

What the Bishops of the United States are saying is fairly simple and straightforward. Nothing more, nothing less. It requires no degree in theology or philosophical discourse or debate in what the leaders of the American Church are saying - they are about "Getting it Right"!

The Catholic Social Teaching theme (found on the USCCB website) regarding the preferential option for the Poor and Vulnerable addresses this idea when it says, "**A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.**"

I urge my fellow Catholics, larger Christian and faith-based groups, gatherings and communities to "**Get It Right**" and vote "**NO**" on the deceptively and deceitfully named "Michigan Civil Rights Initiative" in November. It is neither civilly (nor morally) "right"; it does not "**initiate**" anything but stops, terminates, nullifies a great deal and finally, simply, it is just not "**Michigan, my Michigan**"!



## **"GETTING IT WRONG - THE MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE"**

BY RONALD LANDFAIR, M.P.S.

A choice of monumental proportions face the Michigan electorate in November this year, that is simply about, "*getting it right*". A ballot initiative called "Michigan Civil Rights Initiative" or "MCRI", brought forth by opponents of Affirmative Action policies seeks to eliminate race/ethnic/gender based preferences. The ballot initiative would affect admissions, hiring and contracting at public institutions. If approved, services at such bodies would certainly be impacted to the extent that their funding includes appropriations from public monies, which is one of the significant and hidden consequences, but businesses and hospitals would not be prohibited from using Affirmative Action. The advances made via Title IX on behalf of women in our society would also be greatly damaged by the passing of this ballot initiative.

In the great and grand spectacle that is Michigan politics, I suppose it says something when the two leading gubernatorial candidates, many Republicans and Democrats, business and labor, elected officials, everyday citizens and yes, the Catholic Church and many other religious denominations are all saying the same thing!; that persons of every ethnic, racial, gender, trans-gendered, sexual orientation, religious and economic background have lined up against this proposal is perhaps one of the more amazing stories in Michigan political history.

Many people are unaware that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have spoken quite specifically and directly on this matter. The U.S. Bishops have stated the following as "**THE**" Catholic position on Affirmative Action:

USCCB - Faithful Citizenship, page 22: "Our society must also continue to combat discrimination based on sex, race, ethnicity, disabling condition or age. Discrimination constitutes a grave injustice and an affront to human dignity. It must be aggressively resisted. Where the effects of past discrimination persist, society has the obligation to take positive steps to overcome the legacy of injustice. We support judiciously administered affirmative action programs as tools to overcome discrimination and its continuing effects."

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## NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS WEEK

JULY 23-29, 2006

In honor of Pope Paul VI's beautiful and prophetic encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, the USCCB designates the last week of July as the annual observance of an increased awareness and understanding of the Church's teaching on Catholic married love. NFP is a morally acceptable and purely natural means of helping families to regulate birth and conception. Materials for the observation of NFP Awareness Week are available online at [www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp/nfpweek/index.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp/nfpweek/index.shtml) or call: 517-342-2587.

### RELIGIOUS ASL WEEK

**Goal 1: Form parishes into communities of faith which are inclusive, receptive and committed to spiritual and social development.**

This program is designed for priests, deacons and seminarians, qualified working interpreters and Deaf lectors who read at Sunday liturgies. Participants will have an opportunity to learn how to convey religious concepts in American Sign Language. The instructors are among the country's best: Msgr. Glenn Nelson, Deacon Pat Graybill, Deacon Dave Sommers and Pam Sommers CI/CT. The program will be held at De Sales Center in Brooklyn, MI from July 23-28, 2006. Total cost is \$350. Contact: Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 or [smithroj@cablespeed.com](mailto:smithroj@cablespeed.com).

