

De Sales Center

Offers quality programs for deaf and hard of hearing people and their families

1124 Ventura Drive, Brooklyn, MI 49230

517-414-0784

www.desales.org

Rainbow Homes

Provides housing and supportive services to developmentally disabled

2111 Adelpha Street, Apt. B, Holt, MI 48842

517-699-8454

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

Mother Teresa House

Care for the terminally ill

P.O. Box 13004, Lansing, MI 48901

517-484-5494

www.mothershouse.org

The Farm of the Child

Located in Trujillo, Honduras. It meets the needs of Orphaned or abandoned children in Central America

1616 Nottingham Knoll Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32225

727 475-4459

www.farmofthechild.org

Project Rachel

A post-abortive healing ministry offering opportunities for healing through specially trained priests and professionals.

407 S. Mechanic Street, Jackson, MI 49201

517-782-4430 or 877-342-2513

www.dioceseoflansing.org/catholiccharities/project_rachel/projectrachel.html

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“CHARITIES FOR CHARITY”

On January 25, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI released his first encyclical - Deus Caritas Est (God is Love). In it, the Holy Father explores Christian charity and encourages us to participate in the corporal works of mercy. As the Advent and Christmas season continue, many of us face the challenge of how to remember others during this season. One way is to challenge the culture of materialism by reaching out to others less fortunate than ourselves. Below is contact information for donating to the poor through our Catholic Charities agencies:

Catholic Charities of Lenawee

199 N. Broad Street

Adrian, MI 49221

517-264-6080

Catholic Social Services of Livingston County

2020 E. Grand River, Suite 104

Howell, MI 48843

517-545-5944

Catholic Charities of Jackson

1522 Joy Street

Jackson, MI 49203

517-782-2551

Cristo Rey Community Center

1717 N. High Street

Lansing, MI 48906

517-372-4700

Catholic Outreach

P.O. Box 815

Flint, MI 48501

810-234-4693

Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee

901 Chippewa Street

Flint, MI 48503

810-232-9950

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw

4925 Packard Road

Ann Arbor, MI 48108

734-971-9781

St. Vincent Catholic Charities

2800 West Willow Street

Lansing, MI 48917

517-886-1150

In addition, here are suggestions for other groups performing the corporal works of mercy:

Dukette Catholic School

Provides Catholic education to inner-city students

530 W. Pierson Rd.

Flint, MI 48505-3198

81- 785-4743

www.dukette.catholicweb.com

Jackson Regeneration Group

Assists ex-offenders to become productive citizens

120 E. Wesley Street

Jackson, MI 49201

517-937-5049

MINISTRY TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN OF THE INCARCERATED

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

Statistical evidence shows that 70% of children of incarcerated offenders will someday be incarcerated themselves. This is certainly a startling number considering that Michigan is one of the nation's leaders in people sentenced to prison. Somehow this cycle of incarceration must be broken. The Diocese of Lansing, Office of Restorative Justice, is working toward this goal through its **Ministry to Families and Children of the Incarcerated**. If you are interested in supporting this program, call: Mr. Bob Vogel at 517-342-2499.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Activities, programs and events focusing on Black Catholic Ministry for all dioceses in Michigan and Ohio can now be found on the **National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) Region 6 (Michigan & Ohio) Weblog**.

The site address is <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/blackcatholic/weblog.html>.

Hosted by the Office of Black Catholic Ministry for the Diocese of Lansing, the blog is specifically for Region 6 Directors to post announcements, events, commentaries, information, links to other websites, etc. The first of its kind in the US, the blog (in addition to the regular BCM website) will keep you updated as to what is going on in the Michigan & Ohio areas of interest to Black Catholics. Contact: Ron Landfair at 517-342-2496 or at rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

February 16-18, 2007

Call: 517-342-2470

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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.

