

Family life programs offered through the Diocese of Lansing provide clear and accurate factual information on sexual gender identity, puberty/adolescence and human reproduction, appropriately adapted to the developmental needs of the learners. All materials used are carefully reviewed for accuracy and adherence to Catholic doctrine. All programs are offered with the full knowledge and consent of the parents.

As Catholic Christians we are called to be teachers and examples to our young people. If we truly expect our youth to adhere to the Catholic model, they need more than religion classes, well-planned liturgies and inspiring retreats (although these components are extremely important!). They need adult models with whom they can identify, whom they look up to and who demonstrate daily, by deed and word, that Christian living is both possible and rewarding.

The Diocesan Department of Education and Catechesis is here to assist you in any way we can to make human sexuality education an effective reality in your parish.

We have a wide variety of materials, resources and personnel available.

For more information please call: [Sally Amman](#), Director of Curriculum and Instruction at 517-342-2482.

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#### WHOSE JOB IS IT?

Most teens would agree that parents worry too much, especially about sex. When asked, teens report that they believe that parents are scared to discuss sex and they perceive parents' attitudes to be puritanical and archaic. Teens would also want parents to know that they love their parents very much and appreciate their concern. Young people are aware of the dangers of haphazard premarital sex but they also believe that when there is an intimate relationship, sex can be a beautiful thing and can be engaged in, even though there may be consequences. We as parents and educators know, however, that the "consequences" are very real, damaging and worth our continued concern, regardless of what our teens believe. Over one million unmarried teen girls in the country get pregnant each year. Of all the girls who are presently 14 years of age, two out of five will be pregnant by age 19. Additional consequences include: abortion, unwise teen marriages contracted under pressure, venereal diseases and AIDS. Simply put, teens are not ready for sexual intercourse because they are not prepared for the emotional, psychological, spiritual and biological consequences.

Peer pressure at this time of life is tremendous for teens. They are pressured to prove themselves as sexually adequate not only to their peers but also to themselves. As they struggle to maintain a positive self image teens are bombarded with media messages telling them that casual sex is acceptable and "everyone is doing it". It is hard to exaggerate the impact of the media on the young. Seldom does the media portray sexuality as linked with commitment, stable family relationships and child-bearing. According to the instant messages of television sitcoms and dramas, movies and music lyrics, one would begin to believe that sex had nothing to do with intimacy and family values and only existed for the pursuit of happiness. The unfortunate reality is that casual sexual relationships do not lead to happiness but to deep and lasting scars and a severing of one's relationship with God.

So, whose job it is to ensure the proper Catholic moral development of our young people? In a word, everyone. Every adult involved in Christian education has a responsibility to provide our children with the moral and ethical tools they need to make difficult decisions, including decisions regarding their sexuality.

The Department of Education and Catechesis at the Diocese of Lansing works to ensure the education of our children in Catholic teaching regarding sexuality and family life through a variety of programs and curriculum areas. Our religion curriculum for schools and religious education programs contain a required Family Life component that is to be taught from preschool to senior high school. We also offer workshops for teens (grades 7-10) and parents where we explore the choices facing teens, discuss the pressure they encounter and give them tools to cope with those difficult decisions.

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

With over two million people incarcerated in the United States, this nation leads the free world in its prison population. Our prisons are changing from a punitive to a rehabilitative model where they are afforded opportunity for self-improvement while in prison. The only thing certain about 95% of the population of prisoners is that they will, eventually, return to society. They need our help. Welcoming them back means we must invest our time and talent. Lip service does not accomplish anything. Our personal involvement is the key to their successful transition. We can assist by providing transportation, friendship, job counseling, assistance with job applications, mentoring, etc. We urge you to pray about this and search your heart to see if there is room for someone who needs you. Call: [Tim Metts](mailto:Tim.Metts@dioceseoflansing.org), Director of Restorative Justice, at 517-342-2495 or [Colleen Andrews](mailto:Colleen.Andrews@dioceseoflansing.org), Secretary, at 517-342-2560.