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Project Rachel is hosting a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat on November 17, 18 and 19, 2006. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. Call: Beth Bauer at 734-878-2217.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



### CONSCIENCE CLAUSE BILLS

**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.**

Two House Bills, 5908 and 5909, introduced on 3-23-06 would amend the Michigan Adoption Code and the Social Welfare Act to protect the religious principles upon which adoption agencies operate and allow for their continued licensing under their mission statements. The major issue with both of the bills is religious freedom and the right to do business according to religious convictions. Contact your legislators with your support.

### MORAL VACCINES

**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 Catholic Medical Association is encouraging Catholics to pressure pharmaceutical companies to develop vaccines without the use of aborted fetus cells. Catholics have a "moral duty to continue to fight and to employ every lawful means" to convince the pharmaceutical industry, government agencies and national health systems to make ethical alternatives available. The FDA needs to support the development of ethical alternatives in the United States immediately. The U.S. Bishops' Office of Pro-Life Activities is working with the Catholic Medical Association to encourage the process.

### MENTORS, MENTORS, MENTORS

**Goal 5, Strategy D: Provide appropriate social justice outreach education and formation to parish and diocesan volunteers and staff.**

Adult mentors are needed to support youth who age out of foster care. Many will end up in prison without the life lines we all need at an early age. Mentors would act as friends, teachers and counselors to youth who often come from traumatic backgrounds. Contact: 517-342-2469 or [rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org).

### AUDIO TAPES AVAILABLE

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

\***Faith Magazine** - 1 year subscription for \$15.00. \***Bishop Povish** - "The Peace I Leave With You," 2 audio tapes for \$10.95. \***Fr. Charles Irvin** - "Entering the Heart of God - Praying the Lord's Prayer in Our Day," 6 audio tapes for \$17.99. These tapes are made available to persons who are sight impaired, blind, persons who are unable to hold or read the printed word and the general public. Contact: 517-342-2497 or [jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org).

### NEW CATHOLIC NURSING MOTHERS LEAGUE ESTABLISHED

**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 Catholic Nursing Mothers League began in April 2006 to provide encouragement and support to breastfeeding mothers and to educate families, parishes and societies about the Church's support for maternal nursing. Go to [www.catholicbreastfeeding.org](http://www.catholicbreastfeeding.org).

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES



## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PERSPECTIVES

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

As we approach the November elections, our thoughts are drawn toward the relationship that the Catholic Church has with the secular world of government. Politicians are proclaiming that he or she has the answer to all of the serious problems that our society faces. Arguments arise over which politician can fulfill promises. Each of us studies the candidates to see if they fit our norms.

The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope for the oppressed, lonely and forgotten in society. Here is perhaps one of the greatest needs that our society faces today. Each week, men and women who have paid a debt for a wrong they committed are released from prison to come home. Will they come home to a community that welcomes or shuns them? Will they be allowed to work or be denied the right to support themselves? Will they be welcomed as our neighbors or castigated and forced to move to the worst neighborhoods? Many will return to prison because they find society too difficult to survive in.

Pope Benedict XVI has called the world to prayer in the month of July, specifically, "that all those in prison, especially the young, be helped to rediscover a sense of their own worth." The Office of Restorative Justice urges you to consider these issues as you prepare to vote in November and, if they move your heart, to become involved in prison ministry. Call: [Tim Metts](mailto:Tim.Metts) at 517-342-2495.

## 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, July 26, 2006, 7:00pm at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hartland
  - Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 7:00pm at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Jackson
  - Thursday, August 24, 2006, 7:00pm at St. Mary Parish, Pinckney
  - Sunday, August 27, 2006, 4:00pm at St. Jude Parish, DeWitt
  - Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 7:00pm at St. James Parish, Mason
  - Thursday, September 28, 2006, 7:00pm at St. Gerard Parish, Lansing
- Pre-registration required. Contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or [nfp@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflansing.org).

## NFP CLASSES OFFERED IN THE DIOCESE OF LANSING

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In the Diocese of Lansing, several methods of Natural Family Planning are taught, including the following: (1) **Billings Ovulation Method**; (2) **Sympto-Thermal Method** as taught by Couple to Couple League; (3) **Creighton Model** (available at the Caritas Center for Women's Health in Ann Arbor). Contact: 517-342-2587 or [nfp@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflansing.org).