- Saturday, January 27, 2007, 11:00am - 12:00pm, St. Patrick Parish, Brighton
- Saturday, January 27, 2007, 1:00 - 3:00pm, St. Casimir Parish, Lansing
- Monday, January 29, 2007, 7:00 - 9:00pm, St. Martha Parish, Okemos
- Saturday, February 3, 2007, 9:00 - 11:00am, St. Robert Parish, Flushing
- Sunday, February 11, 2007, 5:00 - 6:00pm, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Davison
- Thursday, February 15, 2007, 7:00 - 9:00pm, St. Joseph Parish, Dexter
- Thursday, February 15, 2007, 7:00 - 9:00pm, Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Jackson

Pre-registration is required. Contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

NFP CLASSES OFFERED IN THE DIOCESE OF LANSING

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.

Four-part classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method as taught by Couple to Couple League (CCL) will be available as follows:

- Sunday, January 21, 2007, 2:00 - 4:00pm at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, taught by Theodoros and Kari Teknos. Call: Jolynn Schafer to register at 734-429-0603.
- Saturday, February 17, 2007, 10:00am - 12:30pm at Caritas Center for Women's Health in Ann Arbor by Albert and Becky Faraj. Call: Jolynn Schafer to register at 734-429-0603.
- Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 7:00 - 9:30pm at St. Joseph Hospital in Saline by Lee and Liz Strang. Call: Strangs to register at 734-439-2217.
- Saturday, February 24, 2007, 10:00am - 12:00pm, at St. John the Evangelist Family Center with Frank and Lisa Kudwa. Call: Robin DuCap at 810-653-2377 to register.

Three additional class periods will meet after the first date for each of these classes. Contact: 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

CHRISTMAS MASS IN ASL

The Catholic Deaf/HH Community will celebrate Christmas Mass at St. Mary Cathedral, 219 Seymour Street, Lansing on December 24 at 4:00pm, followed by a supper in the Diocesan Center. On Christmas Day, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am in the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist Church at 600 N. Adelaide Street, Fenton, MI. Father Ken McKenna will be the celebrant for both liturgies, which will be signed in ASL. Contact: Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 TTY/V or smithroj@cablespeed.com.

VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES

Flint Area Chapter - Days of Renewal Retreats for persons with disAbilities. January 20, 2007
Mini MR Retreat Day held at St. Pius X Parish Center in Flint, Michigan.
Call: Jean Haines (Coordinator) at 810-732-1068.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

FDA WANTS PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING MATERIALS USED TO CREATE VACCINES

The United States Food and Drug Administration is requesting comments and feedback regarding the guidelines that they have issued to pharmaceutical companies that produce vaccinations. The guidelines in question, Docket Number 2006D-0383, pertain to the developing of vaccines which are created using either ethical cell lines or cell lines, both new and existing, from aborted babies. **The FDA will accept public responses to the guidelines from citizens of any country until December 28, 2006.**

Part of the controversy surrounding modern day vaccinations lies in the fact that some vaccinations originate from unethical cell lines. That is, the cellular material used to produce the vaccines is taken from the body of an aborted baby. Critics of such vaccinations assert that there are several adequate and ethical cell sources that could be used to create vaccinations. Japan currently uses a rubella vaccine that was initially produced and subsequently reproduced from ethical cell lines. (See full story at <http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2006/nov/06110107.html>) Contact: FDA directly at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/comments/CO> or by US mail at: Division of Dockets Management HFA-305, Food & Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061, Rockville, MD 20852

CRISTO REY COMMUNITY CENTER

In 2006, Cristo Rey initiated a partnership with other agencies to provide additional service for the Greater Lansing community. A summary of those new programs are as follows:

1. In a collaboration with Lenawee, Shiawassee, Washtenaw, Jackson and Adrian Catholic Social Service Agencies, Cristo Rey will provide Substance Abuse Counseling to parolees in the Ingham, Clinton and Eaton Counties.
2. In a partnership with the Lansing Diocese Rainbow Ministry, Cristo Rey Health Clinic will provide medical care to parolees referred to the Clinic by the Rainbow Ministry.
3. Cristo Rey has formed a partnership with the Thomas Cooley Law School and the Legal Service of South Central Michigan to provide legal service to the community. Cooley Law School provides this service the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00 - 5:00pm and Legal Service of South Central Michigan provides this service from 1:00 - 4:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month.
4. The Mexican Consul brought his Mobile Consulate Office to Cristo Rey on Saturday, September 9, 2006 and has agreed to bring his office to Cristo Rey every year. During those visits, Mexican citizens can apply for Passports and Matricula Consulares.
5. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has agreed to come to Cristo Rey and provide information and technical assistance to both individuals and employers the third Wednesday of each month when their service is needed.
6. With a grant from AT&T, Cristo Rey Community Center updated its website to be more informative on the services we provide to the general public.