**AFRICAN NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**  
The first **African National Eucharistic Congress** will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, September 2-3, 2006. This Congress will gather African Catholics from dioceses in this country to pray together and celebrate the gifts they bring to the Church in the United States. The Congress will feature celebration of the Eucharist in the African Catholic perspective, procession of the faithful around the Basilica, music, art and cultural presentations. There will be four workshops on the Eucharist. Call: Black Catholic Ministry at 517-342-2496.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**NEW OFFERING!!!**  
**“HEALTHY MINDS -**

**YOURS, MINE & OURS - RESOURCE DAY”**

Faith-based communities are often the first people a family will contact in crisis. In an effort to reach out to this community, Christians Concerned About Mental Illness (CCMI) would like to offer resources for anyone interested in Mental Health Issues. Organizations will be on hand to answer your questions. There will also be a panel presentation, “*In Our Own Voice*” from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). Please mark your calendars for **Friday, October 20, 2006**, from **12:00 - 3:00pm** in **Madonna Hall, Diocesan Center**. RSVP at: 517-342-2497 or [jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org).

**2006 SENIOR PARISHIONERS APPRECIATION WEEK**

*Goal 1: Form parishes into communities of faith which are inclusive, receptive and committed to spiritual and social development.*  
The schedule for Senior Parishioners Appreciation Events is as follows:  
**Monday, September 18**, St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor; **Tuesday, September 19**, St. Catherine Labouré, Concord and St. Paul, Owosso; **Wednesday, September 20**, St. Jude, DeWitt; **Thursday, September 21**, St. Anthony of Padua, Hillsdale and St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton; **Tuesday, September 26**, St. John the Evangelist, Davison. All masses begin at 11:00am and are followed by lunch and entertainment.

**ONE DIOCESE ONE BOOK**

*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.*

One Diocese, One Book, our first effort at a diocesan-wide book discussion, has wrapped up its first book. *Enrique’s Journey*, the story of a Honduran boy’s journey to reunite with the mother who left him for America 11 years before, has been a riveting read for many. We have sold 625 books and had 26 parishes involved in discussing the book. The message board created for a public discussion of the book is up and running and may still be accessed through the diocesan web page. You may add your comments or read what others have written by signing on. Our fall topic, which will be accompanied by a related book, will be human trafficking. E-mail: [rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org).

**WORLD RENOWNED BIOETHICIST,  
MOLECULAR SCIENTIST PRIEST TO SPEAK**

*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.*

Father Tad Pacholczyk, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, with a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Yale, has worked as a molecular biologist at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School and studied five years in Rome where he did advanced work in dogmatic theology and bioethics. Father Tad will be speaking on the issue of embryonic stem cell research at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish on September 14 at 7:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF JACKSON

Catholic Charities of Jackson County has been providing social work services for over ten years to Queen of the Miraculous Medal, St. John the Evangelist and St. Mary Star of the Sea. Social work intervention with students supports the philosophy of the *Steps to Respect* curriculum (staff has been trained) and has increasingly focused on reducing "relational aggression" - more subtle forms of bullying that include gossip and excluding peers from social activities. Other student issues that have been dealt with include: friendship problems, anger management, divorce and separation, grief and classroom behavior. Referrals come from teachers, principals, parents and student themselves.

Catholic Charities of Jackson therapist, Denise Farmer, LMSW, has provided these social work services for 3½ years. She describes the work as "enjoyable and rewarding" and says, "It is a pleasure to work with students as well as the parents and teachers to help them have a good school experience. It is common to see children dealing with decisions and family issues that the adults in their lives do not recognize as problems. These decisions and issues can affect their ability to focus on learning." Catholic Charities of Jackson believes this is an important service to offer. By allowing children to reach out at a young age may help to prevent future issues. Vicky L. Schultz, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Jackson, states, "This is a working relationship within our Catholic Community that truly benefits the future lives of God's children. It is the agency's hope to continue to meet the need for school social work services..." Call: 517-782-2551.

### AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The **National African American Catholic Men's Conference** will be held September 29 - October 1, 2006 at the Hilton Hotel in Houston, Texas. The theme is "*The Heart of the Problem and the Healing of the Land.*" The conference will focus on developing spiritual and life enhancement skills that will help men live more effective and nurturing lives. The goals are to reach men from age eighteen and beyond in encouraging, assisting and supporting them in leadership roles in their church communities and to sponsor the development and formation of Black Catholic men (including African, Afro-Caribbean, Afro-Hispanic and Haitian) in church life. Contact: Ron Landfair at 517-342-2496 or [rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org).

### 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.**

- Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 7:00pm, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Jackson
  - Thursday, August 24, 2006, 7:00pm, St. Mary Parish, Pinckney
  - Sunday, August 27, 2006, 4:00pm, St. Jude Parish, DeWitt
  - Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 7:00pm, St. James Parish, Mason
  - Thursday, September 28, 2006, 7:00pm, St. Gerard Parish, Lansing
- Pre-registration is required. Contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or [nfp@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflansing.org).

