

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP OFFERED

In response to your "VOICES," the Catholic Schools Office will offer a workshop for groups in our parishes interested in learning about grant writing. Dr. Thomas S. Moucka, author and presenter of "The Grant Writing Coach" has spent years researching the vast number of areas where non-profit, faith-based organizations can go for grant funds. According to Dr. Moucka, in 2001 there were more than 500,000 individuals in the United States with a net worth more than \$5 million. Between 1998 and 2008 the number of millionaire households will quadruple. (Maclellan Foundation). The Bill Gates Foundation gives away five million dollars a day. Money is not the problem, but knowing just who to ask for it, and how to ask for it often is.

Dr. Moucka will be at the Diocese of Lansing on **August 16, 2005** for a day-long workshop on how to write and receive foundation grants for projects within our diocese. Parishes, schools, religious education programs and all others are encouraged to attend. Parishes should put together a team of individuals able to focus on grant writing efforts. Teams should be 3-4 members from various ministries. Cost is \$100.00 per person. Registration information will be available in June through the Catholic Schools Office.

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ONE IN MIND AND HEART

One of the hallmarks of the Early Christians was that they had everything in common. "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles, to the communal life, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers" (cf. Acts 2:42-47). Likewise, our Pastoral Plan emphasizes what we can accomplish together – capitalizing on our resources, sharing our gifts, and maximizing our effectiveness.

The Department of Education and Catechesis has always supported this ideal. Individually and collectively, it strives to serve the needs of parish staffs, commissions, schools, liturgical ministers, and volunteers. It provides training and formation in a variety of ways, venues, and mediums. Maybe you have benefitted from a workshop or a conference. Perhaps you've seen our smiling faces driving around the diocese, unloading boxes, praying with you, teaching, and learning.

The Offices of Catholic Schools, Catechesis, Evangelization, Marriage and Family Life, Worship, Young Adult Ministry, and Youth Ministry exist to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and to serve you. We want you to know that we support the idea of regional collaboration and know, first-hand, of its impact on parish life. Workshops are always available for parish commissions and teams that steer education and faith formation (for all ages), worship, youth ministry, marriage prep, RCIA, baptism prep, and evangelization in your parishes. Lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, hospitality ministers, musicians and other liturgical ministers will gain greater appreciation for their role in the liturgy. All can gain a deeper realization of their baptismal call.

This summer and fall, your own ministry can be enriched by learning about everything from the new Directory for Catechesis to grant writing; from marriage and family to human sexuality and abstinence. There will be August meetings for new administrators, teachers, pastors, and principals. Teacher in-services will focus on liturgical formation. How exciting that the Pilgrim Church is on such a journey of faith!

Collaboration within and outside the Department of Education and Catechesis is alive and well! Below, you will see a sampling of the Department events. Note the dates, times, and locations of summer and fall offerings. Avail yourselves of them - we look forward to seeing you there! We are "your DSA dollars at work." We are coming soon... to a region near you!

FAMILY MINISTRY MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

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.

Grants for up to \$750.00 are available for projects that service parishes, schools, regions or diocesan groups. For eligibility criteria and application packets, contact: Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465 or <http://home.catholicweb.com/familyministyminigrantdioceseoflansing>.

MICHIGAN PRISONER RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE WORKS WITH LANSING DIOCESE

Goal 5, Strategy E: Increase awareness of social justice and outreach by direct involvement in services to the poor and vulnerable.

The Restorative Justice Office is launching an initiative to coordinate volunteers throughout the diocese for the work of ex-offender transition mentoring. The State of Michigan is cooperating in this endeavor. We will provide the volunteers who walk with the parolee and ensure reasonable housing, employment and identification. Call: Restorative Justice Office at 517-342-2458.

CCMI DAY OF REFLECTION

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

Location: St Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Date: Wednesday, June 29

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm

\$20/person, includes breakfast and lunch. Call: [Joann Davis](mailto:Joann.Davis) at 517-342-2497.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



PROJECT RACHEL

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

The old toll free number (800-968-0968) for Project Rachel has been disconnected. The new contact information for Outreach Ministries, which include Project Rachel, BeFriender, Separated & Divorced and Bishop's Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs is:

Toll free: 877-342-2513

Jackson office: 517-782-4430

Emergency cell phone: 517-262-0466

E-mail: vgale@ccjax.org

Please update your records immediately.