Call: 517-372-4700 or visit us at 1717 N. High Street, Lansing.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The Annual **March for Life** in Washington, DC takes place on the weekend of January 20-22, 2007. The Diocese of Lansing will be well represented with buses journeying from St. Mary, Pinckney, St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor and Most Holy Trinity, Fowler. Please contact each of these parishes if you would like more information regarding the times and locations of departure and return.

MARYKNOLL PRODUCTION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

In January 2007, your local PBS stations will be presenting a Maryknoll documentary on human trafficking, *Lives for Sale*. All who are participating in the **One Diocese, One Book** club are asked to view this and discuss the contents within your parish.

The Lansing area PBS show will be aired on January 16 at 9:00pm, Jan. 18 at 11:00pm and Jan. 23 at 11:00pm. Please call your local stations to determine the times for your area. Contact: Life Justice Office with information to share with other parishes at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

BRILLE EMBOSSER

Ministry with Persons with disAbilities has acquired a Braille Embosser and is offering our services to persons who are blind and read Braille in your parish. All you need to do is send a Word or Word Perfect document by e-mail to our office. We can then format your document into braille.

We are already brailleing hymns for a person who is blind at St. Mary Cathedral each week and we have received a request from St. Joseph Shrine to have their parish bulletin brailled. Contact: Joann at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

Helpful websites:

- <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/pastoralplanning/diocoordcomm.html>
- <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/voicesalive/pastissues.html>
(In the November issue)
- <http://faithmag.com/>
(Upper right hand corner titled, *Will My Parish Close? Special Report*)

PARISH REVIEW PROCESS

As we begin the Parish Review process, there will be opportunities for small group discussions. Here are some discussion starters:

Section I:

1. How do worship services help members of the parish community make the connection between:
 - Worship and work
 - Liturgy and life in the family
 - Community and the workplace
2. How effective is our parish as a worshipping community? Does our parish celebration of Eucharist move people to action?
3. How effective is our parish in forming people to participate in a meaningful way in the life and mission of the parish? How are parishioners invited to become involved in the life and mission of the parish?

Section II:

1. How can our parish family reach out in a more meaningful ways to:
 - youth
 - young adults
2. What can be done to increase awareness of vocations to priesthood, religious life, permanent diaconate and lay ecclesial ministry in our parish?
3. What actions can be taken to enrich adult faith formation in our parish?
4. What plan of action does our parish need to take to increase the awareness of "life" issues?

PASTORAL PLANNING

SHARING THE WEALTH... SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLESHIP

The Pastoral Planning Office has seen a wealth of good ideas come to life as the work of pastoral planning goes on in our parishes. Since March, we have been featuring one of these ideas via the "[Sharing the Wealth...](#)" link on the diocesan web page. We have fleshed-out each idea in an article that tells you everything you need to know, including contacts who will help you get started. As we add one each month, it is becoming an impressive array of success stories.

This month we feature the "School for Discipleship" and detail how the staff at St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton, has incorporated in it a systematic, academic approach to adult faith formation. Now in its second year, it integrates a multi-course syllabus to provide a comprehensive understanding of what we believe and of the theology behind our catechism. It is primarily intended for personal development, but the program also permits participants who want to go into ministry to apply the completed courses for advanced standing in the ministerial formation programs. Check out the school via the "[Sharing the Wealth...](#)" link on our website.

