

The second phase of the process involves a review of each parish and school at the regional level. This process will be facilitated by the regional vicar and a regional planning committee. Using the completed PEI and SEI, information will be clarified and validated. Descriptors (www.dioceseoflansing.org) will guide the work in this phase of the process. Recommendations will be made in light of the life and mission of each parish/school, the needs of the region and the diocesan pastoral plan. The following timetable applies:

January, 2007 - Meeting with regional vicars to prepare for regional process

February, 2007 - Training for regional planning committees

September, 2007 - Regional reviews completed

The third phase of the process involves a review of each PEI, SEI and regional recommendations by the Diocesan Coordinating Commission. Recommendations to ensure that the pastoral, sacramental and leadership needs of our 97 faith communities will be sent to the Bishop of Lansing no later than June, 2008.

Bishop Mengeling says "This work is a tremendous gift to the diocese that will shape the Diocese of Lansing spiritually and pastorally for the next 50 years. Please pray for the light and guidance of the Holy Spirit."

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A REPORT FROM THE DIOCESAN COORDINATING COMMISSION:

A year ago, priests, deacons, lay ministers and diocesan central office staff were convened to review statistics relative to our numbers of clergy and reasonable projections for the future. Demographic shifts in the ten counties of the Diocese of Lansing were also reviewed. Based on the statistics, a decision was reached to review the pastoral, sacramental and leadership needs of the 97 faith communities in the diocese. In December, 2006, Bishop Mengeling appointed the Diocesan Coordinating Commission to do this work (<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/pastoralplanning/diocoordcomm.html>). During those four study day sessions, two questions were asked: what principles should guide the work of a Coordinating Commission as they make recommendations which will address these issues; and, based on the information received in the study days, what issues need to be addressed in our diocese and what are some possible solutions?

All of the information from the study days was compiled and given to the Coordinating Commission in February when the group was convened. The initial task was to become very familiar with all that had been said and how best to make sense of it all. It seemed reasonable to have a clear direction for the Coordinating Commission and a mission statement was drafted (www.dioceseoflansing.org). The second task was to draft principles by which the Commission would guide its work. The third task was to establish principles which would guide all communiques from the Commission (www.dioceseoflansing.org).

The Commission has met monthly since it was convened in February, 2006. Two important things have been learned along the way. Other dioceses have done what we are doing and samples of their work and processes were reviewed. A decision was reached to model our process after the "Together in Faith" program from the Archdiocese of Detroit. Secondly, it was learned that this work is governed by many canons and diocesan policies. Monsignor Steven J. Raica was appointed to the Commission and serves as canon lawyer. A user-friendly version of the canons and policies is under preparation and will be published on the diocesan website.

It is the decision of Bishop Mengeling that each faith community and each parish school will participate in this review process. The parish and school review instruments from the Archdiocese of Detroit have been revised for use in the Diocese of Lansing and timetables have been established and approved by Bishop Mengeling. The first phase of the process entails a review of the life and mission of each faith community and parish school. The following timelines have been established:

November, 2006 - Training for parish committees using the Parish Review and School Review Instruments (PEI and SEI)

March 15, 2007 - Parish and School reviews completed and returned to the Office of Pastoral Planning

RAPE AND ABORTION - GET THE FACTS

Victims and Victors, Speaking Out About Their Pregnancies, Abortions and Children Resulting From Sexual Assault is a very readable book, largely composed of testimonies. With the necessary statistical surveys and documentation, the book reveals the untruth behind the myth that abortion is the answer even in the cases of rape and incest. This book is a must read for every person who wants to be educated not only about abortion, but the meaning of violence in our culture and the politics of sexual license. The Life Justice Office is selling the book for only \$5.00 per copy. It is \$11.95 in the bookstores. This is a fabulous book for a group discussion. Large quantities are available if necessary. Contact: Rory Hoipkemier at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is the transport or trade of a person from one place to another, often a foreign country, through deception or force in order to exploit them, most commonly for the sex industry. Eighty percent of trafficked persons are women and girls. Trafficking is increasingly common in the United States. Trafficked women can be found in massage parlors, strip clubs and houses of prostitution. The Life Justice Office is focusing on human trafficking this fall and into 2007 as a social issue which warrants deeper awareness, education and subsequent action. Please contact the office if you want to learn more about what you can do to assist this effort. Contact: 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

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.