### COUPLE-TO-COUPLE LEAGUE

First instruction for the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning will be offered at the following parishes and times:

- Thursday, August 31, 2006, 7:00 - 9:30pm, St. Joseph Hospital, Saline, by Lee and Liz Strang. To register, call: the Strangs at 734-439-2217.
- Saturday, September 9, 2006, 10:00am - 12:30pm, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Ann Arbor, by Al and Becky Faraj. Call: Jolynn Schafer to register at 734-429-0603.
- Monday, September 11, 2006, 7:00 - 9:30pm, Christ the King Parish, Ann Arbor, Kate and Rob Choals. Call: the Choals' at 734-662-4865.

### NEW CATHOLIC NURSING MOTHERS LEAGUE!

**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.**

This provides encouragement and support to breastfeeding mothers and educates families, parishes and societies about the Church's support for maternal nursing. Visit: [www.catholicbreastfeeding.org](http://www.catholicbreastfeeding.org).

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRY

There is an Annulment Workshop at St. Francis Retreat Center on September 16, 2006 from 8:30am - 12:00pm. Call: 866-669-8321.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Project Rachel of the Diocese of Lansing is offering a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat, November 17-19, 2006. Contact: Beth Bauer at 734-878-2217, ext 214.

## **ANNUAL CONVERSATIONS IN MINISTRY**

On August 19, the annual Conversations in Ministry will be held at Saint Mary Cathedral Parish Hall - 9:00am - 4:00pm. The presenter is Dr. Janet Smith with the theme: *Theology of the Body Condensed*. For more information or to register, please contact: Jane Sessions at 517-342-2504 or [jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org).

## **DIOCESAN GATHERING OF PARISH VOCATION REPRESENTATIVES**

On August 22, the Diocesan Gathering of Parish Vocation Representatives will take place at Christ the King Church, Ann Arbor from 7:30 - 9:00pm to continue Phase II of the vocation promotion campaign, Catholic Identity and Mission.

Regional Coordinators have sent reminders to the parish reps regarding this gathering where they will connect and share ideas/success stories and strategies for the remainder of this phase.

For more information regarding this event, please contact: Fr. Karl Pung at 517-342-2509 or [kpung@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:kpung@dioceseoflansing.org).

## **RITE OF INSTITUTION OF ACOLYTE**

On August 24, during a 7:00pm Mass at Saint Mary Cathedral, Bishop Mengeling will preside at the Rite of Institution of Acolyte for 3rd year candidates.

This is the final step before Ordination as Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Lansing which is scheduled for May 19, 2007. A reception will follow in Madonna Hall of the Diocesan Center.

# **PASTORAL PLANNING**

## **SHARING THE WEALTH... WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?**

In the diocesan planning process, parishes have been introducing initiatives or giving renewed emphasis to existing programs that have proven effective in achieving parish objectives. These activities usually come to light through the parish progress reports to the Pastoral Planning Office and constitute a wealth of good ideas that may be useful to other parishes.

In each issue of *Voices Alive* we highlight one of these efforts and through a link on the diocesan website, give readers an idea how the program works plus a guide to additional information sources. If you know of a program that merits inclusion here, please notify the Pastoral Planning Office at 517-342-2502. We can take it from there.

This month, we turn the spotlight on an imaginative, effective adult formation program of St. Mary, Chelsea entitled "Why Do Catholics Do That?" Presented during Lent, the five-week series of mini classes explores in a creative way our core beliefs and how they can be applied in our daily lives.

Check the diocesan website for detailed information on this project, including a referral for further information.



## **FORMATION**

### **NEW ADMINISTRATOR'S DAY**

Wednesday August 9 is New Administrator's Day - Diocesan Center - 9:00am - 3:30pm. The Formation Department has sent letters of invitation to new pastors and any priests and deacons new to the diocese, asking for their RSVP. Contact: Arlene at 517-342-2501 or [awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org) by August 2. This informational day is offered annually, allowing time for new persons to hear about diocesan policies and procedures which are expected to be implemented in parish ministry. Photos will be taken by the Communication Office of any persons who do not have a current picture on file. After lunch, priests and deacons will meet in orientation groups for information particular to their ministry.

