

A misguided understanding of “love” for pregnant women results in advocates of abortion proclaiming that women make a “loving” decision to end the life of their children. Americans who support euthanasia have a mistaken form of “love” for those who are terminally ill or those with severe medical conditions who are in their care. Advocacy for the cultivation and use of embryonic stem cells is a result of a distortion of “love” for those who have terminal illnesses and debilitating disabilities.

In the realm of marriage and childbearing, unattached, engaged and married couples utilize contraception and sterilization to show how much they “love” one another and their children by postponing or preventing future children altogether. We call the marital embrace “making love” for a reason!

True love involves sacrifice and selflessness. To be truly loving also requires the humility to accept the service and care of others. Real love is reciprocal and requires trust. Deus Caritas Est is a modest proposal for all Christians to undertake an investigation, understanding and application of what it means to be truly loving in an age where we have lost what it means “to love.”

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DEUS CARITAS EST

January 25, 2006 saw the release of Deus Caritas Est (“God is Love”), the first encyclical letter of Pope Benedict XVI. [Zenit.org](#) reported that “Benedict XVI’s first encyclical has sold a record 500,000 copies since its release.”

Why did the Holy Father choose love as the topic for his first encyclical? Pope Benedict answered this question in an address to the participants of a pontifical council meeting: “Today the word “love” is so tarnished, so spoiled and so abused, that one is almost afraid to pronounce it with one’s lips. And yet it is a primordial word...we cannot simply abandon it, we must take it up again, purify it and give back to it its original splendor so that it might illuminate our life and lead it on the right path.”

It would be beneficial for all Christians to undertake reading the encyclical. It is relatively short - only 25 pages of text. The first part of the encyclical explains two of the several meanings of love. The Holy Father discusses the intersection and differences between eros and agape. He begins by calling eros “that love between man and woman which is neither planned nor willed, but somehow imposes itself upon human beings” (paragraph 3, Deus Caritas Est). Agape, on the other hand, is “God’s love for man” - which is also noted in Gaudium et Spes, from the documents of Vatican II - a love that is “a total gift of self.” The Holy Father explains in great clarity how these definitions of love are both expressions of our Triune God.

The second part of Deus Caritas Est addresses the concept of Christian charity. This includes highlighting the corporal works of mercy in the Church, beginning with the institution of the diaconate and culminating in exhorting all those who work in charitable works for the Church who are “an agent of love” (paragraph 37, Deus Caritas Est).

The timing of this encyclical is evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in every age. We live in an age where misapplication of the meaning of “love” leads many people on the road to despair and destruction.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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

Local Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Applications are available. Contact: Vince Gale at 517-342-2470 or vgale@dioceseoflansing.org.

ENCUENTRO

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.

The Encuentro process is alive! Encuentro means to Encounter. Hispanic young people throughout the diocese have gathered to talk about their reality and challenges, to reflect on the Scriptures and to find ways they can use their gifts to respond to challenges they face. The Encuentro process has a series of consulting and dialog sessions to develop a plan to integrate the participation of the Hispanic young people at all leadership levels, particularly in the parish and the diocese. This process helps to identify areas where formation and support are needed for the Hispanic young people. It gathers the Hispanic young people at the following settings: parish, diocesan (held January 22), regional (five states will come together February 17-19 in Grand Rapids) and national (June 8-11 at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana). Call: [Rocio Zamarron](mailto:Rocio.Zamarron@dioceseoflansing.org), Encuentro Process Coordinator, at 517-342-2498.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

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

Catholic Relief Services Annual Collection will be March 25 and 26, the fourth Sunday in Lent. Contact: Vince Gale at 517-342-2470 or vgale@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