- Tuesday, November 28, 2006, 7:30pm, St. Joseph Parish in Howell
- Thursday, November 30, 2006, 7:00pm, St. Michael Parish in Grand Ledge

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

WANTED: 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. Contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION WILL BE NOVEMBER 18 - 19, 2006

WATCH FOR THE SEEKER OF JUSTICE WINNER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

This year the Diocese of Lansing **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** has changed the Annual Dinner Format. Instead of one centralized event, participating Catholic Charities Agencies around the Diocese will include a CCHD component to their annual event. A Seeker of Justice Award will be given locally to a deserving person in that community. Catholic Charities of Lenawee County was the first agency to incorporate CCHD into their event and to great success. John and Mary Wooden of Adrian were selected as the recipients of the Seeker of Justice Award from their local Catholic Charities agency. Thanks to Sue Lewis, Business Manager of Catholic Charities of Lenawee, for her collaboration with CCHD.

MARCH FOR LIFE

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 6, 2007 at the Diocesan Center, Lansing, from 2:00pm ending with the celebration of 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary Cathedral. Reservations are required for this event. Please call: Joann at 517-342-2497 with your name by Monday, January 2, 2007.

VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES

Flint Area Chapter - Days of Renewal Retreats for Persons with disAbilities

Monthly Retreats are held at St. Pius X Parish Center in Flint, Michigan. For retreat dates and further details, call: Jean Haines, coordinator at 810-732-1068.

GIFT GIVING IDEA!

Audio Tapes

- * 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,"

Six audio tapes cost \$17.99. These tapes are made available to persons who are sight impaired or blind, persons who are unable to hold or read the printed word and the general public. Contact: 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org to place your order in time for Christmas.

RESOURCE DAY ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Thank you to all who attended this event. If you were unable to attend, but still wish to find helpful information on books, websites, prayer services and fast facts on mental illness go to: www.dioceseoflansing.org/disAbilities/index.html.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRY

The Diocese of Lansing is very fortunate to have several organizations interested in the aftercare of ex-offenders and those still incarcerated. There are currently active groups in Flint, St. Johns, Mason, Charlotte, Howell, Lansing, Jackson, Ann Arbor and Adrian. People in these groups bring the sacraments and the Gospel to those who are in prison. They also assist others who have been released by helping them locate housing and jobs. They act as mentors and, by their example, lead others to Christ. Mentors and volunteers are needed to continue this work of the Lord.

There is also a very active **Pen Pal Ministry** in our diocese that currently has a critical need for volunteers to write to those who are incarcerated. There are over twenty prisoners who have asked for a Pen Pal with no one to write to them.

A new program focusing on the families and children of those incarcerated is now being formed. If you have interest or input to share, please call: Bob Vogel at 517-342-2499.

If you are willing to share the gift of yourself with one who is in need of a friend, call: Tim Metts at 517-342-2495.

CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Catholic Outreach of Flint is celebrating three major milestones: the 80th birthday of Sister Claudia Burke, the 62nd anniversary of her years with the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor and the 30th anniversary since Sister Claudia opened Catholic Outreach's door. Sister envisioned an agency to help the less fortunate in our community and those that "fall between the cracks". Help comes in the form of housing assistance, water deposits or shut-off assistance, non-perishable food, personal needs, diapers, baby formula and laundry soap. Whenever Sister finds a few extra dollars in her pocket, she scours the ads of local stores where she can find some real bargains to help our clients.