THE PARISH REVIEW AND SCHOOL REVIEW PROCESS CONTINUES

Four regional meetings were held in early November and 455 participants were trained in the completion of the review instruments. Some interesting questions surfaced during the training sessions and two will be highlighted here:

*Do parishes really understand why they are being asked to complete this review process? Four study days were held in Fall 2005. Clergy statistics, clergy retirement projections and shifting demographic information was presented. These study days resulted in the appointment by Bishop Mengeling of the Diocesan Coordinating Commission. The major responsibility of the Commission is to review parish structures and make sure that the sacramental, pastoral and leadership needs of all our people are being met. The parish and school review process will result in the most current information out of which recommendations affecting our parishes will be made. These study days were held in response to our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, **Goal 4.1: Clearly define present roles and create new roles in the Church to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of people; and, Goal 4.2: Effectively deploy clergy to improve sacramental and pastoral ministry.***

The second question asked was: *How can we be sure that the qualitative answers needed in the review process are considered and answered reflectively?* Answers to qualitative responses never come easy. The process used to arrive at the responses is as important as the response itself. One helpful way to arrive at the response is to ask small groups of parishioners the questions and have them share in the struggle. No one or no few parishioners can speak for all the parishioners and the most reflective response will come from sharing the conversation.

FORMATION

Congratulations to the Lay Ecclesial Ministers commissioned on November 4, 2006 by Bishop Mengeling: **Mary Kathryn Carey**, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson; **Jan Gravel**, Holy Family, Grand Blanc; **Marie Agnes Sheridan**, St. Agnes, Fowlerville; **Margaret Ellen York**, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson.

The **All Ministers Retreat** will take place at St. Francis Retreat Center from Tuesday, January 23 until Thursday, January 25, 2007. The theme will be *“Cultivating Pastoral Praxis - Growing in Professional Practice”* (National Certification Standards 4 & 5). The retreat directors will be Michael Andrews, Director of Catechesis and Nancy Joseph, Director of Lay Ecclesial Ministry. Contact: Nancy Joseph at 517-342-2512 or njoseph@dioceseoflansing.org.

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January 8-11 the annual Region VI Forum for Pastoral Leadership will be held at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor. The theme is: *“Sabbath: Finding Rest and Rhythm”* with Wayne Muller and Sister Mary Frances Uicker as presenters and facilitators. Registration brochures were mailed to all pastors and pastoral coordinators via the DOL October mailing. Please share them with all your staff, including: Deacons, Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education, Youth Ministers, Pastoral Associates, etc. and return your registration and payment as indicated on the brochure. Remember, you must also make your own room reservations directly with Weber's Inn. If you have questions or need a registration form for the Region VI Forum, please contact: Arlene in the Priestly Life & Ministry Office at 517-342-2510 or awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org.

February 8

Priest Book Club

Meet at St. Patrick's Rectory, Brighton at 2:00pm

Title: Atticus by Ron Hansen

Price: \$11.05 at Amazon.com

If you will be attending, contact: Fr. Karl Pung at 810-229-9863 or pastor@stpatchurch.org

February 15 & 16

Ongoing Formation Event with Father Anthony Krisak at St. Mary, Pinckney. Theme: *From Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and the Revitalization of the Parish.* A

shortened form of the presentation will be Thursday, February 15, 6:00 - 9:00pm, beginning with a light supper. The entire presentation will be Friday, February 16, 10:00am - 3:00pm. This is a rescheduling of the event originally planned for last May but cancelled due to the illness of Father Rivers. This event is offered for Parish Leaders, Priests, Deacons and Lay Ecclesial Ministers and is being co-sponsored by the Formation Department and Diocesan Evangelization Office. For more information, please contact: Fr. Jerry Vincke at 517-342-2507 or jvincke@dioceseoflansing.org or Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 or pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

March 1

Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection with Bishop

Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

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

August 17

LUGNUTS GAME - family night for vocations

August 18

Conversations in Ministry

- possibly Fr. Dan Jones to present on Sacred Scripture

October 8-11

29th Annual Presbyteral Convocation

McGuire's - Cadillac

ONE DAY RETREAT

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

Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Directors of Evangelization, Pastoral Associates: plan to attend the Pastoral Ministers/Administrators Retreat Thursday, February 22, 9:00am - 3:00pm at Bethany House, DeWitt. Fr. Karl Pung will lead this day of reflection, sharing and relaxation with others involved in educational, catechetical and pastoral ministry. The material will be sent after Christmas. Contact: Claudia Kaloz at 517-342-2482 or ckaloz@dioceseoflansing.org.