CAREGIVER/DISABILITY RETREAT DAY

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

Ministry with Persons with disAbilities will host a retreat day at St. Mary Parish, Williamston on Saturday, March 25, 2006 beginning at 1:30pm and ending with the celebration of Mass at 4:30pm. Caregiver presenter is Tony Sperendi, Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Therese Parish, Lansing. Persons with disAbilities presenter is Joann Davis and Sr. Marlene Taylor, AD. Please make reservations by contacting: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

DEAF FAMILY RETREAT

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

The Diocese has sponsored retreats for Deaf adults for many years. This year the retreat will be designed for families with Deaf members – including children and students. The Deaf Family Retreat will be held at DeSales Center in Brooklyn, Michigan from Friday evening, March 24 through Sunday morning, March 26. Registration forms will be forthcoming. For more information, contact: Deaf/HH Ministry office at 517-342-2532 or rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org.

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.

National Alcohol Screening Day: This one-day event, scheduled for April 6, 2006, provides an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of the issues of alcohol abuse and the opportunities for treatment within the local community. For more information, contact: 781-239-0071 or www.NationalAlcoholAwarenessScreeningDay.org.

PROJECT RACHEL

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

Project Rachel is offering a Rachel's Vineyard (Post Abortion) Retreat in early March. For more information on the retreat or to get general information about Project Rachel, call: 517-782-4430 or 1-888-541-4878. If you need urgent assistance, call 517-262-0466.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

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

There will be a Divorce Recovery Workshop at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 530 Elizabeth Street, Ann Arbor. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays (February 14 thru April 4, 2006) from 7:00 - 9:00pm. This is for any person divorced or who has filed for divorce. Cost: \$40.00. Price includes revised participant book by James Greteman, CSC. For more information, call: Virginia Mikola at 734-994-9194.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



INTRODUCTION TO NFP 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.

The Introduction to Natural Family Planning classes will be offered as follows:

- Sunday, February 19, 2006 at 2:30pm, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing
- Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 7:30pm, St. Agnes Parish, Fowlerville
- Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 7:00pm, St. Casimir Parish, Lansing
- Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 7:00pm, St. Gerard Parish, Lansing
- Sunday, March 19, 2006 at 2:00pm, St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, Jackson

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

NFP SYMPTO-THERMAL METHOD

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.

Couple to Couple League (CCL) will offer a course in the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Hamburg beginning Saturday, March 4, 2006 at 9:00am. Pre-registration is REQUIRED by calling: Heidi or Eric Zachmann, who are a certified CCL teaching couple at 810-225-8741.

CATHOLIC STUDENT LEGISLATIVE DAY ESSAY CONTEST

Goal 5, Strategy F: Educate and advocate for local, state, national and international social justice issues.

On March 29, approximately 70 high school students will come to the Diocesan Center to attend a day of education and inspiration regarding their responsibility as Catholics, citizens and policy makers. Students who do not attend Catholic high school are welcome to attend as well as home schoolers. Lesson plans are available upon request for use prior to the day. There will also be an essay contest focused on the topic of Catholic thought and political response. First place in the contest will receive \$150.00, second \$100.00 and third \$50.00. The essays must be postmarked by March 15, 2006 to be considered. For more information and the essay contest rules, please contact: Rory Hoipkemier at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

CCMI

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

Christians Concerned about Mental Illness (CCMI) monthly meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00pm. These meetings are a chance to pray and share stories. If you are unable to attend our meetings, we have a monthly newsletter. Contact: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 33RD MARCH FOR LIFE *Goal 5, Strategy F: Educate and advocate for local, state, national and international social justice issues.*

As the Director of Life Justice, I was privileged to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC, now, sadly, in its 33rd year. In that time, the Supreme Court has reaffirmed a women's right to kill her unborn child up to the day of birth for any reason she deems necessary. One can easily despair to think of such monstrous acts being performed 4,000 plus times per day in our democracy. Participating in the March for Life, however, brings hope and renews faith; in Our Lord, His Church and the people who love Him. There was such a tremendous sense of love, concern, dedication and joy among the approximate 200,000 people who marched, prayed, sang and supported one another.