## SUMMER SCRIPTURE DAYS

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

The 2006 Summer Scripture Days are scheduled for August 22 - 24 at Bethany House in DeWitt. The Days are co-sponsored by the Department of Catholic Charities, Area Catholic Councils on Aging and St. Francis Retreat Center. Rev. Msgr. Robert Lunsford, former Chancellor of the Lansing Diocese, will be the presenter for the three-day program based on the theme "Songs of the Soul . . . Praying the Psalms." Scriptural presentations will be combined with liturgies, creative activities, prayer, recreation and fun. Brochures have been sent to all parishes.

Full registration is \$135 per person; commuters pay \$100 or \$110, depending on their meal choices. Due to the generous contributions of several K of C Councils, parishes, individuals and organizations, scholarships are available. Participation is limited. Registration deadline is August 1. Contact: Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465 or [lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org).

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The Outreach Ministries, administered by Catholic Charities of Jackson for the Diocese of Lansing, consist of: *Bishop's Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs*, *Project Rachel*, *BeFriender and Separated and Divorced*.

If you need information or a referral for help regarding **Addictions**, Grief after an **abortion**, a **Listening presence** or grief due to **Separation or Divorce**, call: 1-877-342-2513 (toll free); 517-782-4430 (local); or 517-262-0466 (urgent assistance). Any medical emergencies, call 911.

# PASTORAL PLANNING

## SHARING THE WEALTH... A BANNER DAY FOR MINISTRIES

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 "A Banner Day for Ministries," an innovative program of St. John the Evangelist, Fenton, designed to dramatically highlight all of the parish ministries, to encourage support and to recruit volunteers.

Sixty-nine colorful satin banners trumpeted the work of the parish ministries and their subgroups at all masses one weekend last year. The result: an impressive demonstration that generated greater support and involvement by parishioners.

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

# TRIBUNAL

## THE ANNULMENT WORKSHOP

*Date: Saturday, September 16, 2006*

*Place: St. Francis Retreat Center*

*703 Main Street*

*DeWitt, Michigan 48820*

**AM**

8:30 **Registration/Hospitality**

8:45 **Opening Prayer and Introduction**

9:00 **Marriage as a Covenant, Invalid Marriages and Misinformation**

Eileen Jaramillo, MDiv, JCL: Tribunal Judge for the Diocese of Lansing

10:00 **Group Discussion of Topics**

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **Questions to Presenter**

10:45 **Submitting a Case to the Tribunal: What is Involved?**

Presenter: Eileen Jaramillo, MDiv, JCL

11:30 **Questions to Presenter**

11:45 **Closing Prayer**

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### **REGISTRATION FORM**

**Name:**

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**Phone Number:**

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**Address:**

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**City, State and Zip Code:**

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\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is the \$15.00 registration fee (make checks payable to St. Francis Retreat Center)

Send this form and the fee by September 12 to St. Francis Retreat Center, 703 E. Main Street, Dewitt, Michigan 48820

You can also register by going online to St. Francis Retreat Center - <http://www.stfrancis.ws/>. Call: 866-669-8321 for more information.

**\* Note: This workshop is sponsored by St. Francis Retreat Center, Catholic Charities of Jackson and The Tribunal of the Diocese of Lansing**

# FORMATION

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 26 is the date for the 2006 annual Priests' Summer Day** to be held at Bethany House, DeWitt, 10:30am- 10:00pm. This year Fr. Steven C. Boguslawski, O.P., rector of Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, will be the facilitator. He will be presenting on aspects of the priesthood that all have in common despite generational and theological differences, as well as facilitate discussions around how we were first called to the priesthood and why we have stayed. A social and cookout will be at 5:30pm followed at 7:00pm for an evening of assorted entertainment. Registration fee is \$40.00. Those who would like to reserve a room for the day or overnight may do so for an additional fee. To register, contact: Arlene in the Priestly Life & Ministry Office at 517-342-2510 or [awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org).

