

5. We will issue our communiqués and/or press releases to FAITH Magazine, our diocesan Communications Department, our diocesan VOICES Alive newsletter, The Catholic Times and to regional secular newspapers.

6. The Diocesan Director of Communications will be the designated Commission spokesperson and all public inquiries received by the Diocese or any Commission member will be referred to that spokesperson for handling.

7. We will employ the Diocesan website to support our public communications efforts wherever possible. The following are representative of the types of information that, if appropriate, will routinely appear there:

- * Commission's mission statement and any other public overarching documents

- * All press releases, public statements, or other documents made public by the Commission

- * Roster of Commission members with very brief resumes (two or three lines) pertinent to their appointment to the Commission

- * FAQs about the Commission's assignments (e.g. recent Faith Magazine articles on manpower and education issues)

8. Sensitivity, respect, accuracy, discretion and good judgment will characterize any informal discussion Commission members may have with others relative to the Commission's work.

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BISHOP'S COORDINATING COMMISSION

Having determined its mission statement and guiding principles, the Bishop's Coordinating Commission is now working on a methodology to follow, as well as constructing evaluation instruments. The deliberations are thoughtful, careful and aim to benefit all of the faithful in our diocese.

MISSION STATEMENT

Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit and input of the faithful, the Bishop's Coordinating Commission for the Diocese of Lansing will design a plan to address the sacramental, pastoral, leadership and formational challenges and opportunities of each diocesan faith community.

The Commission will monitor the timely implementation of the approved plan, assuring that the process is carried out with great sensitivity for each individual faith family and its unique culture.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. We will openly communicate our efforts to the people of the diocese and strive to ensure that all the work of this commission will be characterized by mutual respect and honesty.
2. Full Sacramental ministry will be available to all our Catholic people in every geographic area of the diocese.
3. Competent pastoral ministers (lay, religious or ordained) will serve in every geographic area of the diocese.
4. We will have a special concern to meet the needs of the poor and marginalized.
5. We will engage all of our individual faith communities in planning for their future. Every faith community will evaluate its communal, spiritual and Sacramental life, its faith formation programs and its financial stability.
6. We will seek to be creative in our efforts to re-configure our diocese for an era with fewer priests and shifting population.
7. Any re-configuration of the diocese will respect the needs of both the people and the individual minister.

PRINCIPLES FOR COMMUNICATIONS

1. All communiqués will be positive in tone while responding to the needs of the people of our diocese to be well informed.
2. Communiqués will be summary in nature, detailed only when necessary for clarity. Brevity is a blessing for all concerned.
3. Transparency is essential. We will be forthcoming in our efforts to communicate the work of our Commission.
4. The Bishop will approve any public communications/statements from the Commission prior to their publication/distribution. All Commission members will be included in the distribution of such communications.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you to all who contributed to the National Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection. With so much giving throughout the year (Tsunami, Katrina/Rita), my expectations were guarded, but you rose to the occasion once again! The collection was a success, providing CCHD with the means to continue to serve the poor and vulnerable among us. We have received a large amount of applications for local funding and many new groups have applied for the first time. It is very exciting to see CCHD affect more and more people as we move forward.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you to all who participated in the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This was another remarkable demonstration of the generosity of the people of the Diocese of Lansing. With your help, people around the world will be the beneficiaries of the great work Catholic Relief Services provides.

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.

Ministry with Persons with disAbilities has audio tapes available through our office.

***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.

Tapes are 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



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, 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." Monsignor Lunsford received a B.A. in Scholastic Philosophy from Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and earned an S.T.B. from the Gregorian University in Rome. He received a Masters Degree in Religious Education from Fordham University. Monsignor Lunsford has served as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle in Ann Arbor, Co-Rector of St. Mary Cathedral and pastor of St. Joseph Parish in St. Johns. He has also served as Superintendent of Education for the diocese and was granted senior priest status in 2005.

Scriptural presentations will be combined with liturgies, creative activities, prayer, recreation and fun. Brochures with registration information are being sent to all parishes in the monthly diocesan mailing for June. 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. Contact: Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465 or lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org.