The rally speakers included Orthodox Jews, Protestants and Catholics, clergy and laymen, young and old. In spite of drizzling rain and plenty of mud, the atmosphere was electric with real joy. Everyone sensed that we are getting closer to ending this national disgrace of abortion. We understood the consequences of the most liberal abortion laws in the Western world (only China is as outrageous). All there were willing to sacrifice time, energy and money to support the women and their children.

The Youth Rally and Mass were attended by over 20,000 youth in a huge sports auditorium. To see countless young Catholics in orderly communion lines in such a place is a touch of heaven on earth. Pray for an end to abortion, for a conversion of hearts for those who believe the children must die and for support for the mother and child born in difficult straits.

WANTED: NFP TEACHERS & FACILITATORS

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

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



FAMILY MINISTRY MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

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

Do you have a great idea for a project or program that serves families and/or children in the Diocese of Lansing? Do you need some financial assistance to make it happen? If so, the Family Ministry Mini-Grant program may be just what you are looking for. Grants for up to \$750.00 are available for projects that service parishes, schools, regions or diocesan groups. The Family Ministry Mini-Grant Program is designed to provide creative, family/youth-oriented programs for whom funding might otherwise prove difficult or unattainable. For information, eligibility criteria and application packets, call: [Ron Landfair](mailto:Ron.Landfair) at 517-342-2496 or visit our website at: <http://home.catholicweb.com/familyministryminigrantdioceseoflansing>.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



CRISTO REY COMMUNITY CENTER HEALTH CLINIC

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

Cristo Rey Community Center Health Clinic has been providing medical care to low-income Tri-County residents for more than 30 years. We began as an Ingham County Health Department site and later expanded with our own program that was staffed by a Coordinator and volunteer physicians and nurses. In 1989, we had 3,700 patient visits with now over 12,000 annually. In 1996, we expanded and hired a full-time medical director, doctors, nurses, physician assistants, receptionists and clerical staff. In 2000, Cristo Rey expanded the clinic's physical space by 2,400 square feet with 10 examining rooms, 2 treatment rooms, a nurse's station, 3 physician's offices, a lab room, a briefing room and a records room. We also remodeled our old clinic space, adding two new restrooms, a medical reception area, waiting room and medicine closet.

Many of our patients suffer from chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and asthma, which can result in premature mortality or severe complications if left untreated, unmanaged or unmonitored. Unlike other short-term needs (such as communication, food, utilities, rent, clothing or food), lack of health care can result in serious consequences. For example, poorly controlled diabetes can harm the eyes, kidneys, nerves, gums, teeth and blood vessels, possibly resulting in blindness, lower limb amputations and kidney failure. Diabetes can also cause heart disease, stroke and even death if not well controlled. Hypertension increases the risk for heart disease and stroke. High blood pressure can also cause other problems such as heart failure, kidney disease and blindness. The consequences of not managing asthma are substantial; reduced quality of life, missed school and work days, illness, doctor and emergency room visits, hospitalization, financial hardship due to medical bills and even death.

Many of our patients do not have insurance while the rest have Medicaid, Medicare and the Ingham Health Plan that are reimbursed at a much lower rate than actual costs. The reimbursement rates do not cover the costs of care and we need supplemental funding to support the clinic. Our Community Clinic provides access to health care for people who might not otherwise be able to obtain or afford it and accepts uninsured patients, Medicaid, Medicare and Ingham Health Plan patients. In addition to being uninsured and low-income, more than half of our Clinic patients are minorities: 30% Hispanic, 25% African American, 40% Caucasian and 5% Native American. Our staff is bilingual and able to address cultural and language barriers. During the summer, we use mobile clinics to reach rural and other hard-to-reach populations.

RELIGIOUS ASL WEEK AT DE SALES CENTER

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.

