

Patrick Rinker

Pastoral Formation: Regis University, Denver

Ministry experience: CYM, Diocesan Leadership (Faith Formation), National Task Group which developed Ministry Standards for USCCB

Parish/Ministry Site: Diocese of Lansing

Carol Waner

Pastoral Formation: Loyola University, New Orleans (LIMEX)

Ministry experience: Theology Teacher at Powers HS in Flint, Adult Faith Formation

Parish/Ministry Site: SS Charles and Helena, Clio

Sharon Wimple

Pastoral Formation: Loyola University, New Orleans (LIMEX)

Ministry experience: DRE, Pastoral Care

Parish/Ministry Site: Adrian Dominican Sisters' Pastoral Care Facility

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NINE LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS COMMISSIONED

Lorretta Budzyn

Pastoral Formation: Loyola University, New Orleans (LIMEX)

Ministry experience: DRE

Parish/Ministry Site: St. Joseph, Adrian

Michael Geary

Pastoral Formation: Loyola University, New Orleans (LIMEX); Diocesan Certification - CYM and Advanced Catechist

Ministry experience: CYM

Parish/Ministry Site: St. Patrick, Ann Arbor

Samuel Lalomia, Jr.

Pastoral Formation: Loyola University, New Orleans (LIMEX)

Ministry experience: School and Parish Finances/Stewardship, Faith Formation

Parish/Ministry Site: St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson

Diane Lapham

Pastoral Formation: Siena Heights University, Adrian

Ministry experience: Liturgy, RCIA and Adult Faith Formation

Parish/Ministry Site: St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton

Connie McClanahan, PhD.

Pastoral Formation: St. Mary Seminary, University of Baltimore

Ministry experience: CYM, Liturgy, DRE, Pastoral Coordinator, Director of Adult Faith Formation

Parish/Ministry Site: St. Matthew, Flint

Mark Smith

Pastoral Formation: Loyola University, New Orleans (LIMEX)

Ministry experience: Social Ministry, Adult Faith Formation

Parish/Ministry Site: Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson



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CATHOLIC OUTREACH OF FLINT

Goal 6: Foster and enhance spirituality and worship which will deepen our relationship with God and the Church.

Catholic Outreach of Flint is the thirty-year old creation of Sister M. Claudia Burke of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor. In 1977, Sister dreamed of an agency that would be able to assist the poor, underemployed and those that "fall between the cracks" in the Genesee County area. Catholic Outreach is honored to be able to serve thousands of individuals of various cultures, ages and creeds. Assistance comes in many forms: evictions, electric/gas and water deposits and shut-off notices, prescriptions, identification needs (birth certificates/driver's licenses), work boots, etc. The food program distributes non-perishable food items, personal needs, diapers, formula, baby wipes, male/female hygiene products, laundry soap, etc.

One program we are especially proud of is our St. Christopher Program which transports seriously ill children for specialized medical treatment in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing. We have 2 - 3 drivers who are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This year, over 500 trips will be made to transport children who need dialysis or chemotherapy treatments, who may be awaiting organ transplants, those living with AIDS or another serious illness. We are currently assisting a little boy from Pakistan whose parents have relocated to Canton. We are also providing help to a beautiful little girl who is the only African-American in the world who has a disease called Poland's Syndrome - she was born with no rib cage. If you are interested in learning more about Catholic Outreach, contact: 810-234-4693 or write PO Box 815, Flint, 48501.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

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

The disAbility Christmas Celebration for all persons with disAbilities from the Diocese of Lansing will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2006, 2:00pm - 5:00pm in Madonna Hall at the Diocesan Center. Reservations are required. Please RSVP with number attending, names of persons, their ages and a possible gift idea. Contact: Joann Davis at 517-342-2500 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

CCMI

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) hold monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month (no meeting in December) from 12:00 - 1:00pm at the Diocesan Center, Lansing. If you wish to receive our monthly newsletter, contact: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

CAREGIVER/DISABILITY RETREAT DAY

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

Ministry with Persons with disAbilities will host a retreat day at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lansing on Saturday, January 28, 2006 beginning at 1:30pm and ending with the celebration of Mass at 4:30pm. Caregiver presenter is Tim Ryan, an Adult Education/Faith Formation speaker. Persons with disAbilities presenter is Joann Davis and Sister Marlene Taylor, AD. Make reservations by contacting: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

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.

* Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 7:00pm, St. John Vianney Parish, Flint and St. Gerard Parish, Lansing

* Monday, January 30, 2006 at 7:00pm, St. Martha Parish, Okemos

Pre-registration is required for all participants. For more information, contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

WANTED: NFP TEACHERS & FACILITATORS

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 Natural Family Planning Program offers a ministry opportunity for married couples who would like to learn how to teach Natural Family Planning or become facilitators for an introductory course in NFP offered across the diocese. For more information, contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



FAMILY MINISTRY MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

Goal 1.2, Strategy A: Encourage activities and events inclusive of all ages, cultures, races and abilities.

Do you have a great idea for a project or program that serves families and/or children in the Diocese of Lansing? Do you need some financial assistance to make it happen? If so, the Family Ministry Mini-Grant program may be just what you are looking for. Grants for up to \$750.00 are available for projects that service parishes, schools, regions or diocesan groups. The Family Ministry Mini-Grant Program is designed for parishes, schools and other diocesan groups to provide creative, family/youth-oriented programs for whom funding might otherwise prove difficult or unattainable. For information, eligibility criteria and application packets, call: Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465 or visit our website at:

<http://home.catholicweb.com/familyministryminigrantdioceseoflansing>.

BOOKS ON TAPE

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.

Faith Magazine on Tape is available from the Ministry with Persons with disAbilities office at the cost of \$15.00 a year as well as Bishop Povish's Book on Tape "The Peace I Leave with You" at the cost of \$10.95. Either of these items would make great gifts for persons who are sight impaired or blind as well as persons who cannot read or hold the printed word. If you are interested in purchasing either item, call: Ministry with Persons with disAbilities at 517-342-2500.

DISASTER RELIEF INITIATIVE

"KATRINA KONNECTION"

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

Many people are still interested in relief efforts for those affected by the Gulf Region Hurricanes. We have initiated a program to raise funds for the rebuilding of St. Stanislaus College - a Catholic Prep School in the Bay St. Louis area of Mississippi. You are invited to raise funds or make an individual contribution to the "Katrina Konnection" fund which will assist the St. Stanislaus rebuilding effort. St. Stan's was a jewel in the Bay St. Louis area providing a first class Catholic education. For more information, contact: Vince Gale at 517-342-2470, vgale@dioceseoflansing.org or Ron Landfair at 517-342-2496, rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org.

TAKE CHARGE! KIT – FREE

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

The Bishop's Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs is offering a free Take Charge! Kit by Jeff Jay. This kit provides families with proven techniques to recognize and deal with alcohol and drug dependency. Call: 517-782-4430 to order your free kit.

PRISONER PEN PAL MINISTRY

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

The diocesan pen pal ministry allows you to retain complete anonymity and yet deeply affect the lives of men and women behind bars. Your written correspondence may be the most positive and uplifting communication a prisoner ever receives. The newly-established guidelines for prisoner and volunteer guarantee that our office will intercept any troublesome content and prevent any negative pressures on the volunteer.

Consider joining the ranks of pen pal volunteers. Contact: 517-342-2469 or penpalmin@dioceseoflansing.org.

ASL CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Goal 6: Foster and enhance spirituality and worship which will deepen our relationship with God and the Church.

Father Ken McKenna will celebrate the liturgy in sign language for the Deaf Community in the Lansing area on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm. The Mass will be in the Cathedral Crypt followed by refreshments in the Diocesan Center. Father will also celebrate Mass for the Deaf Community at the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist in Fenton at 10:30am on Christmas morning. Call: [Rose Smith](mailto:Rose.Smith@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2532.

PASTORAL WEEK FOR THE DEAF

Goal 6: Foster and enhance spirituality and worship which will deepen our relationship with God and the Church.