RELIGIOUS SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

Goal 1, Strategy A: Form parish communities that welcome all persons into the social, educational and liturgical life of the community.

This intensive 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 DeSales Center in Brooklyn, MI from July 23-28, 2006. Total cost is \$350. Contact: Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 or smithroj@cablespeed.com.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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

The Office of Restorative Justice is providing a contact telephone number for the Prison Ministry Coordinators for each of the State prison facilities and the Federal prison located within the Diocese of Lansing. The telephone numbers are listed on the Diocese of Lansing website under [Central Service Departments/Catholic Charities/Restorative Justice](#). Opportunities for ministry include visiting prisoners and taking the Good News to them, working as a mentor to persons released from prison, writing monthly to incarcerated persons as a Pen Pal and many other ministries. The numbers are provided in order to facilitate and increase ministry in the prisons. Call: Coordinator of a prison in your area or the Office of Restorative Justice at 517-342-2495.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



LIVINGSTON COUNTY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

On an annual basis, 20-25% of the people served at Livingston County Catholic Social Services (LCCSS) are served within a group context. Over the past year, agency-provided groups have included:

- * Substance Abuse Education & Treatment
- * Women's Therapy & Support
- * Caregiver's Support
- * Anger Management - Adults
- * Anger Management - Teens
- * Divorce Recovery
- * Grief & Loss - Teens
- * Substance Abuse Prevention - Middle School
- * We CARE - Marriage Preparation

Many of these groups are clinical in nature, designed to help people therapeutically struggle through a specific problem or need. However, most of these groups are educational and supportive in nature, having an emphasis on preparing the participants to prevent future problems or to be better prepared for struggles that may occur in the future. LCCSS, along with many of the other Catholic Charities agencies, places a high value on group work in many of our programs and services. Group work provides reinforcement that the individual is not alone; that others are experiencing common issues and concerns. In addition to the group therapist or facilitator, group members can benefit from the ideas and experiences of the other members.

In the current economic climate, when both the Church and social service agencies face ever tighter budgets, group work is an effective and efficient way to maximize limited resources. Group programs are also less costly for the participant as compared to the cost of individual counseling. The groups available at each Catholic Charities agency will vary depending upon the needs of the local community and on the agency's resources. Some of the above-noted groups are available year-round while others are only provided when there are a sufficient number of requests for the activity. For more information about these or other services, call: Livingston County Catholic Social Services at 517-545-5944.

KEY VOTES ON ABORTION AND DEATH/DYING

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

The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment has compiled the votes of the 109th Congress for 2005. This booklet also describes each of the issues and the actions taken around them. Topics include federal judicial nominees, the morning after pill, parental rights, conscience protection, military abortion policy, UN Populations Fund, Mexico City policy, cord blood stem cell law, unethical embryonic stem cell bill and the Terri Schiavo Law. The voting records are available to Church leaders in bulk at no cost as long as supplies last. The Office of Life Justice can also supply small quantities. Order from NCHLA by fax: 202-347-1383, phone: 202-393-0703 or info@nchla.org. Call: Life Justice Office at 517-342-2469.

"ONE DIOCESE ONE BOOK" CONTINUES

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.

Over 500 copies of *Enrique's Journey* have been distributed throughout the diocese in an effort to advance the discussion about immigration, undocumented workers, human rights and security. Lansing Catholic Central is using it for a summer reading book and is distributing 140 copies. Our new message board is up and running. You can log on from the diocesan webpage under "One Diocese, One Book". If your parish is interested in starting a book group, contact: Colleen at 517-342-2560 or candrews@dioceseoflansing.org.

COURAGE/ENCOURAGE

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

Courage, the Vatican-approved outreach to those with same-sex attraction and **Encourage**, which reaches their parents, is now in four cities in our diocese. Lansing, Jackson, Ann Arbor and Flint have begun chapters under the chaplaincy of Msgr. Robert Lunsford. One phone number is used privately and is highly protected. Call: 517-351-3315, Encourage call: 517-339-7509.

ASL INTERPRETED SUMMER MASSES

The Deaf Community can attend interpreted Sunday liturgies at St. John the Evangelist Parish or Chapel in Fenton on Sundays during the summer. St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing and St. Francis of Assisi in Ann Arbor have interpreted liturgies on some Sundays during the summer also. Please check the Diocese of Lansing Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry website.