**At 7:00pm on July 26 the Priest Book Club** will gather as one of the optional activities during the Summer Day for Priests, to discuss the book, "The End of the Affair", by Graham Green. The book lists for \$14.00 but can also be found on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) for \$10.78. Contact: Fr. Karl Pung so we know how many to expect for discussion at 517-342-2509 or [kpung@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:kpung@dioceseoflansing.org).

**July 21** LUGNUTS GAME - family night for vocations  
For ticket information, please contact: Jane  
517-342-2504 or [jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org)

**August 9** New Administrator's Day for pastors, priests and deacons new to the diocese  
Diocesan Center - 9:00am - 3:30pm  
Arlene: 517-342-2501 or [awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org)

**August 10** Rite of Candidacy - Permanent Diaconate  
7:00pm Mass in Cathedral  
Reception following in Parish Hall

**August 17 - 20** Seminarian Retreat  
Bethany House, DeWitt

**August 19** Conversations in Ministry  
Saint Mary Cathedral Parish Hall - 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Presenter: Dr. Janet Smith  
Theme: *Theology of the Body Condensed*

**August 22** Diocesan Gathering of Parish Vocation Representatives  
Christ the King Church, Ann Arbor  
7:30 - 9:00pm

**August 24** Institution to Acolyte - Permanent Diaconate  
7:00pm Mass in Cathedral  
Reception following in Madonna Hall

**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  
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 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

Job Descriptions/Evaluations  
Workshop - 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

## ORIENTATION IN AUGUST

**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.**

New pastors, Priests new to ministry in the diocese, new Deacons, Principals DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Evangelization Chairpersons and Pastoral Ministers – orientation will be held at the Diocesan Center, Wednesday, August 9, 9:00am - 3:30pm. A general session plus breakouts by positions in ministry will take place. Call: Dept. of Education and Catechesis or Formation to pre-register.

\* Tuesday, August 8th, 9:00am-1:00pm, new Catholic school teachers will have their orientation at the Diocesan Center. Call: Claudia Kaloz at 517-342-2482 to pre-register.

\* Tuesday, August 8th, 1:00 - 4:00pm, Virtus training for everyone at the Diocesan Center.

\* Thursday, August 10th, 9:00am - 3:00pm meeting for all Catholic school principals at the Diocesan Center.

## COLLABORATION IN MINISTRY

...is not an option but a scriptural mandate. You cannot read 1 Corinthians 12 without realizing this. On August 31 our own staff will have a day focusing on this. As we do so I ask all ministerial leaders to collaborate with others with whom you share common ministerial goals. Differences in spirituality and preferred methodology are reasons to work together, not stay apart. Begin with a stance of personal security, respect for others, openness to new ideas and a common faith; these are keys to collaboration. Meet and plan together in your regions and work closely with our offices for anything intended for youth beyond your own parish.

# EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

## CAFÉ



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

From time to time we hear that individuals in various parishes have been unaware of some of the fine adult faith formation opportunities provided by the parishes and regions of the Diocese. Currently we promote the publicizing of events in the CAFE section of **FAITH Magazine**. We will continue to do that.

We also need a more immediate source for sharing such information. That mechanism will be our Diocese of Lansing website. We now have the capacity to immediately post (or remove as it becomes dated) information about adult faith formation opportunities in parishes and regions that would be open to the public. In addition to your current publicity efforts, this has become an added avenue for people to check on programs, dates, locations, phone contacts, etc. Any parishioner will be able to log on to [www.dioceseoflansing.org](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org) and check the link about current adult faith formation opportunities across the Diocese.