2005 SENIOR PARISHIONERS APPRECIATION WEEK

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

"Living Your Call" is the theme. Date: September 19 - 23 & 27. Masses begin at 11:00am, followed by lunch and entertainment. The dates/sites are: Monday, September 19, St. Martha, Okemos; Tuesday, September 20, St. Isidore, Laingsburg and Tuesday, September 20, St. Rita, Clarklake; Wednesday, September 21, Sacred Heart, Hudson; Thursday, September 22, St. John, Hartland; Friday, September 23, St. Mary, Chelsea; Tuesday, September 27, St. John, Davison.

Bishop Mengeling and local clergy will preside. Daily Prayer requests will be given to senior parishioners during the 2005 Appreciation Week. Anyone who wants a senior to pray for them, or for a special intention, send request to: Catholic Charities, 300 W. Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48933-1577, by June 1, 2005.

BISHOP'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

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.

"Rocking the Foundation of Addiction" Rally will be held September 16, 2005 from 12:00 - 2:00pm at Ford Field, 2000 Brush Street, Detroit. Admission is free, tickets are required. Featuring: The Rock; State Drug Czar Yvonne Blackmond; Entertainment, Events and Displays. Goals: Increase prevention and treatment resources; increase alcohol and drug free youth activities; support people in alcohol and drug addiction recovery; support smoke free Michigan efforts. Contact: 517-373-4700 or go to www.michigan.gov/odcp.

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

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

BeFriender provides organization, formation and a reflection process for ongoing peer support. If you would like to establish BeFriender in your parish, call: [Vince Gale](mailto:Vince.Gale) at 517-782-4430.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING/ BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD 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.

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

10:00am, Saturday, June 25, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital Women's Health Center, Ann Arbor

4:30pm, Sunday, June 26, 2005 at St. Joseph Retreat Center in Jackson

Cost: \$20.00 per couple. Advanced registration required. If you have at least 3 couples ready to take the Introduction, contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587.

Billings Ovulation Method classes are now offered at *your convenience!* Advanced registration required. Classes are \$50/couple and include all materials and instruction. Contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

SUMMER 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, at Bethany House, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, and August 9-11, Weber Center, Adrian. Jean Schaub, Pastoral Coordinator, St. Mary on the Lake, Manitou Beach, will present "People Sharing God's Love." Information is available at the parish office or call: Catholic Charities at 517-342-2458.

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR DEAF/HH MINISTERS & FAMILIES

Goal 4.3, Strategy B: Continue and/or initiate certification, on-going formation, networking opportunities and ministry support groups for various lay and professional ministries.

Holley Family Village at DeSales Center in Brooklyn will sponsor several educational 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

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

Open to Deaf and hard of hearing teens ages 13-17. 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. Parents will have instruction on 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.

MASSES IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

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

Flint Area: 10:00am Sundays, St. John the Evangelist Chapel, Fenton
May 22 & 29

Ann Arbor Area: 6:30pm Saturday evenings, St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor
May 21 & 28

Lansing Area: 4:00pm Sunday afternoons, St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing
May 22 & 29

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

SEPARATED & DIVORCED

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

A new Lansing Area Separated and Divorced group is forming. If you are interested in participating, call: Roy at 517-694-1198.

ADIOS AMIGO

Congratulations to Serapio Hernandez who will retire on May 31, 2005. Serapio has been the Director of our Hispanic/Migrant Ministry for 22 years. Under his leadership, the ministry has promoted active participation of Hispanics in the church by enhancing both their faith and culture. The ministry has strived to bring about an awareness to the diocese, parishes and local community that migrant farm workers are semi-permanent parishioners and residents in our communities. His plans include spending more time with his children and grandchildren.

August 12 Family Night for
Vocations at the Lugnuts Game
- 6:00pm

Reserve tickets in Diocesan Parish
Seating at: 517-485-4500 ext. 246

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 book, "The
Eucharist: Our Sanctification."