Our **St. Christopher Children's Transportation Program**

continues to transport seriously ill children with special medical needs to Lansing, Detroit and Ann Arbor . . . no easy feat when gas was at the \$3.00 a gallon mark! Most of the children are doing well and already anticipating Christmas day! They were also excited to see this worthwhile program featured in the October issue of FAITH Magazine. If you are interested in learning more about Catholic Outreach or making a donation, please call 810-234-4693 or write to P. O. Box 815, Flint, MI 48501.

CCMI MEETINGS

Christians Concerned about Mental Illness (CCMI) hold monthly meetings the 4th Tuesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00pm at the Diocesan Center in Lansing. 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 at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

2007 THEME: FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

January/February - Faithfulness

News/Event Deadline: 11-15-06

Magazine in mail: 12-20-06

March - Self-Control

News/Event Deadline: 01-10-07

Magazine in mail: 02-07-07

April - Joy

News/Event Deadline: 02-14-07

Magazine in mail: 03-14-07

May - Modesty & Chastity

News/Event Deadline: 03-14-07

Magazine in mail: 04-11-07

June - Generosity

News/Event Deadline: 04-18-07

Magazine in mail: 05-16-07

July/August - Charity

News/Event Deadline: 05-16-07

Magazine in mail: 06-13-07

September - Goodness (Teen)

News/Event Deadline: 07-18-07

Magazine in mail: 08-15-07

October - Kindness & Gentleness

News/Event Deadline: 08-15-07

Magazine in mail: 09-12-07

November - Patience

News/Event Deadline: 09-19-07

Magazine in mail: 10-10-07

December - Peace

News/Event Deadline: 10-17-07

Magazine in mail: 11-14-07

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PASTORAL PLANNING

SHARING THE WEALTH. . .

WANT TO TAKE A HOLIDAY WALK?

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

Understanding Christian religions as well as world religions is oftentimes a topic that is not on the top 10 list of those who provide faith enrichment opportunities. Many of us have not taken the opportunity to learn about other religions, what they believe and how that impacts life. Saint Matthew Parish, Flint, offers an annual opportunity to neighboring church communities to learn who Catholics are and what they believe by providing an opportunity for Christians to take a guided tour of the church. Read all about it in this month's "[Share the Wealth](#)" link on the diocesan website.



FAITH MAGAZINE

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FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12-17, an Enculturation Week Retreat is planned for priests from other countries who have been ministering in or are new to the diocese, primarily for those who have been here three years or less. They will gather at Bethany House, DeWitt. It is a combination of processing the experience of a new culture and receiving particulars about serving in the Catholic Church in the United States and in particular Lansing. Contact: Fr. Karl Pung at 810-229-9863.

November 21, Priests Ordained 1-10 years, will gather at Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt from 2:00 - 7:00pm. The gathering will begin with daytime prayer at 2:00pm, followed by fraternity, discussion, holy hour and dinner concluding at 7:00pm. Priests in this age group have been invited and are asked to bring their breviary. Regrets only. Contact: Arlene at 517-342-2510 or awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org.



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

February 9 or 16
Ongoing Formation Event

March 1
Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection with Bishop
Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

April 30 - May 4
Priests' Annual Retreat

Bethany House, DeWitt

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

May 19
Permanent Deacon Ordination

Saint Mary Cathedral
10:00am

June 9
Priesthood Ordination

Saint Mary Cathedral
10:00am

June
Social for Senior Priests
DeWitt

July
Priests' Summer Day
DeWitt

August 17
LUGNUTS GAME
family night for vocations

August 18
Conversations in Ministry
possibly Fr. Dan Jones to present on
Sacred Scripture

October 8 - 11
29th Annual Presbyteral Convocation
McGuire's - Cadillac



CANCELLATION

The **Diocesan New Year's Eve Party for Young Adults will not occur this year.** Instead we will be sharing news of regional parties in next months Voices.

For more details on upcoming events throughout the year check out the Diocesan website. For Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry go to the [Office of Education and Catechesis](#).