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 Columbus, Ohio, April 22-26. This is intended for all catechetical leaders. Registration materials will be sent after Christmas. Ask your DRE or go to www.nccl.org. Contact: Michael Andrews at 517-342-2479, mandrews@dioceseoflansing.org or Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS

TWO CURSILLO WEEKENDS have been scheduled for this spring. The Men's Cursillo will take place on March 8-11, 2007 and the Women's Cursillo on March 22-25, 2007. The weekends will take place early in Lent at Camp Dainava, which is five miles west of Manchester. This is an excellent way to prepare for the Lenten journey.

Contact: Maria Jaimez, Adian at 517-265-2720, Gene Myers, Flint at 810-234-3693, Nancy Tuckey, Jackson at 517-784-5257 or Msgr. Fedewa, Lansing at 989-587-4379. Visit us at Lansingcursillo.org.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CAFÉ



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

The Nativity Story gives adult faith formation program leaders an opportunity for some innovative programming built around a current popular movie heavily laden with Christian values and references to our faith. Two resources for personal and small group use include:

The Nativity Story: Contemplating Mary's Journeys of Faith and **The Nativity Story: A Film Study Guide for Catholics**. The first contains eleven chapters each written from a different perspective by eleven women. Reflection/discussion questions follow each chapter. The second resource contains a) an introduction to the film, b) a personal film study guide with scripture study, journaling questions and film study questions, c) a group study guide laid out in five thematic sections with discussion questions and d) a whole community catechesis approach with a process and key questions for adults, teens and children for the Sunday readings from the First Sunday of Advent through Epiphany. These resources can be ordered from Pauline Books and Media at 312-346-4228.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Goal 7.1: Engage youth, college students and young adults through ministry and creative programming.

Thank you to all Jamboree committee members and presenters in this year's Jamboree. It was an incredible program with over 1000 in attendance.

The next big event is the **Middle School Rally** at Lansing Catholic High School on March 10. Featured keynote is Jesse Manibussan.

Youth Events Planning Committees and the Diocesan Youth Advisory Committee meet Saturday, December 9, at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Brighton, 10:00am. We have 56 youth and about 25 adults on our four committees. It's our biggest sign-up ever. Praise God for ministry with, to, by and for youth.

The date for **Mass and Brunch with the Bishop** for young adults, 18-38, will be March 18 at IHM Church in Lansing. 11:30am Mass will be followed by a young adult brunch with Bishop Mengeling.

State Young Adult Conference is March 31 at St. John's Center in Plymouth. Young adults from both the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Diocese of Lansing planned this event. Keynote is Bob Rice.

We are still in need of regional representation at our **Diocesan Young Adult Advisory Committee**. If you have an active young adult ministry in your parish, please call: Pat Rinker at 517-342-2485 in order to be part of creating regional cooperation and diocesan response to the needs of young adults.

DIOCESAN EVANGELIZATION

CONFERENCE/ONGOING FORMATION EVENT

Goal 2, Strategy B: Design and implement a systematic plan for evangelization.

Go to the Formation Department page of this issue for more specific information. Dates are February 15 and 16, 2007. The location is St. Mary, Pinckney. Mark your calendars. Registration brochure to follow.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

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.

Livingston Region (and St. John, Fenton)

St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton

Saturday, February 24, 11:00am

Lansing and Jackson Regions

St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

Sunday, February 25, 3:00pm

Washtenaw and Lenawee/Hillsdale Regions

Christ the King, Ann Arbor

Saturday, March 3, 11:00am

Genesee/Owosso Region

St. John the Evangelist, Davison

Sunday, March 4, 3:00pm

Call : 517-342-2480

NATIONAL PASTORAL PLAN FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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



Sections of the pastoral on adult faith formation are being cited for consideration by parish leaders and parish adult education committees. To order a copy for \$5.95 plus shipping, contact: Margaret Grima at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org.