After June 1, this retreat will also 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



FORMATION

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 is offering a meeting 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 or theological studies. The meeting will focus on spiritual discernment and the role of spiritual direction. There will be an opportunity for group meetings with others considering the same vocation.

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

Contact: Department of Formation at 517-342-2504 or
mfedewa@diocesesoflansing.org.

ANNUAL SOCIAL FOR SENIOR PRIESTS

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.

... will take place at Saint Francis Retreat Center, Tuesday, May 24, 11:30am. All priests are invited to attend and join the Priestly Life & Ministry Committee in honoring our Senior Priests. There is no fee. Register by contacting: Arlene at 517-342-2510 or

awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Deacon's Charles Canoy, Steven Mattson, Michael O'Brien, Jeffrey Poll and Gordon Reigile who will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at 10:30am at St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 6 Prospective Seminarian Discernment Retreat - High School and up. Information or reservations, call: 517-342-2504

August 7 Prospective Seminarian Information Dinner with Bishop Mengeling

Bethany House - 3:00pm

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

Diocesan Center

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CURRICULUM INSTITUTE

Goal 3.3, Strategy A: Uphold high standards in the education and formation of Catholic school students.

On June 20-23, the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office will sponsor our first Curriculum Institute. For four days teachers and principals from schools throughout our diocese will gather to revise the curriculum guidelines for Language Arts, Physical Education and Music. The goal of the institute is to create updated guidelines that align with the mission of our schools, Michigan Content Standards and Benchmarks and Stanford Achievement tests administered in all our schools.

Dr. Peggy Treece-Myles Ph.D, Director-Professor of the Lourdes College School of Education, has agreed to assist with the institute. She will be helping to develop a format that encompasses the goals of our organization, includes assessment methods and is expandable for individual school adaptation of the new standards and benchmarks. There is still a need for assistance with all three curriculum areas. If you would be interested in joining our institute, contact: Catholic Schools Office at 517-342-2483.

HUMAN SEXUALITY AND TODAY'S TEENS

Goal 3.1, Strategy B: Provide programs to clarify Church teaching about complex moral issues.

Today's teens are bombarded by billboard, magazine, television and music filled with messages of how to look, feel and act in order to be accepted in today's world. As parents and educators it is our responsibility to ensure that our teens are learning about human sexuality from a faith-based perspective. It is our obligation to teach our children about the wonderful gift of sexuality that we have been given as children of God and the importance of respecting and saving that gift for the time in our life when it is appropriate to share. The Catholic Schools Office is able to bring that message to parents and teens in a manner that is humorous, engaging and enlightening. If you would like to learn more about this presentation, call: [Sally Amman](mailto:Sally.Amman@diocese.org) at 517-342-2483. Presentations can be customized to meet the needs of individual groups.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Goal 7.1, Strategy C: Establish Catholic youth and young adult councils to plan regular inter-parish activities.

Pat Rinker has already met once with young adult ministry leadership in the Flint region to help organize collaborative efforts in ministry with young adults and outreach to college students in the area. They will meet again May 25 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Flint. The meeting will follow the 6:00pm mass. Pat is willing to help other regions organize collaboration in their ministry with young adults. Parishes working together can provide comprehensive young adult ministry that will grow.

PARISH WORSHIP COMMISSIONS

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

St. Mary, Williamston, will host a training session for all members of Parish Worship Commissions in the Lansing area on Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 - 9:00pm. Call: Office of Worship at 517-342-2476.

SMART MARRIAGE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Goal 1.2, Strategy C: Commit to continual pastoral care of all who come to our parish communities.

The ninth annual Smart Marriages Conference (Conference of the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education) is June 23-26, 2005 in Dallas, Texas. The conference provides opportunities to meet like-minded colleagues from across the country and around the world to share funding, marketing, evaluation, and community coalition building ideas. This is the only conference at which attendees can become trained and certified to teach one of the more than 30 marriage-related programs. Contact: Office of Family Life Ministry at 517-342-2471.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE VOCATION SUNDAY

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

Reminder: May 22nd focuses on Marriage and Family Life. Bulletin inserts have been mailed out to each parish along with supporting material. The back side of the insert contains frequently-asked questions related to marriage and family issues. We encourage all pastors and homilists to highlight the Q & A portion of the bulletin insert for the Sunday assembly.

