (making changes that last)

Workshop 3: The Apprentice (delegation)

Workshop 4: American Idol (media models for Youth Ministry)

TRACK 2 - BEGINNING YOUTH MINISTRY

For people who are new to youth ministry:

Workshop 1: Vision for Youth Ministry, Jim Corder

Workshop 2: Youth & Leading Small Groups, Cathie Draheim

Workshop 3: Church, Mission & Ministry, Theresa Chartier

Workshop 4: Creative Youth Ministry Activities, Jacki Popadich

TRACK 3 - CATECHIST FORMATION TOPICS

For people who are catechists:

Workshop 1: #2-Learning Process & Faith Development,

Workshop 2: #4-Effective Catechetical Techniques, Al Weilbaeher

Workshop 3: #15-Overview of the Bible,

Workshop 4: #18-New Testament Gospels, Todd Gale

TRACK 4 - Young Adult Basic Ministry Training - Joan Weber

For leaders in young adult ministry:

Workshop 1: Celebrating Today's Young Adults

Workshop 2: Peer Leadership

Workshop 3: Implementing Sons and Daughters of the Light

Workshop 4: Integration vs. Separation Connecting Young Adults

JULY 7 & 8 BASIC TRAINING RETREAT OVERNIGHT

Goal 7.2: Engage more adults in ministry with youth & young adults.

Goal 7.4: Nurture and develop the leadership potential of youth and young adults.

... will be held at Bethany House again this year. This is a two day basic training in youth ministry for youth and adult leaders. Participants must have completed the ninth grade and the adults are those who minister with adults in your parish. Registration material was sent in March. This is the third Summer we have offered this program which doubled in size from year one to year two. If you have questions contact: [Pat Rinker](#) at 517-342-2485.

YOUNG ADULT PICNIC/ MASS AND CONCERT FEATURING TONY

MELENDEZ AND TOEJAM

Goal 7.1, Strategy A: Develop ways to evangelize youth, college students and young adults that will sustain them in the church.

The young adult picnic will be held at Holy Redeemer Church in Burton. The festivities begin with a Noon - 5:00pm afternoon of fun, food and fellowship. Dogs & Buns are provided. Young Adults are asked to bring table setting, dish to pass and their own beverage. An outdoor 5:00pm parish Mass will follow with liturgical music leadership from Tony and his band. Concert will follow at 7:00pm. Concert will be open to the general public. Donation for picnic/concert will be requested. Suggested amount is yet to be determined. Watch for more information in May.

CATECHIST FORMATION IDEA BOX

Goal 3.2: Offer quality religious education programs which engage children, youth, parents and families.

It is wise to remove major portions of the recruitment activity from the religious education staff people. Establish an ongoing year-round recruitment committee, usually a subcommittee of the Education Commission. Its responsibility is to do much of the initial inquiry, either by phone or in-person visits, to surface possible catechist candidates. Such a committee expands the number of personal contacts that can be made in the parish. This committee does not make the final decision regarding catechists; its responsibility is to recruit. A personal interview with the DRE or CYM will be necessary to determine whether or not the person identified has the skills and talents to become a catechist.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR
APRIL - MAY, 2005

4/16	5:30pm Confirmation - St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh	5/1	2:00pm Confirmation - St. John the Evangelist, Davison
4/17	1:30pm Diocesan Scout Awards Reception - St. Mary Cathedral 2:00pm Confirmation - St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor 2:30pm Diocesan Scout Awards Ceremony - St. Mary Cathedral	5/3	7:00pm Confirmation - Cristo Rey, Lansing
4/18	12:00pm Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - Siena Heights Student Chapel, Adrian	5/4	1:30pm Pastoral Planning Regional Meeting - St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, Jackson 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Manchester
4/19	12:00pm Pastoral Planning Regional Meeting - Holy Cross Children's Services Admin. Building, Clinton 7:00pm St. Joseph, St. Paul Confirmation - St. Paul, Owosso	5/5	1:30pm Pastoral Planning Regional Meeting - St. John the Evangelist Parish Activity Center, Fenton 5:30pm Board of Education & Catechesis - SFRC, DeWitt
4/20	1:30pm Pastoral Planning Regional Meeting - Diocesan Center	5/7	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Martha, Okemos 4:30pm St. Matthew, St. Michael Confirmation - St. Matthew, Flint
4/21	1:30pm Pastoral Planning Regional Meeting - St. Mary Parish, Morrice	5/8	Solemnity of the Ascension
4/23	10:00am Diocesan Youth Events Planning Committee - St. Paul, Owosso 2:00pm Caregiver Retreat - St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor 4:30pm Confirmation - St. Pius X, Flint	5/10	9:30am CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 1:30pm Pastoral Planning Regional Meeting - Christ the King Parish, Flint
4/24	12:00pm Confirmation - Sacred Heart Chapel, Jackson	5/11	9:30am DRE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 10:00am Diocesan Worship Commission - Diocesan Center
4/25	6:30pm Diocesan Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Westphalia	5/12	1:30pm Pastoral Planning Regional Meeting - St. John the Evangelist Parish, Family Life Center, Davison 1:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
4/26	12:00pm CCMi Meeting - Diocesan Center	5/14	10:00am Ordination of Deacons - St. Mary Cathedral
4/27	7:00pm Confirmation - St. John Student Parish, East Lansing	5/15	Pentecost 2:00pm Confirmation - St. John, Jackson
4/28	1:30pm Pastoral Planning Regional Meeting - Diocesan Center, Lansing 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Robert, Flushing	5/16	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing
4/30	10:00am St. Agnes, St. Luke St. Mary, Christ the King, All Saints, Sacred Heart Confirmation - St. Luke, Flint	5/17	8:00am Sight Impaired/Blind Annual Retreat - SFRC, DeWitt 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Morrice
		5/18	8:00am Sight Impaired/Blind Annual Retreat - SFRC, DeWitt



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