The Holley Ear Summer programs will hold a Religious ASL Week from July 23-28, 2006. This week is designed for priests, deacons and seminarians who work with the Deaf community. A separate track will be for certified/qualified interpreters and Deaf lectors who want to improve their ASL skills for interpreting the Sacred Liturgy. Contact: Rose Smith at rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org.

FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2006

- Feb. 23** Pastoral Ministers and Administrators Retreat
Bethany House, DeWitt
9:00am - 3:00pm
- March 11** Deacon Community Lenten Day
St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing - Fr. MAC Hall
9:00am - 3:30pm
Presenter: Fr. Karl Pung
Theme: God's Mercy
- March 23** Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection
Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt
Presenters: Frs. Matthew Fedewa and Douglas Osborn
- May 1-5** Priests' Spring Retreat
Bethany House, DeWitt
Presenter: Fr. Norbert J. Wood, O. Praem
Theme: The Desire for God: The Priest as Man of Prayer
- May 2, 4, 10 & 23** Deacon Formation Board Interviews
Diocesan Center
5:00 - 9:00pm
- May 7** Discernment Day for Diaconate
Noon Mass at Cathedral
1:00 - 4:00pm Madonna Hall
Child care in Theological Library
- May 12** Ongoing Formation Day - sponsored by Formation Dept.
Place: St. Agnes, Fowlerville
9:00am - 3:30pm
Presenter: Fr. Robert Rivers
Theme: Evangelization
- May 23** Social for Senior Priests
Bethany House, DeWitt
11:00am - 2:00pm
- May 23** Gathering for Newly Ordained (last 5 years)
Saint Francis Retreat Center
2:00 - 7:00pm
- July 21** LUGNUTS GAME - family night for vocations
- July 26** Priests' Summer Day
Bethany House, DeWitt

August 10

Rite of Candidacy (20 men)
7:00pm Mass in Cathedral
Reception following in Parish Hall

August 19

Conversations in Ministry
Diocesan Center
Presenter: Dr. Janet Smith
Theme: Theology of the Body

August 24

Institution to Acolyte (12 men)
7:00pm Mass in Cathedral
Reception following in Madonna Hall

September 29 - October 1

Permanent Deacon Community
Annual Convocation
Shanty Creek Resort & Club,
Bellaire, MI
Presenter: Fr. Richard Hogan
Theme: Theology of the Body

October 2 - 5

28th Annual Presbyteral
Convocation
Shanty Creek Resort & Club,
Bellaire, MI
Presenter: Fr. Richard Hogan
Theme: Theology of the Body

October 28

Transitional Deacon Ordination
- John Linden
Queen of the Miraculous Medal,
Jackson
10:30am

2007

May 19

Permanent Deacon Ordination
Saint Mary Cathedral
10:00am

June 9

Priesthood Ordination
Saint Mary Cathedral
10:00am

CERTIFICATION FOR PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADERS

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.

If you have not already done so, request a certification kit or copy, read and fill out appendix 4 in chapter 2 of the Diocesan Handbook for Parish Catechetical Leaders. This process helps the catechetical leader see where they stand in relation to standards for diocesan certification and encourages ongoing faith formation of catechetical leaders thereby modeling lifelong learning for others. Certification helps the parish understand the background and experience of its catechetical leaders in terms which are easily understood. Send your materials to [Michael Andrews](#) or [Pete Ries](#).

REMARRIAGE SEMINAR

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

March 4 & 5, 2006

Maryville Center, Holly

Building Bridges is a Diocesan required two-day retreat for couples preparing for marriage in which one or both partners have been previously married. Topics include: Christian Marriage, Resolving Past Relationships, Stepfamilies, Communication, Family of Origin, Intimacy & Sexuality, Cohabitation, Legal Concerns & Financial Planning.

The cost of the seminar is \$160.00 per couple which includes overnight lodging, meals and materials.