Please include this vehicle among your many approaches to publicity. Contact: Sr. Rita Wenzlick at [rwenzlick@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rwenzlick@dioceseoflansing.org) to send your information as you would like it to appear. Send your information, even if it is a week before the event. Many people log on to the diocesan web site every day. In May there were 22,500 hits. In June there were 20,400.

For those of you who can offer only a few programs at your parish each year, this will become a resource for you as parish adult faith formation leader to publicize additional programming opportunities for the people of your parish.

Send your information as you develop it if your program(s) are open to the public. If you have any questions, contact: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, [pries@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:pries@dioceseoflansing.org) or Sr. Rita Wenzlick at 517-342-2502, [rwenzlick@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rwenzlick@dioceseoflansing.org). This promises to be an expansion of publicity efforts for adult faith formation.

## CONDOLENCES TO . . .

. . . Jack Armstrong, DRE/CYM/Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Jude, DeWitt, on the death of his wife Patty, May 30.

. . . to St. Joseph Parish, Ypsilanti, on the death of their co-DRE Larry Scantlebury, June 20.

. . . to Jerry Hockman, just retired DRE at St. Paul, Owosso, on the death of his mother Helen, June 30.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

. . . Maureen Kelsey, CYM at St. John Vianney, Flint and her husband Robert on the birth of their daughter Grace on June 29.

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

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

We need to update our phone and e-mail lists by including any new information. Send information to [pries@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:pries@dioceseoflansing.org).

# EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

## BASIC YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING RETREAT

BETHANY HOUSE, JULY 20 & 21, 2006

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

Retreat begins at 1:00pm, Thursday and concludes at 3:00pm, Friday. The cost is \$80.00 per person, youth and adults. This includes overnight at Bethany House, three meals, all material and presenter costs. This is a wonderful opportunity to come as a group for an overnight experience that will include the four workshops for basic training, reflection time and an opportunity to plan and celebrate liturgy as a community.

## NUTS & BOLTS

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

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. This conference is for adult catechists, DREs, CYMs, religion teachers in our schools, youth ministry and young adult ministry team leaders.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

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

Wednesday, August 30, 9:30am- 2:30pm, Diocesan Center. The day will include:

- a) 9:30 - 10:00am - review of plans and resources for Welcome Home Sunday 2006-2007
- b) 10:00am - 12:30pm - major presentation/workshop, **Marketing God; Marketing Religion** with Dr. Charlaine Ezell, nationally known presenter on change management and marketing for nonprofit organizations. How do we **move** Catholic adults from not knowing what we offer, **to** becoming aware of our programs, **to** becoming interested in what we offer, **to participation** in ongoing adult faith formation?
- c) 12:30 - 1:30pm - lunch and beginning of the year gatherings of parish leaders in regional groupings
- d) 1:30 - 2:30pm - introduction, resources and discussion of various usages of the next major social justice theme from the United States Catholic Bishops, "Human Trafficking."

Fill out and return the registration form below to: Registration Clerk, Diocese of Lansing, 300 West Ottawa, Lansing, Michigan, 48933.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
REGISTRATION FEE (INCLUDES LUNCH) \$20.00: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION SPEAKERS' BUREAU

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

From time to time parish adult education leaders ask for a copy of a speakers' list. The current list is 3 years old and needs to be updated. We will use a self-nominating process to rebuild the list. Contact: Pete Ries at fax 517-342-2515 or [pries@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:pries@dioceseoflansing.org) with your suggestions using the following format: a) speakers with address, phone number, e-mail b) their topics c) duration of program d) expected stipend if any e) mileage reimbursement at what rate if expected f) type of audience intended for. **Send information before July 31, 2006.**

## REMINDER

Send to the appropriate staff person in the Department of Education and Catechesis your 2005-2006 Administrative Review and your 2006-2007 contract.

## 2005-2006

### PARISH PROFILE

Check with your pastor and/or parish secretary for a copy of this report and four sheets of cover information. You may now reply electronically. Deadline for return of the profile is July 31, 2006. Call: [Margaret Grima](mailto:Margaret.Grima@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2555.

## CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

New employees must have finger printing (livescan) and criminal record background checks before a contract can be signed. The check must be made for volunteer catechists, volunteer adult youth ministry team members and other volunteers who have regular contact with children/teens or have resided in the State of Michigan for 10 or more years. If these people have resided in the State of Michigan for less than 10 years, they must also have finger printing (livescan). Call: [Sally Ellis](mailto:Sally.Ellis@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2551.

## DIOCESAN CALENDAR JULY - SEPTEMBER 2006

7/14-15	North American Institute for Catholic Evangelization - Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH	8/17	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
7/18-21	National Association of Pastoral Musicians Regional Convention - Amway Grande Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI	8/19	8:30am Protecting God's Children Awareness Session - St. Mary Parish, Chelsea 9:30am - 3:30pm Conversations in Ministry - Diocesan Center
7/20	1:00 - 11:00pm Youth Ministry Basic Training Overnight - Bethany House, DeWitt	8/21	6:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center
7/21	12:15am - 4:00pm Youth Ministry Basic Training Overnight - Bethany House, DeWitt 6:00pm Lugnuts Game - Family Night for Vocations - Oldsmobile Park, Lansing	8/22	6:30 - 9:00pm Family Life - Newly Married Subcommittee - Diocesan Center
7/23	2:00pm Liturgy Summer Camp - St. John Youth and Family Center, Plymouth, MI	8/24	7:00pm Institution of Acolyte ~ Permanent Diaconate (12 men) Mass - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing
7/24-27	Liturgy Summer Camp - St. John Youth and Family Center, Plymouth, MI	8/25-27	Nuts & Bolts Conference for Youth & Young Adult Ministry - Weber Inn, Ann Arbor
7/25	12:00 - 3:00pm Family Life Advisory Board Mtg. - Diocesan Center	8/30	9:30am - 2:30pm Diocesan Adult Education Conference Diocesan Center
7/26	9:00am Priests' Summer Day - Bethany House, DeWitt	9/4	Labor Day - Diocesan Central Services Closed
8/2-4	Nat'l Young Adult Leadership Forum - San Francisco, CA	9/6	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan CAFE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 12:00 - 3:00pm Diocesan Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
8/3	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center	9/7	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center
8/4-6	Nat'l Young Adult Leadership Forum - San Francisco, CA	9/12	9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
8/8	9:00am - 1:00pm Orientation for New Catholic School Teachers - Diocesan Center 1:00 - 4:00pm Virtus Training - Protecting God's Children - Diocesan Center	9/13	10:00am - 3:00pm Diocesan Worship Committee - Diocesan Center
8/9	9:00am - 3:30pm Orientation for new Pastors, DREs, CYMs, Prin.s, Dir.s Adult Faith Form., RCIA Dir.s, Past. Min.s - Diocesan Center	9/16	1:00pm Protecting God's Children Awareness Session - St. Joseph Academy, Adrian 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, Dexter
8/10	9:00am - 3:00pm Principals' Meeting - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Rite of Candidacy ~ Permanent Diaconate (20 men) - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing	9/17	Catechetical Sunday, Theme: Who Do You Say I Am?
8/13	Peter Pence Collection	9/18-19	8:00am - 4:00pm Nat'l Assoc. of Family Life Ministers Leadership Train. - Ministry With Families 101 - Diocesan Center
8/14-16	Virtus Facilitator Training - Bethany House, DeWitt	9/20	9:30am - 12:00pm Legal Issues In-service - Diocesan Ctr.
8/15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - USA 10:00am - 2:00pm Lansing Catholic Campus Ministers Association Meeting - St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor	9/21-22	8:00am NACARE Region VI Meeting - Weber Center, Ann Arbor
8/16	9:30am - 12:00pm DRE Advisory Committee Mtg. - Diocesan Center	9/21	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis

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