### **RITE OF CANDIDACY**

August 10 is a date for celebration as men being admitted to Candidacy for ordination as a Permanent Deacon for the Diocese of Lansing will gather for Solemn Vespers at Saint Mary Cathedral at 7:00pm. Bishop Mengeling will preside and conduct the Rite of Candidacy. A reception for the new candidates and families as well as any pastors, parish members or guests will take place in the Cathedral Parish Hall following the service.

# FORMATION

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 17 - 20**      **Seminarian Retreat**  
Bethany House, DeWitt
- September 13**      **Ongoing Formation Condensed Presentation**  
Saint Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing  
7:30pm  
Presenter: Rev. Tad Pacholczyk  
**Theme: *Issues of Stem Cell Research & Cloning***
- September 14**      **Ongoing Formation Day - priests, deacons, parish staffs**  
Saint Mary Magdalen, Brighton  
10:30am - 4:00pm  
Presenter: Rev. Tad Pacholczyk  
**Theme: *Issues of Stem Cell Research & Cloning***
- Sept. 29 - October 1**      **Permanent Deacon Community Annual October Convocation**  
Shanty Creek - Bellaire, MI  
Presenter: Fr. Richard Hogan  
**Theme: *Theology of the Body***
- October 2 - 5**      **28th Annual Presbyteral Convocation**  
Shanty Creek - Bellaire, MI  
Presenter: Fr. Richard Hogan  
**Theme: *Theology of the Body***
- October 27**      **Lay Ministry Convocation**  
Diocesan Center - 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Presenter: Mary Dumm, PhD
- October 28**      **Transitional Deacon Ordination - John Linden**  
Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson  
10:30am
- November 4**      **Commissioning of Lay Ecclesial Ministers**  
Saint Mary Cathedral  
10:00am
- November 9**      **Why Don't They Do What I Want? Supervising Employees - job descriptions/evaluations workshop**  
Place: tba  
For priests, pastoral coordinators, principals and parish business managers

**November 12-17**

## **Enculturation Week**

Bethany House, DeWitt

For priests coming into the diocese from other countries

**2007**

**March 1**

## **Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection with Bishop**

Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

**March 21**

## **Priests Ordained 1-10 years Gathering**

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt  
2:00 - 7:00pm

**April 30 - May 4**

## **Priests' Annual Retreat**

Bethany House, DeWitt

Presenter: Fr. Thomas E. Dubay, S.M.

**May 19**

## **Permanent Deacon Ordination**

Saint Mary Cathedral  
10:00am

**June 9**

## **Priesthood Ordination**

Saint Mary Cathedral  
10:00am

**June**

## **Social for Senior Priests -**

DeWitt

**July**

## **Priests' Summer Day - DeWitt**

**October 8-11**

## **29th Annual Presbyteral Convocation**

McGuire's - Cadillac

## WHERE IS YOUR PARISH PROFILE???

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

If you have not yet returned it, we need your Parish Profile for 2005-2006 to complete our data. Call: [Margaret Grima](#) at 517-342-2555.

## PASTORS/PASTORAL COORDINATORS

**Common Strategy 2: Develop an assessment tool based on the seven goals to address parish life.**

If your parish has never done the **Parish Catechetical Review**, confer with your DRE and Other Catechetical Leaders about beginning it this year. If you did the Review 5 or more years ago, it is time to do it again.

The Review is an opportunity to give concrete, practical direction to the faith formation aspects of your parish's goals which were derived from doing the **Parish Assessment Tool** and annual updates. It also relates to the concept of having a parish catechetical plan (**National Directory for Catechesis**, p. 255). This will result in a more detailed picture of where your parish wants to go in developing its faith formation programs for adults, teens and children over the next 5-7 years.

Call: [Pete Ries](#) at 517-342-2486 or [Michael Andrews](#) at 517-342-2479 to discuss various approaches to recruiting your working committee. Pete or Michael will come to your parish to do an orientation about the workbook and the various stages of the process when your working committee is ready. Workbooks are available at \$3.25 a copy.

## REMINDER

DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Education, RCIA Directors, Principals – send in your 2006-2007 contracts by **September 1**.

# EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

## CAFÉ



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

- 1) Consider recruiting or enhancing the membership of your parish adult education committee. Try to include young adults and seniors. Include someone from marriage preparation, baptismal preparation, evangelization and RCIA. Schedule a couple of organizational gatherings in a relaxed setting. Purchase copies of **Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us** as initial discussion materials to begin building a common vision and purpose. Call: [Pete Ries](#) at 517-342-2486 to discuss approaches to building/enhancing your committee.
- 2) Start developing your **parish pastoral plan for adult faith formation**. Such a plan is more than deciding on a number of program offerings. A good plan includes a number of important considerations. A new tool is available for developing such a plan. Call: [Pete Ries](#) at 517-342-2486.
- 3) Newly revised and expanded CAFÉ marketing materials are now available. Call: [Margaret Grima](#) at 517-342-2555.

## DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

This is your last chance to sign up for the Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Conference, Wednesday, August 30, at the Diocesan Center.

- 9:30 - 10:00am - pick up of organization materials and samples of newly redesigned posters and invitations for Welcome Home Sunday/discussion of successful strategies used by parishes and regions
- 10:00am - 12:30pm - major presentation/workshop, **Marketing God; Marketing Religion** with Dr. Charlene Ezell. How do we **move** Catholic adults from not knowing what adult faith formation opportunities we offer, **to** becoming aware of our programs, **to** becoming interested in what we offer, **to participation** in ongoing adult faith formation? A CAFÉ marketing kit containing a variety of newly designed advertising posters will be available for pick-up.
- 12:30 - 1:30pm - lunch and beginning of the year gatherings of parish adult faith formation, RCIA and evangelization leaders in regional groupings
- 1:30 - 2:30pm - introduction, resources and discussion of various usages of the next major social justice theme from our diocese, "Human Trafficking"

Copies of the new **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults** will be available for purchase. Registration fee (including lunch) is \$20. Call: [Margaret Grima](#) at 517-342-2555.

## WELCOME HOME SUNDAY PARISH CONTACTS

**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.**

Wednesday, August 30, 9:30 - 10:00am - Diocesan Center. This is part of the day long Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Conference. Parish contacts can pick up organizational materials and samples of newly redesigned posters/invitations. There will be a discussion of successful strategies collected from parishes and regions. Send in registration form from the July issue of **VOICES Alive!** or from the mailing you received.

# EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

## CRIMINAL RECORD BACKGROUND CHECK, CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT AND PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN AWARENESS SESSIONS

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

- You are reminded that all new employees must have fingerprinting and criminal record background checks. We must have verification that the check has been made before a contract can be sign. Call: [Sally Ellis](#) at 517-342-2551 for the necessary forms/procedures.
- Everyone must review the Code of Pastoral Conduct. Employees read pages 1-9 and sign page 11. Volunteers read and sign page 10. Keep a copy on file at your parish/school and send (or fax to 517-342-2505) the original signed pages to [Sally Ellis](#).
- All full/part time employees and volunteers who work with children/youth are required to attend one Protecting God's Children Awareness Session. [www.dioceseoflansing.org](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org). Call: [Sally Ellis](#) at 517-342-2551.

## COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

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

Friday, August 25 is the first opportunity for adults to sign up for one of our many committees planning diocesan youth and young adult events. Applications have been sent to youth all over the diocese.

Our adult youth advisory committee is set and representatives were announced in our Summer mailing. We still need both young adults and leaders for our young adult advisory committee, especially in the southern counties, Jackson, Hillsdale and Lenawee.

We have four youth committees with adult and youth needs: Rally, Jamboree, DYLC and our diocesan youth advisory committee. If you miss Nuts & Bolts and are interested, call: [Pat Rinker](#) at 517-342-2485.

## JAMBOREE

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

Jamboree: "20 years and still keep'n it real". This high school event has gathered youth from the entire diocese for years with crowds at recent Jamborees topping 1100. Mike Patin will keynote. He has been a leading speaker evangelist in Catholic youth ministry for many years. Tim Smith, an up and coming artist from OCP, will provide a house band, concert and workshops on Christian music. We have 14 workshops in all, service opportunities, food, metro inflatables, great liturgy, music and a crowd of teens being inspired to keep Jesus in their lives. Let's make this a truly diocesan event with every parish recruiting adults to come with their high school teens to Jamboree 2006 at the Lansing Center, November 5.

## PARISH BASED TRAINING FOR ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEES

**Goal 3, Strategy F: Establish an adult faith formation committee.**

This 10-hour training program can be scheduled at your parish at your choosing. Includes practical, ready-to-use approaches for developing and energizing adult faith formation. Call: [Pete Ries](#) at 517-342-2486.