MICHIGAN GATHERING OF PARISH AND DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL LEADERS

Goal 4.3, Strategy A: Emphasize through formation and education that spiritual growth in the likeness of Christ is the heart of ministry and leadership.

DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Evangelization Chairpersons and others engaged in catechetical ministry are invited to join their peers in ministry from across the state for a 25 hour ministry renewal. This will take place on Thursday, January 11, 12:00pm until Friday, January 12, 1:00pm at Bethany House, DeWitt. The theme will be: *Ministering to the Variety of Ecclesiologies in Our Parish and Diocesan Communities.*

Contact: Margaret Grima at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org. Registration deadline is **December 13.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Goal 4.3, Strategy A: Emphasize through formation and education that spiritual growth in the likeness of Christ is the heart of ministry and leadership.

...for the Pastoral Ministers/ Administrators Retreat, Thursday, February 22, 9:00am - 3:00pm at Bethany House, DeWitt. More details to follow.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CAFE



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

- 1) Go to www.faithmag.com/cafe from which all logos, posters and promotional materials can be downloaded, re-sized and printed to suit your needs.
- 2) As part of your efforts to reach inactive Catholics, you can use an internet resource from St. Anthony Messenger Press. OnceCatholic.org is a welcoming interactive web community. It puts people in touch with online resources related to various reasons individuals are no longer active in the Church. Access their site at www.oncecatholic.org.

You can:

- get a stack of postcards about this website to mail to individuals
- post the website address in your bulletin and encourage parishioners to share it with inactive family members and friends
- put this link on your parish webpage for any visitor to find

Consider this as one concrete action for your parish evangelization effort.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Goal 7.2: Engage more adults in ministry with youth and young adults.

"And the Desert Shall Bloom/Y el Desierto Florecerá", November 30 - December 3, 2006

Riviera Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

Come join together with colleagues this December in the Nevada desert amidst the neon lights and breathtaking images of a city bursting with life, in order to gather, grow and bloom in the profession that is youth ministry. We have 26 adults from our diocese already registered for this conference. To register go to nfcym.org.

BASIC TRAINING IN YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Opportunity for Basic Training in Youth Ministry will be offered at **St. John Student Parish, East Lansing**, 327 M.A.C. Ave. The four sessions are:

- Monday, November 6, 7:00 - 9:00pm, [Vision of Youth Ministry](#), presented by Cathie Draheim, Director Religious Education & Youth Ministry, St. Mary, Williamston
- Monday, November 13, 7:00 - 9:00pm, [Church: Mission & Ministry](#), presented by Jim Corder, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Holy Redeemer, Burton
- Monday, November 20, 7:00 - 9:00pm, [Understanding Youth Culture and Working with Small Groups](#), presented by Todd Gale, Director of Youth Ministry, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson
- Monday, November 27, 7:00 - 9:00pm, [Youth Ministry Planning](#) presented by Pat Rinker, Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Lansing

Registration materials available from the [Office of Youth Ministry](#).

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

NATIONAL PASTORAL PLAN FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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

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

A) some theory: "At all times and in every age, the Church faces unique opportunities and challenges as it proclaims the Good News of God's reign." (P. 9) Our parishes have become more diverse ethnically, generationally and theologically.

B) some implication: Pastors and pastoral staff members report that there is a hunger in a significant number of Catholics to gather in groups to read the Scripture, share approaches to answering their children's questions about their faith, to talk about the importance of Christ in their lives and to explore new questions related to their faith. "An adult community whose faith is well-formed and lively will more effectively pass that faith on to the next generation." (P. 13) "Without neglecting its commitment to children, catechesis needs to give more attention to adults than it has been accustomed to do." (P. 14)

C) some strategy: Parish priorities for adult faith formation will need to be specified and particular resources allocated to this activity if the opportunities and challenges are to be faced.