PASTORAL PLANNING

6. Click the SEARCH button. View results. If the person's name is displayed, check that record by clicking on the name. You can now cross-check the date of birth and often there is a photo included.

If the results of the search indicate that the person is a registered sex offender, the pastor, pastoral coordinator or principal should immediately notify the person in a private conversation attended by one other witness.

If the person acknowledges that the registry information is accurate, then the pastor, pastoral coordinator or principal must terminate the person's employment immediately.

If the person states that the registry information is not accurate, then the pastor, pastoral coordinator or principal must put the person on unpaid leave of absence immediately while the person seeks correction of the registry information.

If the person does not achieve correction of the registry information within ninety days, the pastor, pastoral coordinator or principal must terminate the person's employment.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN AWARENESS SESSIONS. . .

- August 19, St. Mary Parish, Chelsea, 8:30am
- September 16, St. Joseph Academy, Adrian, 1:00pm
- October 30, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ann Arbor, 6:30pm

The fall schedule of awareness sessions will be completed in September. If you wish to be a hosting site, contact: Sally Ellis at 517-342-2551 or sellis@dioceseoflansing.org.

SHARING THE WEALTH . . . THE ARK YOUTH CENTER

Envision a group of young people, high school and college age, who are enthusiastic about the Church, Scripture and good fellowship. Add a dynamic youth minister and you have a good insight into the youth program at St. Mary Parish in Westphalia. About six years ago, the dream about a special place where the young people of St. Mary Parish could gather for prayer, study and social activities began to become a reality. As they say, the rest is history.

Check the diocesan website at www.dioceseoflansing.org for the full story and pictures. This inspiring success story of an inter-generational project can also be found on the Office of Pastoral Planning webpage accessible from the diocesan home page.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

- Effective immediately, the Virtus on-line training bulletins will be discontinued for anyone who attended the Protecting God's Children Awareness Session between August 13, 2003 - June 30, 2004. This means the "My Training" tab will no longer be accessible if you fall within this date range. Anyone affected by this who wishes to continue to receive the bulletins, contact: Sally Ellis via sellis@dioceseoflansing.org. If you are a Virtus Facilitator or a Virtus Local Coordinator and you attended an awareness session within these dates, you will continue to receive the bulletins.
- Principals, DREs and YM: if you want to plan ahead, lessons 3 and 4 of the Touching Safety program are now available at the VIRTUS website
- A useful tool in conducting background checks, especially with regard to volunteers and new employees, is through the National Sex Offender Database. The only states not included in this database are South Dakota and Oregon. Follow the steps below:
 1. Go to the United States Department of Justice Website: <http://www.nsopr.gov/>.
 2. Click on "I agree", indicating that you agree with the terms and conditions stated. This will bring you to the national search page.
 3. You can perform a complete nationwide search or a state-by-state search. Choose national search:
 4. Click on the box titled "NATIONAL SEARCH." This opens a "territories" menu. Make sure that the box that says "National Search (all participating states and territories)" is checked.
 5. In the fields on the top left, enter the person's last name and first initial ONLY. This allows for a more comprehensive search of the database. If a person has a common name, however, you will have to enter the complete first name. The yellow fields do not need to be completed.

FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 10** Holy Hour to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood
Saint Mary Cathedral
10:30am
(Our Diocese has no Priesthood Ordinations this year.)
- July 21** LUGNUTS GAME - family night for vocations
- July 26** **Priests' Summer Day**
Bethany House, DeWitt
10:30am - 10:00pm
Facilitator/Leader: Fr. Steven C. Boguslawski, O.P.
Theme: "How Can I Love My Brother, If I Do Not Know Him?"
- July 26** **Priest Book Club - 7:00pm at Summer Day for Priests**
Title: "The End of the Affair" by Graham Green
- August 9** **New Administrator's Day**
Diocesan Center
- August 10** Rite of Candidacy - deacons
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
- August 22** **Diocesan Gathering of Parish Vocation Representatives**
Christ the King Church, Ann Arbor
7:00 - 9:00pm
- August 24** Institution to Acolyte - deacons
7:00pm Mass in Cathedral
Reception following in Madonna Hall
- 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: Dr. Mary Dumm
- October 28**
Transitional Deacon Ordination
- John Linden
Queen of the Mira. Medal, Jackson
10:30am
- November 4**
Commissioning of Lay Ecclesial
Ministers
Saint Mary Cathedral
10:00am
- 2007**
- 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

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

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

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."