The National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) will hold their annual Pastoral Week in Albuquerque, New Mexico from January 13 - 18, 2006. Deaf Catholics and pastoral workers are invited to attend. For more information, call: Deaf/HH Ministry Office at 517-342-2532.

Dr. Connie McClanahan has served as a pastoral leader to the people of the Diocese of Lansing since 1970: Flint Newman Center (1970-1980), Blessed Sacrament Parish, Burton (1981-1984), Good Shepherd Parish, Montrose (1984-1990), Sacred Heart Parish, Flint (1990 -2001), St. Matthew, Flint (2003-present).

Mark Smith was raised in Gaylord until the age of 15 when his family moved to Lapeer, Michigan. Upon graduating from High School, Mark attended Michigan State University and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He married his wife Debbie upon graduation. They have been married for 33 years.

He was hired by the Michigan State Police upon graduation from MSU and was assigned to the Blissfield Post. In 1977, Mark and Debbie moved to Jackson after accepting a transfer and adopted three children from a sibling group. They now have three grand children.

In 1992, he was promoted to Detective Sergeant and was assigned to the Intelligence Unit at the State Police Headquarters. Upon retirement Mark started a second career with a US Dept. Of Justice intelligence organization called MAGLOCLN (Middle Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network). Mark was a Law Enforcement Coordinator assigned to Michigan and northwestern Ohio until his retirement in August 2005.

Mark obtained his Master of Pastoral studies from Loyola University in New Orleans in May 2005 with a focus in Pastoral Life and Administration. Mark is very active at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Jackson and likes working on social justice related issues.

FORMATION

MEET THE NINE MEN AND WOMEN COMMISSIONED AS LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS, NOVEMBER 5, 2005



Loretta Budzyn is from Adrian, Michigan and a pastoral minister at St. Joseph Church in Adrian. She has been married to Jim for 32 years and has three grown children. Loretta has ministered within the parish of St. Joseph for 17 years as secretary, business manager, DRE/RCIA Coordinator and Adult formation facilitator. It is with great joy that she is being commissioned as a Lay Ecclesial Minister for the Diocese of Lansing.

Michael Geary earned his masters degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University in New Orleans. He and his wife Susan have served as the Coordinators of Youth Ministry at St. Patrick Church, Ann Arbor for the past ten years.

Sam Lalomia, Jr. has been a member of St. Mary Star of the Sea in Jackson, Michigan since 1969. He has been married to Alberta Louise for 36 years and is a father to Christopher (Nicolle) of Duluth, Georgia and Brent (Melissa) of Kalamazoo. Sam has three grandchildren: Sydney, Austin and Anthony.

Sam recently earned a Master of pastoral studies degree with a concentration in Parish Life and Administration from Loyola University in New Orleans. He has an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering for the University of Detroit and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in International Finance from Western Michigan University. He is currently employed by CMS Enterprises as a Financial Analyst.

Sam's ministry has evolved from one of looking at just the business aspects of the church - paying the bills - into one on stewardship of time, talent and treasure. He has served on the Finance Committee of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish since 1985. He is an active Eucharistic minister, lector, Confirmation catechist, marriage formation catechist, member of the Adult Faith Formation Committee and is actively pursuing the formation and implementation of a parish stewardship Committee.

Sam has headed up major capital fun drives and is currently preparing for a follow up drive to the successfully completed \$800,000, four-year capital improvement fund drive, "Receive and Renew" at St. Mary's.

Diane Lapham has been a steam fitter for 24 years. She is married with two sons and three grandsons. Diane has been involved in the Diocesan Ministry Formation Program for the past four years and is continuing her college education at WCC with the eventual goal of getting a Bachelor's degree in theology. She has been involved in a variety of parish ministries - serving as Parish Council Chair, Assistant Sacristan and working with the Stewardship Committee and the VBS team. Diane is a member of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brighton.

FORMATION

Patrick Rinker and his twin Mike were born to Lowell and Anne Rinker. They were baptized and raised Catholic. Following a significant encounter with Christ the summer of 1972, Pat committed himself to preparing for a life of ministry. He met his wife Karen on a 31-mile walkathon in 1974 and has grown with her in raising their family of three children and serving the Catholic Church. Patrick has been in ecclesial ministry since 1977. He has a BA in theology from Aquinas College and a MA in pastoral ministry from Regis University in Denver. Pat is currently the Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Lansing.

