

## SCHOOL VISITS CONTINUE...

School visits with Fr. Jerry Vincke and Sr. Mary Ann continue this year. With the help of the *Fishers of Men* DVD and a DVD on *Vocations to Religious Life for Women*, produced by the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Jerry and Sr. Mary Ann hope to speak to 7th and 8th graders as well as students at all 4 high schools.



## DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR SEMINARIANS!

Please continue to pray for vocations! We are very blessed this year to have 28 young men in the seminary discerning the priesthood for our Diocese.

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## JOHN ANDREW LINDEN'S DIACONATE ORDINATION

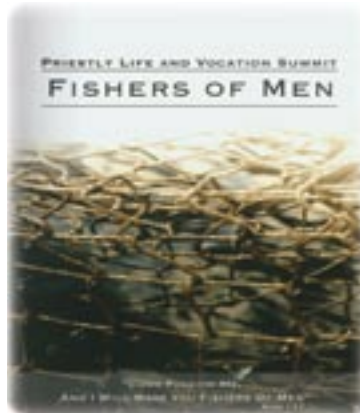
We are very blessed in the Diocese of Lansing to be celebrating the transitional diaconate ordination of John Andrew Linden on Saturday, October 28, 2006, 10:30am at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church in Jackson.



John, a native of Tecumseh, is the third of five children and a member of Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish. John spent his internship year at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Davison. He also spent summer months living at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Flint and St. Mary's Parish in Pinckney. John is studying at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

John's transitional diaconal ordination is open to all. Please come and share in the joy and blessings of his ordination. John will be ordained to the priesthood on June 9, 2007.

## GREAT NEW VIDEO ON THE PRIESTHOOD, NOW SHOWING AT ALL PARISHES!



The USCCB has completed production and distribution of a dynamic video portrait of the priesthood, *Fishers of Men*. Powerful, this DVD leaves a lasting impression on all who see it. As part of our vocations awareness effort in the diocese, a copy of the DVD has been purchased and sent to each parish. If you are interested in viewing it, please contact your Parish Vocation Representative.

## 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.**

There is a ministry opportunity for married couples who would like to learn how to teach NFP or become facilitators for an introductory course in NFP offered across the diocese. Contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or [nfp@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflansing.org).

### NEW MINISTRY

The Office of Restorative Justice is initiating a new ministry for the support of families and children of incarcerated individuals. The family and children of offenders are the hidden victims of crime. They often have no one to provide spiritual, emotional or physical support or to act as advocates on their behalf. We are seeking people interested in serving in this ministry. Presently, the guidelines for this support are being formulated and we would be interested in your input regarding this ministry. Contact: Tim Metts or Bob Vogel at 517-342-2495 or [tmetts@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:tmetts@dioceseoflansing.org).

### CCMI MEETINGS

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

Monthly meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00pm. Meetings are a chance to pray and share stories. We have a monthly newsletter. Contact: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497 or [jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org).

### NCOD CONFERENCE

National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) Annual Pastoral Week is in San Antonio, Texas, January 12-17, 2007, for pastoral workers and interested Deaf Catholics. Contact: Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 TTY/V or [rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org).

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES



## WEEKEND LITURGIES IN ASL

Fr. Bosco Padamattummal, with the assistance of an interpreter, will be celebrating the liturgy for the Deaf Community in sign language starting this fall as follows:

*St. Mark Deaf Catholics - Fenton Chapel*, held every Sunday at the Chapel of St. John Parish, 600 Adelaide Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430

*St. Mark Deaf Catholics - Lansing Chapel*, held twice a month at St. Mary Cathedral, 219 Seymour Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933

*St. Mark Deaf Catholics - Ann Arbor Chapel*, held the third Saturday of the month—6:30pm at St. Francis Parish, 2150 Frieze Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

For weekly schedules go to [www.dioceseoflansing.org](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org). Go to Catholic Charities/Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry. Also listed are Masses in a mainstream setting with interpreters. At present, St. Gerard in Lansing, St. John in Fenton, St. Thomas the Apostle in Ann Arbor and Holy Redeemer in Flint offer an interpreted Mass on some Sundays.

## 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.**

- Thursday, October 19, 2006, 7:00pm at St. Joseph, Dexter
  - Tuesday, November 28, 2006, 7:30pm at St. Joseph, Howell
  - Thursday, November 30, 2006, 7:00pm at St. Michael, Grand Ledge
- Pre-registration is required for all participants. For more information, contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or [nfp@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflansing.org).

## CHRISTIAN VIEW OF THE PERSON AND THE CHURCH'S TEACHING ON HOMOSEXUALITY

Dr. Janet Smith will be speaking on "The Modern vs. Christian View of the Person", 9:00am at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing on November 11. This will be followed by, "What Does the Catholic Church Really Teach About Homosexuality?" at 10:30am. For information, call: 517-342-2469.

## VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES

Flint Area Chapter - Days of Renewal Retreats for Persons with disAbilities. Monthly Retreats held at St. Pius X Parish Center, Flint. Call: Jean Haines, Coordinator at 810-732-1068.

## MCC PAGES ON PROPOSAL 2

Background: Michigan Catholic Conference's Election Information page is dedicated to help Catholic voters become more aware of the candidates and proposals for which they will vote in the November 7th general election. Be sure to visit their pages for information concerning Proposal 2.