NUTS & BOLTS CONFERENCE

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

Leaders who work with youth & young adults will gather for training and ministry formation. 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, DRE's, CYM's, religion teachers in our schools, youth ministry and young adult ministry team leaders. Check with your parish for registration materials.

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THE DA VINCI CODE

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

The release of this movie has become an opportunity for adult faith formation prompted by what is happening in daily life. The Diocese has been able to purchase TV time on the Lansing/Jackson NBC affiliate and the Flint NBC affiliate to broadcast the one-hour documentary from the United States Catholic Bishops, **Jesus Decoded**. It offers a solid Catholic response to **The Da Vinci Code**, concentrating especially on the first three centuries of the development of the Church. The program will be aired in Lansing/Jackson on WILX, NBC, channel 10 and in Flint on WEYL, NBC, channel 25, both on Saturday, June 24, 7:00 - 8:00pm.

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

As part of your publicity/marketing activity, consider building various group email lists. Any time you run an adult faith formation program, have people sign-in and ask for their email addresses. You can build a general email list for publicity purposes, last minute reminders about an upcoming program or specific lists of "niches" of your general parish population. Some examples could be: newly married couples for marriage enrichment programs, parents of infants recently baptized for parent programs, adults not confirmed for an adult confirmation preparation process, etc. This is also a useful way to make your registration brochures available.

NEW PARISH STAFF ORIENTATION

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 annual orientation for pastors, priests and deacons new to ministry in the diocese, principals, pastoral ministers, directors of adult education, RCIA directors, evangelization chairpersons, coordinators of youth ministry, directors of religious education, directors of liturgy and directors of music will be held at the Diocesan Center on Wednesday, August 9, 9:00am - 3:30pm. This is offered each year to inform participants of diocesan policy, give each person resource information specific to his/her unique ministry and give all in attendance the opportunity to visit diocesan central offices. Please alert new parish staff persons about this day and call the Department of Education and Catechesis or the Department of Formation so that we may extend a welcome invitation.

BASIC YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING RETREAT

Bethany House, July 20 & 21, 2006

Retreat begins at 1:00pm, Thursday and concludes 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 of youth ministry leaders.

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CRIMINAL RECORD BACKGROUND CHECK

New employees must have a criminal record background check verified before a final contract is signed. Call: Sr. Dorita Wotiska at 517-342-2481.

2005-2006 PARISH PROFILE

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

All diocesan data gathering instruments are being sent to parishes in one common packet in mid-June. Deadline for return of these materials, including the 2005-2006 Parish Profile, is July 31. For those of you not at your parish in July, fill out the form and ask your parish secretary to return it with the other parish data gathering instruments by July 31. Contact: 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org.

SUMMER FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR LITURGISTS, MUSICIANS, RCIA TEAMS & WORSHIP COMMISSIONS

LITURGY SUMMER CAMP - July 23-27

St. John Center for Youth and Family, Plymouth, MI - The Rites of the Church: Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Orders, Funerals.

Presented by the Worship Offices of MI and OH. Private room: \$300; Shared room: \$275; Commuter: \$160. Partial scholarships provided by the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship. Enrollment is limited to 90 applicants. Call: 517-342-2480 or 313-237-5932.

NPM

NPM Central Regional Convention - July 18-21

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids
Contact: 240-247-3000 or www.npm.org

NPM Institutes 2006

Cantor Express: July 14-16 in Waltham (Boston), Massachusetts; August 4-6 in Lexington, Kentucky; August 11-13 in Mankato, Minnesota

Cantor Express Bilingual: August 18-20 in San Diego, California

Cantor Institute at the Convention: July 17-21 in Grand Rapids, MI

Guitar and Ensemble Institute: June 19-23 in Erlanger, Kentucky

Guitar Express: July 14-16 in Albany, New York

Contact: 240-247-3000, www.npm.org or NPM institutes, 962 Wayne Avenue, Suite 210, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4461.