CERTIFICATION OF PARISH STAFF PERSONS

All parish catechetical leaders, youth ministry leaders and pastoral ministry leaders are encouraged to pursue certification through the Diocese of Lansing. Our certification system has been reviewed and approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We are currently completing the process for a group of people. If you would like to be part of a second group going through the process this winter, **contact one of the following by November 30** for specific information and certification materials: Michael Andrews, 517-342-2479, Pat Rinker, 517-342-2485, Pete Ries, 517-342-2486, Nancy Joseph, 517-342-2512.

DIOCESAN ONGOING FORMATION DAY/ EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE

The Formation Department will sponsor an Ongoing Formation Day for Parish Leaders, Priests, Deacons and Lay Ecclesial Ministers. The presenter is **Father Anthony Krisak**, with the theme: ***From Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and the Revitalization of the Parish.***

A shortened form of the presentation will be Thursday, February 15, 6:00 - 9:00pm, beginning with a light supper. The entire presentation will be Friday, February 16, 10:00am - 3:00pm. Location and registration materials to follow. This is a rescheduling of the event originally planned for last May but cancelled due to the illness of the speaker.

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CONDOLENCES...

The brother of Sr. Jane Anthony Cherwinski, OP, Samuel Cherwinski joined his Heavenly Father on Thursday, October 19, 2006. Samuel has been in a nursing home for the last 7 years. Please include him in your prayers.

Condolences may be sent to Sr. Jane at St. Mary Queen of Angels Parish, 7563 Mary St., PO Box 166, Swartz Creek, MI 48473-1415.

**DIOCESAN CALENDAR
NOVEMBER - JANUARY 2006**

11/10-17	Enculturation Week - Bethany House, DeWitt	12/3	First Sunday of Advent
11/13	7:00 - 9:00pm Basic Youth Ministry - St. John Student Parish, East Lansing	12/7	3:00pm Confirmation - St. Gerard, Lansing 1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center
11/14	6:30 - 9:00pm Remarriage Seminar Facilitator Meeting - Diocesan Center	12/8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - USA
11/15	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan CAFE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 10:00am - 2:30pm DRE Orientation, Part II - Diocesan Center 12:00 - 3:00pm Diocesan Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	12/9	Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Mary Cathedral, Diocese of Lansing 10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events & DYAC - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 10:00am Scouting Committee - TBA
11/16	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Diocesan Center	12/10	Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year C Retired Religious Collection
11/18	2:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, Howell	12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
11/19	Campaign for Human Development 3:00pm Confirmation - Our Lady of Fatima, Michigan Center	12/17	Third Sunday of Advent ~ Year C
11/20	6:30 - 9:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Therese, Lansing 7:00 - 9:00pm Basic Youth Ministry - St. John Student Parish, East Lansing	12/24	Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ Year C
11/21	2:00 - 7:00pm Priests Ordained 1-10 yrs. - gathering - St. Francis Retreat Cnt., DeWitt	12/25-1/1	Diocesan Central Services Closed
11/23	Thanksgiving Diocesan Central Services Closed	12/25	Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
11/24	Diocesan Central Services Closed	12/31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 6:30pm Young Adult New Year's Eve Party - TBA
11/26	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Sunday	1/1	BVM, Mother of God ~ NOT a Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
11/27	7:00 - 9:00pm Basic Youth Ministry - St. John Student Parish, East Lansing	1/4	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center
11/28	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 6:30 - 9:00pm Family Life - Newly Married Subcommittee Mtg. - Diocesan Center	1/6	9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor
11/30-12/3	National Conference of Catholic Youth Ministers Adult Conference - Las Vegas, NV	1/7	The Epiphany of the Lord
		1/8-11	Region VI Forum for Pastoral Leadership - Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
		1/8-12	Vocation Awareness Week
		1/8	The Baptism of the Lord
		1/9	9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 6:30 - 9:00pm Remarriage Seminar Facilitator Meeting - Diocesan Center
		1/11-12	Michigan Gathering of Parish & Diocesan Catechetical Leaders - Bethany House, DeWitt

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