Carol Waner and her husband Jim have recently retired as long-term teachers at Fr. Powers Catholic High School in Flint. Jim taught in the Science Department while Carol taught theology. They have been married for 37 years after meeting in college; Jim at Notre Dame, Carol at St. Mary's, Notre Dame (1968). For the last twenty seven years they have been members of SS. Charles and Helena in Clio. Having recently completed an MPS at Loyola University in New Orleans, Carol is a volunteer who helps to facilitate an RCIA group and the parish book club. She is particularly interested in working in adult faith formation and continuing to be an adult leader in the kairos retreat program at powers.

Sharon Wimple was born and raised in Chicago, the oldest of three children. She moved to Michigan and married Ron in 1973. They have three children: Ryan, Catherine and Valerie.

A certified para legal, Sharon worked in the legal field for ten years before completing a BA in Business at Siena Heights University. She served in various administrative positions at St. Elizabeth Parish, Tecumseh, before moving into pastoral work. Sharon served as DRE for 13 years at St. Elizabeth. She is additionally certified as a Rainbow Director (children's grief counselor) and as a Spiritual Director by the Jesuits from the Detroit area.

For the past four years, Sharon has served as the Director of the Pastoral Care Department in the Dominican Life Center for the Adrian Dominican Sisters. She recently completed her pastoral studies through Loyola University, New Orleans and became an Adrian Dominican Associates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Goal 6.2: Offer opportunities for personal and communal spiritual renewal.

2006

Jan. 2-5 Region VI Forum for Pastoral Leadership
Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
Theme: "Change: Love It, Hate It, Lead It"

March 11 Deacon Community Lenten Day
St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing - Fr. MAC Hall
9:00am - 3:30pm
Presenter: Fr. Karl Pung

March 23

Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection
with Bishop

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

May 1-5

Priests' Spring Retreat
Bethany House, DeWitt

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

May 12

Ongoing Formation Day -
sponsored by Formation Dept.

9:00am - 3:30pm

Presenter: Fr. Robert Rivers

Theme: Evangelization

May 23

Social for Senior Priests
Bethany House, DeWitt

July 21

LUGNUTS GAME - family night for
vocations

July 26

Priests' Summer Day
Bethany House, DeWitt

August 19

Conversations in Ministry
Diocesan Center

Presenter: Dr. Janet Smith

Theme: Theology of the Body

Sept. 29 - October 1

Permanent Deacon Community
Annual Convocation

Shanty Creek Resort & Club,
Bellaire, MI

Presenter: Fr. Richard Hogan

October 2-5

28th Annual Presbyteral
Convocation

Shanty Creek Resort & Club,
Bellaire, MI

Presenter: Fr. Richard Hogan

2007

May 19

Permanent Deacon Ordination
Saint Mary Cathedral

10:00am

ONE DAY RETREAT

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

Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Education/Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Pastoral Ministers: plan to attend the Pastoral Ministers/Administrators Retreat Thursday, February 23, 9:00am - 3:30pm at Bethany House, DeWitt. Retreat Director will be Fr. Joe Krupp. Registration material will be mailed after Christmas. Call: [Norma DeRose](mailto:Norma.DeRose) at 517-342-2482.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY

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

The Middle School Rally is March 11 at Jackson Lumen Christi High School. All 6th - 8th graders are welcome to register. Vince Nims will be our featured speaker/singer. Event runs from 2:00 - 9:00pm. Registration material will be out in December.

PLAN AHEAD –

NATIONAL FAITH

FORMATION CONFERENCE

Goal 4.3: Increase leadership among the laity through formation, education and active service.

The annual National Conference for Catechetical Leadership will be held in Chicago, Illinois, April 30 - May 4. This is intended for all catechetical leaders. Ask your DRE for information or go to www.nccl.org to access program/registration information. Call: [Michael Andrews](mailto:Michael.Andrews) at 517-342-2479 or [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries) at 517-342-2486.