TEACHER IN-SERVICE: LITURGICAL FORMATION

Goal 3.3, Strategy A: Uphold high standards in the education and formation of Catholic school students.

The Office of Worship and the Diocesan Worship Commission are offering in-services for teachers and catechists. Jackson Region: Our Lady of Fatima, August 19. Lansing Region: St. Gerard, August 26. There's still time to schedule an event in your region! Call: 517-342-2476.

PARISH CATECHETICAL REVIEW

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

The Review is an opportunity to give some concrete, practical direction to the faith formation aspects of your parish's goal which were derived from doing the Parish Assessment Tool two years ago. The Review will allow you to plan specific ways of growing your faith formation programs for adults, teens and children over the next 5-7 years. Workbooks are available. If your parish is ready to begin or repeat this process, call: [Pete Ries](#) at 517-342-2486.

POLICY CHANGE

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

Bishop Mengeling has enacted a policy change regarding First Reconciliation/First Eucharist. Pastors, DREs, and Parish Catholic Elementary School Principals have received a mailing about a meeting Tuesday, May 31, 10:00am - 1:00pm at St. Mary Cathedral Hall. Bishop Mengeling requests the attendance of pastors, DREs, and Principals from parishes which have been celebrating First Reconciliation after First Eucharist.

The agenda will include: a) review of the policy, b) program and schedule implications, c) working with parents, d) resources for catechists and parents and e) a panel of pastors and directors of religious education who have been celebrating First Reconciliation before First Eucharist. The panel will share their experiences and answer practical questions. Call: [Kimmel Burden](#) at 517-342-2484 with the names of those attending from your parish by Tuesday, May 24.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

LITURGY SUMMER CAMP

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

The Offices of Worship of Michigan and Ohio present the fourth annual "Liturgy Summer Camp." This year's camp, scheduled for July 24-28 at St. John's Center in Plymouth, will focus on the rites of initiation – RCIA, Rite of Baptism for Children, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Brochures have been mailed to every parish. Call: 517-342-2476.

PARISH-BASED TRAINING FOR EVANGELIZATION

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.

If your parish is about to recruit members for its evangelization team or if you already have a team, consider a six hour training process usually conducted in (3) two clock- hour sessions. These will consider:

- the roots of evangelization
- why evangelization is uncomfortable or unfamiliar to most Catholics
- key insights from Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II
- applying the call to evangelization to the Church in the United States
- three concrete goals from the United States Bishops' "Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States."
- practical applications and strategies for helping evangelization come alive in parish life

To explore this possibility for your parish or to set up training for your region, call: [Pete Ries](#) at 517-342-2486.

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PARISH ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEES

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

This 10-hour training program is for parish adult education/faith formation leaders and their committees, scheduled at a time of their choosing in their own parish. You can ask for monthly, weekly, or bi-weekly sessions. Includes practical, ready-to-use approaches for developing and energizing adult education/faith formation in your parish. Call: [Pete Ries](#) at 517-342-2486 to discuss scheduling for your parish or your region.

RCIA DIRECTORS AND THEIR 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.

Resources/assistance/training is available for parishes and/or your region. An overview of the RCIA, sponsor formation, resource review and children's issues are among the many possibilities you can arrange. Call: [Pete Ries](#) at 517-342-2486.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

JULY 7&8, BASIC TRAINING IN YOUTH MINISTRY OVERNIGHT

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

... is taking place at Bethany House in Dewitt. Training begins 10:00am, Thursday and concludes at 3:00pm, Friday. Teen and adult leaders can receive their acknowledgment of basic training in youth ministry through their participation. There needs to be one adult attending with each group of high school teens. Participants should have completed ninth grade. Registration material is available through the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office at: 517-342-2484.

YOUNG ADULT PICNIC

Goal 7: Engage youth, college students and young adults through ministry and creative programming.