A) some theory: “What does mature adult faith look like in those who respond generously to God’s call? The *General Directory for Catechesis* says that it is ‘a living, explicit and fruitful confession of faith’. A full and rich development of these three characteristics is what we aim for in adult catechesis and Christian living.” (P. 16)

B) some implication: “A living faith is a searching faith – it ‘seeks understanding’.” (P. 17) “Adult faith is clearly and explicitly rooted in a personal relationship with Jesus lived in the Christian community.” (P. 18) “Mature faith is open to the action and power of God’s Spirit and cannot remain idle or unproductive. Where the Spirit is active, faith is fruitful.” (P. 19)

C) some strategy: Parish adult education can give the opportunity to ask questions in a safe environment which does not criticize doubt but allows an honest search for meaning. Parish adult education provides not only knowledge but also an experience of Christian community leading to a deepening of one’s relationship with Jesus. Parish programming can give some avenues which lead to concrete actions of service.

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, Thursday, January 11, 12:00pm to Friday, January 12, 1:00pm at Bethany House, DeWitt. Theme will be: Differing Ecclesiologies in the Church Today: Implications and Challenges for Ministry. The event will include opportunity for networking with diocesan and parish leaders, brainstorming uses for the new *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* and reports on national developments in faith formation. Registration fee and four meals is \$65 and overnight lodging is \$40. Contact: Margaret Grima at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org. Registration deadline has been extended to **December 24**.

PARISH STAFF

Goal 4, Strategy C: Utilize multiple educational institutions, diocesan central office personnel and financial resources to form and educate people for ministry.

If you have never had a course in program administration, we call your attention to *Ministry, Management and Leadership*, a three credit course being offered at St. Pius X, Flint on Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:00pm, beginning January 11 and Saturday afternoons at the Diocesan Center, Lansing, 1:00 - 4:00pm, beginning January 13. Everyone in organized ministry for adults, teens or children will find this course useful for their work. Call: 517-342-2512 for a registration form.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR DECEMBER - FEBRUARY 2006/2007

12/17	Third Sunday of Advent ~ Year C	1/24	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan CAFE Advisory Committee [Diocesan Center]
12/24	Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ Year C		12:00 - 3:00pm Diocesan Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
12/25-1/1	Diocesan Central Services Closed	1/25	11th Anniversary of the episcopal ordination, Bishop Carl Mengeling
12/25	Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day	1/27	9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor
12/31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 6:30pm Young Adult New Year's Eve Party - TBA	1/28-2/3	Catholic Schools Week
1/1	BVM, Mother of God ~ NOT a Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	1/28	11:00am Confirmation - St. Rita, Clarklake
1/4	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center	1/29	10:00am Catholic Schools Week Liturgy - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing
1/6	9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor	1/30-2/4	National Diocesan Directors of Youth Ministry Mtg.
1/7	The Epiphany of the Lord	1/30	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
1/8-12	Vocation Awareness Week	2/1	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center
1/8-11	Region VI Forum for Pastoral Leadership - Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor	2/3	9:00am - 3:30pm Diocesan Liturgy & Music Conference - St. Patrick, Brighton 9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor
1/8	The Baptism of the Lord		4:30pm Confirmation - St. Michael, Grand Ledge
1/9	9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Comm. - Dioc. Center 6:30pm - 9:00pm Remarriage Seminar Facilitator Meeting - Diocesan Center	2/5	6:30 - 9:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center
1/11-12	Michigan Gathering of Parish & Diocesan Catechetical Leaders - Bethany House, DeWitt	2/7	9:30am - 12:00pm DRE Advisory Comm. - Dioc. Center
1/13-15	TEC Retreat [TBA]	2/8-9	NACARE Region VI Meeting - Weber Center, Adrian
1/13	10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events Planning - IHM, Lansing 3:00pm - DYAC Overnight Planning Mtg. Lansing	2/10	10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events Planning Committee - Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson 11:00am Confirmation - St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor
1/14	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am - 1:00pm DYAC Overnight Planning Mtg. - Lansing	2/11	12:00pm Confirmation - St. Michael, Flint
1/18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	2/15	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 6:00 - 9:00pm Ongoing Formation/Diocesan Evangelization Conference - St. Mary, Pinckney
1/18	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 6:15pm Dioc. Board of Educ. & Catechesis - Dioc. Center	2/16	10:00am - 3:00pm Ongoing Formation/Diocesan Evangelization Conference - St. Mary, Pinckney
1/22	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Casimir, Lansing		
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