YOUNG ADULT NEW

YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Goal 7.1: Engage youth, college students and young adults that will sustain them in the Church.

Mailing has been sent out for the Young Adult New Year's Eve Party at St. Thomas Church in East Lansing. Contact: 517-342-2484.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CAFÉ



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

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, gives adult faith formation program leaders an opportunity for some innovative programming around a popular movie heavily laden with Christian values. Resource: A Guide to Narnia: 100 Questions About the Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, Ascension Press, 800-376-0520, www.ascensionpress.com. Free discussion guides at www.narniaresources.com/downloads.

PARISH MISSIONS

Goal 6.2: Offer opportunities for personal and communal spiritual renewal.

A list has been formulated of persons, religious orders and organizations which do parish missions. The following have been recommended:

- Precious Blood Fathers, www.pbparishmissions.org
- Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, www.desalesresource.org
- Isaiah Ministries, www.isiahmissions.org
- Paulist Fathers, www.pncea.org/missions/
- Redemptorist Fathers, www.redemptorists.org
- Capuchin/Franciscans, www.capuchins.org
- Ralph Martin and Sr. Ann Shields through Renewal Ministries, www.renewalministries.net/
- Fr. Jim Van Dorn, OFM Conv., 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mount St. Francis, Indiana, 47146

To be added, fax 517-342-2515 or e-mail pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

HIGH SCHOOL STATE CONGRESS ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

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

... will be held March 10-12 in the Diocese of Gaylord. Representative high school youth and adult leaders will return to us with direction to implement a greater awareness of Catholic Social teaching and opportunities to work for justice.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Goal 7.1, Strategy A: Develop ways to evangelize youth, college .

... will be held at St. Thomas, Ann Arbor in April. Sall Solo is our featured keynote. We will have 8 workshops, Mass, dinner and dance.

RITEs OF ELECTION & CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

Goal 6: Foster and enhance spirituality and worship which will deepen our relationship with God and the Church.

March 4 11:00am - St. John the Baptist, Howell

March 5 3:00pm - St. Gerard, Lansing

March 11 12:00pm - St. Andrew, Saline

March 12 3:00pm - St. Luke, Flint

Call: 517-342-2480.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

MICHIGAN GATHERING OF PARISH AND DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL LEADERS

Goal 4.3, Strategy A: Emphasize through formation and education that spiritual growth in the likeness of Christ is the heart of ministry and leadership.

DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Evangelization Chairpersons and others engaged in catechetical ministry are invited to join with their peers in ministry from across the state for a 25 hour ministry renewal, Monday, January 9, 12:00pm to Tuesday, January 10, 1:00pm. Topics for conversation will be balance in ministry, vision and catechetical leadership and “evangechesis”. Contact: Kimmel Burden at 517-342-2484 or kburden@dioceseoflansing.org. Registration deadline has been extended to December 24.

YOUNG ADULT MASS & BRUNCH WITH BISHOP MENGELING

Goal 7.1, Strategy A: Develop ways to evangelize youth, college students and young adults that will sustain them in the Church. Mass & Brunch will be at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing, February 12. 12:00pm mass will be followed by brunch and dialogue with Bishop Mengeling. Call: Office of Young Adult Ministry for registration material at 517-342-2484.

PASTORAL PLANNING

COORDINATING COMMISSION APPOINTED BY BISHOP MENGELING

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

A Coordinating Commission has been appointed by Bishop Mengeling to assess the information presented during Diocesan Study Days held in the fall of 2005. Along with the statistics, demographics and projections, the Commission will consider the feedback from priests, pastoral coordinators, deacons, ecclesial lay ministers and diocesan central office staff who discussed the issues and offered solutions during the Study Days. Based on their extensive in-depth study, the Commission will make the necessary recommendations to satisfy the pastoral and sacramental needs of the diocese. Appointed members include:

Reverend John Byers

Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lansing

Deacon Jim Corder

Business Manager, CYM at Holy Redeemer Parish, Burton

William Devine

Principal, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Jackson

Patrick Gribben

Member of St. Jude Parish, DeWitt

Diocesan Pastoral Council Member

Deacon Vincent Guarnaccia

RCIA Director/Pastoral Ministry at St. Martha Parish, Okemos

Marinell High

DRE at St. Joseph Parish, Dexter
Diocesan Pastoral Council Member

Reverend David Howell

Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton

Diocesan Pastoral Council Chair

Reverend Charles Irvin

Founding editor of FAITH Magazine

Vern Johnson

Member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing

Diocesan Finance Council Member

Reverend Timothy MacDonald

Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish, Fowler

Sister Joan May, SSJ

Pastoral Coordinator of St. Mark, Goodrich

Reverend Robert McGraw

Pastor of Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Jackson

Diocesan Presbyteral Council Chair

Pattie Scherer

Former RCIA and Adult Formation Director at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ann Arbor

Alberto Vasquez

Education Commission Chair at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Flint

Sister Rita Wenzlick, OP

Director, Diocesan Office of Pastoral Planning

Sharon Wimple

Member of St. Elizabeth Parish, Tecumseh

Diocesan Pastoral Council Member

Melinda Ziegler

Pastoral Minister/RCIA Director at St. Anthony Parish, Hillsdale

EX-OFFICIO:

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Vicar General and pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Flint

Msgr. Michael Murphy

Moderator of the Curia

Msgr. Steve Raica

Chancellor

DIOCESAN CALENDAR
DECEMBER - FEBRUARY 2005

12/18	Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B	1/27-29	8:00am TEC Retreat - Camp Kimball, Reading, MI
12/25	Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day	1/28	1:30 - 4:30pm Caregiver/disAbility Retreat Day, IHM Parish Hall
12/26-1/1	Central Services Closed for Christmas		4:30pm Confirmation - St. Michael, Grand Ledge
12/30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	1/29-2/4	Catholic Schools Week
12/31	Young Adult New Year's Eve Party - St. Thomas, East Lansing	1/29	Worldwide Evangelization Appeal
1/1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God		11:00am Confirmation - St. Rita, Clarklake
1/7	12:00 - 5:00pm Christmas Party - disAbility Ministry, Madonna Hall	1/30	10:00am Catholic Schools Week Liturgy - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing
1/8-14	Vocation Awareness Week	1/31	12:00 - 3:00pm Family Life Advisory Board Meeting - Diocesan Center
1/8	The Epiphany of the Lord		2/2 Presentation of the Lord
1/9-10	Michigan Gathering of Parish & Diocesan Catechetical Leaders - Bethany House, DeWitt	2/4	Diocesan Liturgy Conference - TBA
1/9	The Baptism of the Lord		4:30pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Chelsea
1/14-15	DYAC Overnight - Lansing	2/6	6:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center
1/14	10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events Planning Committee - Cristo Rey, Lansing	2/11	10:00am Confirmation - St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor
1/17	9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center		10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events Planning Committee - Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson
1/18	9:30am - 12:00pm Catechist Trainers' In-service - Diocesan Center	2/12	12:00pm Young Adult Mass and Brunch - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing
1/19	1:00 - 4:00pm Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council - St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton	2/15	9:30am - 3:00pm Sight Impaired/Blind Retreat Day, Diocesan Center
	6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Diocesan Center	2/16	1:00 - 4:00pm Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council - St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton
1/23-25	All Ministers Retreat - SFRC, DeWitt	2/18-19	Regional Youth Encuentro - Grand Rapids, MI
1/24	9:30am Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	2/18	10:00am Catholic Committee on Scouting - St. Joseph, Howell
1/25	8:00am 10th Anniversary - Ordination of Most Rev. Carl Mengeling, 4th Bishop - Diocese of Lansing		5:00pm Confirmation - Resurrection, Lansing
	9:30am - 12:30pm CAFE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	2/19	11:00am Confirmation - St. Mary, Charlotte
	12:00 - 3:00pm Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	2/22	9:30am - 12:30pm DRE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
	7:00pm IHM/St. Cas. Confirmation - IHM, Lansing		12:00 - 3:00pm Educational Ministers in Catechist Formation Association Meeting - Diocesan Center