## NUTS & BOLTS CONFERENCE

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

Call [Kimmel](#) at 517-342-2484 today! We will be at the Weber Inn in Ann Arbor, August 25-27. Our theme will be "Prayer & Worship" with youth & young adults. Workshop tracks include *prayer and worship*, *basic youth ministry*, *catechist formation* and *basic young adult ministry training*. The conference is for adult catechists, DREs, CYMs, religion teachers in our schools, youth ministry and young adult ministry team leaders. Check with your parish for registration materials.

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES:

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

### Ministry With Families - 101

Time is running out to register for this training experience to be held at the Diocesan Center on Monday and Tuesday, September 18-19, 2006. This introductory formation experience is for all whose ministry efforts touch families. Registration forms are available within each parish and from the Office of Family Life Ministries at 517-342-2471. **Registration forms must be received no later than August 25, 2006.**

### FOCCUS Facilitator Training

FOCCUS facilitator training will be conducted at the Diocesan Center, Lansing on **four consecutive Wednesday evenings, beginning on October 4, 2006, at 7:00pm**. Each session will last about two hours. This training is for new and experienced FOCCUS facilitators. New FOCCUS manuals and materials may be purchased from the Diocese or direct from FOCCUS Inc. for the same cost. Contact: 517-342-2555 or [tfogle@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:tfogle@dioceseoflansing.org).

## DIOCESAN CALENDAR AUGUST - OCTOBER 2006

8/15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - USA 8:00am Virtus Facilitator Training - Bethany House, DeWitt 10:00am - 2:00pm Lansing Catholic Campus Ministers Association Meeting - St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor	9/18-19	8:00am - 4:00pm Nat'l Assoc. of Family Life Ministers Leadership Training - Ministry With Families 101 - Diocesan Center
8/16	Virtus Facilitator Training - Bethany House, DeWitt 9:30am - 12:00pm DRE Advisory Committee Mtg. - Diocesan Center	9/20	9:30am - 12:00pm Legal Issues In-service - Dioc. Center
8/17	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton	9/21-22	NACARE Region VI Meeting - Weber Center, Ann Arbor
8/19	8:30am Protecting God's Children Awareness Session - St. Mary Parish, Chelsea 9:30am - 3:30pm Conversations in Ministry - Diocesan Center	9/21	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Diocesan Center
8/21	6:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center	9/24	American Evangelization Appeal
8/22	6:30 - 9:00pm Family Life - Newly Married Subcommittee - Diocesan Center	9/26	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 6:30 - 9:00pm Remarriage Facilitator Meeting - Diocesan Center
8/24	7:00pm Institution of Acolyte - Permanent Diaconate (12 men) Mass - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing	9/29-10/1	Permanent Deacon Community Annual Convocation - Shanty Creek Resort & Club, Bellaire, MI
8/25-27	Nuts & Bolts Conference for Youth & Young Adult Ministry - Weber Inn, Ann Arbor	10/2-3	Michigan/Ohio Diocesan Directors of Youth Ministry
8/30	9:30am - 2:30pm Diocesan Adult Education Conference - Diocesan Center	10/2-5	28th Annual Presbyteral Convocation - McGuire's Resort, Cadillac, MI
9/4	Labor Day - Diocesan Central Services Closed	10/5	9:30am - 12:00pm Lansing Region DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Meeting - TBA
9/6	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan CAFE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 12:00 - 3:00pm Diocesan Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	10/7	5:00pm Confirmation - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flint
9/7	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center	10/8	12:00pm Confirmation - Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson
9/12	9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	10/9-11	Pre-Commissioning Retreat - SFRC, DeWitt
9/13	10:00am - 3:00pm Diocesan Worship Committee - Diocesan Center	10/9-13	Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions National Mtg. - Omaha, NB
9/16	1:00pm Protecting God's Children Awareness Session - St. Joseph Academy, Adrian 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, Dexter	10/9	7:00pm Confirmation - St. John the Evangelist, Fenton
9/17	Catechetical Sunday - Theme: <i>Who Do You Say I Am?</i>	10/10	9:30am - 12:00pm Jackson & Lenawee/Hillsdale Regions DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Mtg. - TBA
		10/11	9:30am - 12:00pm Livingston & Washtenaw Regions DRE/CYM Pastoral Ministers Mtg. - TBA
		10/12-13	8:00am NCCL Provincial Meeting - Augustine Cntr., Conway, MI
		10/12	9:00am - 12:00pm Genesee/Owasso Region DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Mtg. - TBA 1:30 - 3:30pm Dioc. Coord. Comm. Mtg. - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. John the Baptist, Hartland

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