YOUNG ADULT PICNIC/FAMILY MASS & CONCERT

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

Sunday, July 9, will be our annual young adult picnic at Holy Redeemer Church in Burton, beginning at noon. There will be volleyball, softball and plenty of field space for other activities. Bring a dish to pass, your own beverage and table setting. We will provide hotdogs and condiments.

Following the picnic will be a family Mass with musical accompaniment from Steve Angrisano. Family concert with Steve will follow Mass. RSVP by June 28 at 517-342-2484.

THANKS AND FAREWELL
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.

People leaving their current places of ministry are as follows:

- Ruth Benner, Director of Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Director, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson (will remain at the parish as Principal of the Catholic school)
- John Biskner, CYM, Christ the King, Ann Arbor
- Matt & Mindy Buurma, CYMs, St. Agnes, Fowlerville
- Theresa Chartier, CYM, St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor
- Susan Davis, Principal, St. Mary, Charlotte
- Patricia Downey, Principal, St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor
- Riky Drenovsky, Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. Mary, Durand (will remain as RCIA Director)
- Vivian Durling, DRE, Holy Family, Ovid (will remain at the parish as Director of Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Director)
- Brian Epkey, DRE/CYM, St. Michael, Grand Ledge
- Emily LeBlanc, CYM, Blessed Sacrament, Burton
- Linda Miller, Principal, St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor
- Michelle Mattox, CYM, St. Mary, Adrian
- Bill Millard, DRE, Christ the King, Ann Arbor

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REVIEWS & CONTRACTS**
Goal 3.2, Strategy B: Ensure that all program directors, catechists and pastoral workers in the religious education program are faithful witnesses to Christ and the teachings of His Church.
Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors: send your 2005-2006 Administrative Reviews by June 30, 2006. 2006-2007 contracts should be in by September 1, 2005.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR JUNE - AUGUST 2006

6/15	12:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton	7/24-26	8:00am Liturgy Summer Camp - St. John Youth and Family Center, Plymouth, MI
6/17	5:00pm Bishop at 50th Anniversary Mass of Parish - St. Mary, Manitou Beach	7/25	12:00 - 3:00pm Family Life Advisory Board Mtg. - Diocesan Center
6/18-23	Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp - Bethany House, DeWitt	7/26	9:00am Priests' Summer Day - Bethany House, DeWitt
6/18	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 11:00am Confirmation - St. Andrew Dung Lac, Lansing	7/27	8:00am - 12:00pm Liturgy Summer Camp - St. John Youth and Family Center, Plymouth, MI
6/19-23	9:30am - 3:30pm Diocesan Curriculum Institute - Diocesan Center	8/2-4	National Young Adult Leadership Forum - San Francisco, CA
6/20-27	Smart Marriage National Conference and Training Sessions - TBA	8/3	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center
6/23	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8/4-6	Nat'l Young Adult Conference - San Francisco, CA
6/24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist 4:30pm Bishop at 125th Anniversary Mass of Parish - Most Holy Trinity, Fowler	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
6/25	1:00pm Bishop at 50th Anniversary Mass of Center - SFRC, DeWitt	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
6/28	Diocesan Cedar Point Day - Sandusky, OH	8/10	9:00am - 3:00pm Principals' Meeting - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Rite of Candidacy ~ Permanent Diaconate (20 men) - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing
7/4	Independence Day	8/14-16	Virtus Facilitator Training - Bethany House, DeWitt
7/6	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center	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
7/9	12:30 - 5:00pm Young Adult Picnic - Holy Redeemer, Burton 5:00 - 7:00pm Family Mass/Concert - Holy Redeemer, Burton	8/16	9:30am - 12:00pm DRE Advisory Committee Mtg. - Diocesan Center
7/12-15	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 Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids	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		
7/23	2:00pm Liturgy Summer Camp - St. John Youth and Family Center, Plymouth, MI		

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