Registration forms can be picked up at the parish office, on-line or by contacting: Margaret Grima, Family Life Ministry, at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CAFÉ



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

From time to time it is necessary to revisit what we mean by the word “adult”. These are the people in our parishes 18-98. Does adult faith formation reflect the wide range of interests and needs? Does the parish adult faith formation committee include representation from that wide age span? Discuss/plan ways of approaching people on either end of the spectrum of “adults”.

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY

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

The Welcome Home Sunday graphic which is used to print the billboards, invitations and the back page of FAITH Magazine can be accessed by contacting: Amy Odigie at 517-342-2592 or aodigie@dioceseoflansing.org.

NEW EVANGELIZATION: OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES

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

March 24-26, at St. John Youth and Family Center, Plymouth, Michigan. Speakers will include Cardinal Avery Dulles, Cardinal Francis George and Fr. Robert Rivers among others. You can register for part or all of this event. Go to www.shmsonline.org for additional information about this conference.

PARISH CATECHETICAL REVIEW

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

If your parish has never done the Review, plan to begin it this year. If you did the Review 5 or more years ago, it is time to do it again.

The Review will be an opportunity to give some concrete, practical direction to the faith formation aspects of your parish’s goals which were derived from doing the Parish Assessment Tool a couple years ago. With that work you concretized how your parish community could live out the 7 diocesan goals resulting from the VOICES process. The Review will allow you to plan specific ways of growing your faith formation programs over the next 5-7 years.

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

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEES

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

This 10-hour training program for adult education committees can be scheduled at your parish at a time of your choosing. It 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 schedule this training for your parish committee.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

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

March 31 - April 2, 2006: St. Joseph Retreat Center, Jackson

Beginning Experience is a weekend program to help grieving single-again persons move from the darkness of their grief into the light of a new beginning and into the future with renewed hope. It helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.

The cost of the seminar is \$120.00 and includes overnight lodging, meals and materials. Contact: Margaret Grima, Family Life Ministry Office at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org.

UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

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

The United States bishops received word that this catechism has been given approval from the Vatican in a decree dated November 22, 2005. The projected publication date is March 31, 2006.

It has been more than five years since the development of this text was first undertaken. The bishops approved the project during their General Assembly in June of 2000. A consultation on a draft outline was conducted in the first part of 2001 and two consultations were held on the full draft of the text, the first in 2002 and the second in 2003. Parish leaders of the Diocese of Lansing submitted input at each stage of the catechism's development. A final text was submitted to the bishops of the United States in 2004 and approved at the General Assembly in November of that year. Required by canon law, the text was submitted to the Congregation for the Clergy for the recognitio in January of 2005.

When the text of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults is published, it will contain two indices: a subject index and a Scriptural index. Two complementary publications are also planned. One will be a Leader's Guide, offering directions and suggestions for uses of the text. Another publication planned is a discussion and prayer journal which will contain the discussion questions, meditations and prayers from the text in a layout which will allow for a reader to make notes. These complementary publications are expected to be available when the text is published or soon thereafter. Spanish language editions of the adult catechism as well as the complementary publications will be released upon completion.

The Office of Evangelization will notify parish leaders about purchase of these materials in the near future.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY

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

Final registration deadline for the Middle School Rally is March 2 for the March 11 event at Jackson Lumen Christi High School. All 6th - 8th graders are welcome to register with their parish. Vince Nims will be our featured speaker/singer. Metro Inflatables will be part of our activities. The event runs from 2:00 - 9:00pm. Go to: Diocese of Lansing/Education & Catechesis/Office of Youth Ministry/Middle School Rally.

HIGH SCHOOL STATE CONGRESS ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

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

...will be held March 10-12 in the Diocese of Gaylord. Representative high school youth and adult leaders will attend this congress. At this time the Lenawee/Hillsdale/Jackson region and the Genesee/Shiawassee regions are not represented for this congress. If you are a parish in those regions and you are interested, call: Pat Rinker at 517-342-2485.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

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

...will be held at St. Thomas in Ann Arbor on April 1. Sal Solo is our featured keynote. We will have 8 workshops, Mass, dinner and dance. See our website for information.

DIOCESAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

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

Camp is June 18-23 at Bethany House. This is an awesome formative experience for our high school leaders. Early deadline for DYLC is March 17. Late deadline is April 7. Materials are available on our website.

COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM

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

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops announced that the new Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a 200-page synthesis of the 1992 Catechism, will be available **March 31.**

DIOCESAN CALENDAR FEBRUARY - MARCH 2006

2/16	1:00 - 4:00pm Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council - St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton	3/11	9:00am - 3:30pm Deacon Community Lenten Day - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing - Fr. MAC Hall 12:00pm Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - St. Andrew, Saline 2:00 - 9:00pm Diocesan Middle School Rally - Lumen Christi High School, Jackson
2/18-19	8:00am Regional Youth Encuentro - Grand Rapids, MI	3/12	3:00pm Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - St. Luke, Flint
2/18	10:00am Catholic Committee on Scouting - St. Joseph, Howell 5:00pm Confirmation - Resurrection, Lansing	3/14	9:30am - 12:00pm Jackson & Lenawee/Hillsdale Regions DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Meeting - St. Rita, Clarklake 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, St. Johns
2/19	11:00am Confirmation - St. Mary, Charlotte	3/15	9:30am - 12:00pm Livingston & Washtenaw Regions DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Meeting - St. Joseph, Dexter
2/22	9:30am - 12:30pm DRE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 12:00pm - 3:00pm Educational Ministers in Catechist Formation Association Meeting - Diocesan Center	3/16	9:00am - 12:00pm Genesee/Owosso Region DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Meeting - St. John, Davison 1:00pm - 4:00pm Interim Diocesan Pastoral Council - St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton 6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Diocesan Center
2/23	9:00am - 3:00pm Pastoral Ministers and Administrators Retreat - Bethany House, DeWitt	3/18	10:00am Catholic Committee on Scouting - St. Joseph, Howell 5:00pm Confirmation - SS Charles & Helena, Clio
2/25	2:00 - 5:00pm Caregiver/disAbility Retreat Day, St. Casimir, Lansing 4:30pm Confirmation - St. Patrick, Ann Arbor	3/19	10:00am Confirmation - St. Joseph, Adrian
2/26	2:00pm Confirmation - St. James, Mason	3/20	St. Joseph, Husband of BVM
2/28	8:00am Family Life Advisory Board Subcommittee Meetings - Diocesan Center	3/23	8:00am Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection with Bishop - SFRC, DeWitt
3/1	Ash Wednesday	3/24-26	Refresh Retreat for Young Adult Singles - TBA
3/2	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission - Madonna Hall, Lansing	3/24	9:00am - 5:00pm Deaf Adult Retreat - DeSales Center, Brooklyn 6:00 - 8:00pm Deaf Family Retreat - DeSales Center, Brooklyn
3/4	10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events and DYAC - St. Mary, Chelsea 11:00am Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - St. John the Baptist, Howell	3/25	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord 9:00am - 4:15pm Deaf Adult Retreat - DeSales Center, Brooklyn 2:00pm - 5:00pm Caregiver/disAbility Retreat Day - St. Mary, Williamston
3/5	Home Mission Collection 3:00pm Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - St. Gerard, Lansing		5:00pm Confirmation - Holy Family, Ovid 6:00pm - 8:00pm Deaf Family Retreat, DeSales Center, Brooklyn
3/7	9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center		
3/8	9:00am - 3:00pm Principals' Meeting - Diocesan Center 10:00am - 3:00pm Diocesan Worship Commission - Diocesan Center		
3/9	9:30am - 12:00pm Lansing Region DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Meeting - St. Casimir, Lansing		
3/10-12	State High School Congress on Catholic Social Teaching - Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI		



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