... (18-30's) is taking place on July 10 at Holy Redeemer Church in Burton, beginning at noon. The office will provide hot dogs and fixins. Bring: table settings, beverages and dish to pass. Young Adult/Parish Mass will take place at 5:00pm on the football field behind the church or in the pavilion in case of rain. Tony Melendez and his band ToeJam will provide music for liturgy. A Concert will follow at 7:00pm, open to the public. A five dollar donation will be requested but not required. Call: 517-342-2484 by July 5th.

NUTS & BOLTS CONFERENCE

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

... for adult leaders in Youth & Young Adult Ministry will take place August 26-28 at the Weber Inn in Ann Arbor. Featured speakers include Mike Patin from Baton Rouge, LA and Joan Weber from the Center for Ministry Development. There will be four tracks of workshops:

- Basic Youth Ministry, presented by four experienced CYM's from our diocese.
- Basic Young Adult Ministry, presented by Joan Weber from CMD.
- Adolescent Catechetical workshops presented by Catechist trainers from our diocese.
- A four workshop track following up on the keynote address on "Reality Ministry," presented by Mike Pain.

Registration material can be obtained by contacting the diocesan office at: 517-342-2484. Hotel registration information will be included. Registration for hotel needs to be done by participant directly with the hotel.

SCOUT VOLUNTEER APPEAL HELP WANTED!

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

Looking for dedicated, enthusiastic women to serve as members of the Religious Awards Committee for Catholic Girl Scouts! Train others in your council or serve as award chairpersons. Trainers are especially needed in the Huron Valley and Irish Hills Councils. If you would like to know more, call: Sarah Stroik at 517-339-0435.

PRINCIPALS, DRES, CYMS
Goal 3.2, Strategy B: Ensure that all program directors, catechists and pastoral workers in the religious education program are faithful witnesses to Christ and the teachings.

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

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

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

All new employees must have a verified criminal background check before a contract can be signed.

Call: [Sr. Dorita Wotiska](mailto:Sr.Dorita.Wotiska@diocese.org) at 517-342-2481.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS

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

Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Education, RCIA Directors: send in your Administrative Reviews by June 30, 2005. 2005-2006 contracts should be in by September 1, 2005.

NEW PARISH STAFF

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

Orientation for new Pastors/Priests, deacons, Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Education, RCIA Directors, and Pastoral Ministers is at the Diocesan Center, Tuesday, August 9, 9:00am - 3:30pm. Alert new staff. Call: Department of Education and Catechesis or the Department of Formation so we may also extend an invitation.

**DIOCESAN CALENDAR
MAY - NOVEMBER, 2005**

5/18	8:00am Sight Impaired/Blind Annual Retreat - SFRC, DeWitt 9:30am Adult Education/Faith Formation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 12:00pm Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 1:30pm Pastoral Planning Regional Meeting - St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center, Ann Arbor
5/19	8:00am DYLC - Bethany House, DeWitt 8:00am Sight Impaired/Blind Annual Retreat - SFRC, DeWitt 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Patrick, Brighton
5/21	5:00pm Confirmation - St. Augustine, Howell
5/22	3:00pm Confirmation - Holy Spirit, Hamburg
5/23	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Pinckney
5/24	12:00pm CCMI Meeting Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation [Holy Rosary, Flint
5/25	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Andrew, Saline
5/26	7:00pm Confirmation Christ the King, Ann Arbor
5/30	Central Services Closed Memorial Day
5/31	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Peter, Eaton Rapids
6/1	7:00pm Confirmation - Holy Cross, Lansing
6/5	11:00am Confirmation - St. Andrew Dung Lac, Lansing
6/7	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Agnes, Fowlerville
6/9	1:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
6/11	10:30am Ordination to Priesthood - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing
6/19-24	DYLC - Bethany House
6/29	Diocesan Cedar Point Day - Cedar Point
7/4	Independence Day
8/15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - USA
9/26-29	Priests' Retreat - Bethany House
10/7-9	Permanent Deacons' Convocation - Boyne Mountain
10/10-13	Priests' Presbyteral Convocation - McGuire's Resort, Cadillac
11/1	All Saints (Solemnity)
11/2	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
11/19	10:30am Ordination to Transitional Diaconate - St. Mary Cathedral
11/24	Thanksgiving



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