- **Official Ballot Language: Proposal 06-2** ([http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Bal\\_Lang\\_MCRI\\_152610\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Bal_Lang_MCRI_152610_7.pdf))
- **FOCUS: Proposal 2: Unjust for Michigan** ([http://www.micatholicconference.org/pdf/focus/focus\\_200609-Proposal2.pdf](http://www.micatholicconference.org/pdf/focus/focus_200609-Proposal2.pdf))
- **One United Michigan** (<http://www.oneunitedmichigan.org/>)

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES



# FAITH MAGAZINE

## 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 case 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](mailto:rhoipkemier@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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## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CHILD POVERTY BY FAMILY TYPE (Estimate)

Total Number of Families	71.4 million
Number of Families Below Poverty Line	12.9 million
Female Householder, no husband present	7.6 million
Male Householder, no wife present	4.4 million

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey)

One in every six children in the United States lives in poverty. Studies show that one significant factor in predicting child poverty is family composition. Married couples are less likely to live in poverty than single parent homes. When couples do break up, children are more likely to live with their mother. On average, women's earnings tend to lag behind men – sometimes because women stop working to have children and start at a lower wage rate when they return to the workforce. More than 40% of single mothers live below the poverty line. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 43% of white children who live with a single parent mother are poor. Among African American children, that figure jumps to 58% and it reaches 67% among Hispanic children. Regardless of race, children who live with both parents are half as likely to live below the poverty line.

## 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 and it is increasingly common. Trafficked women will 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. Contact: 517-342-2469 or [rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org).

## PERSONS WITH SAME SEX ATTRACTION OUTREACH

*Courage and Encourage*, the official Catholic outreach to those with same sex attraction and their parents, is now established in the four major urban areas of the diocese. We ask that all parishes run the bulletin announcement for Courage on a regular basis, if not weekly. A very tasteful and informative poster is available for notice boards. If your parish does not have a poster, contact: Life Justice Office at 517-342-2469 or [rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org).

# SAFE ENVIRONMENT

• New VIRTUS facilitators: Mark Bodensteiner, Holy Trinity Student Parish, Ypsilanti; Anne Cruce, St. Martha, Okemos; Glenna Diskin, St. Patrick, Brighton; Diane Dover, St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn; Robin Doyle, St. Mary, Durand; Jeff Fulton, Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties; Jonathon Hill, St. John the Baptist, Hartland; Anne Hufnagel, Most Holy Trinity School, Fowler; Anne Kitching, St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing; Lisa Lee, St. Robert Bellarmine, Flushing; Christine Maniaci, SS Charles and Helena, Clio; Debbie Martin, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, Lansing; Gina Moskal, St. Paul, Owosso; Elaine Ouellette, St. John the Evangelist, Davison; Ray Rzepecki, St. Mary School, Westphalia; Paul Schlegelmilch, St. John the Evangelist, Davison; Marie Sheridan, St. Agnes, Fowlerville; Sue Warner, St. Isidore, Laingsburg; Al Weillbaecher, St. John Student Parish, E. Lansing.

Sharon Doty, Consultant to the VIRTUS Programs writes:

“It was a real treat to spend time with a wonderful, faith-filled group of people in Michigan this month. I know that your commitment to children, to the Church and to the future will lead you to make a real difference in the areas you serve.

“Thank you for taking on this accountability and for giving of yourselves to others in your communities.”

• Principals, DREs and YMs received a form from the Dept. of Education and Catechisis regarding conviction of, guilty plea or nolo contendere to any crimes. This form is retained in the employee's personnel file at the school or parish. **DO NOT SEND TO THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE.**

# PASTORAL PLANNING

## SHARING THE WEALTH... PARISH VOCATION CROSS

***Have you heard about this project where you/your family can focus on praying for vocations in church ministry?***

The *PARISH VOCATION CROSS* is a project that was promoted by the Diocesan Department of Formation during 2005. In acknowledging the pressing need for Church vocations, the Parish Pastoral Council and parish vocation representatives at Christ the King Parish, Flint, adopted this project throughout the parish.

The simple project consists of a wooden stand up cross, a gift bag and prayer sheets. Each Sunday a volunteer family receives a blessing and is sent forth with the Vocation Cross. The idea is to pray for church vocations throughout the week. The cross is returned on the following Sunday when another family is sent forth. A similar effort is underway with excellent results at St. Mary Parish, Pinckney. For more detailed information on these programs and for persons to contact about the *PARISH VOCATION CROSS*, check out “Sharing the Wealth...” on the diocesan website ([www.dioceseoflansing.org](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org)).

## DIOCESAN COORDINATING STUDY DAYS

In Fall 2005, four study days were held during which participants were informed of clergy statistical and parish demographic information. Based on the information presented, Bishop Mengeling appointed the Diocesan Coordinating Commission ([www.dioceseoflansing.org/pastoralplanning](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/pastoralplanning)) to design a process whereby the sacramental, pastoral and leadership needs of our 97 faith communities would be reviewed.

The Coordinating Commission began meeting in February, 2006. Having defined its mission and guiding principles ([www.dioceseoflansing.org/pastoralplanning](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/pastoralplanning)), the Commission began to study processes by which other dioceses engaged similar projects. A decision was reached that our process and review instruments would be modeled after those of the Archdiocese of Detroit. The instruments are now ready and it is time for our faith communities to begin the first phase of the review process.

The Pastor/Pastoral Co-ordinator of each faith community will name a committee who will assist in the completion of the review instrument. These committees will then be invited to attend a training session which will familiarize them with the instrument, time lines and other important information. The schedule for these training sessions is posted on the diocesan website. It is the intention of the Co-ordinating Commission that faith communities will complete the review by April, 2007. The second phase of the process will be led by our Regional Vicars and will take place at the regional level. At this level, the information provided from each faith community will be validated and clarified. Recommendations will be formulated based on the needs of the parish, the needs of the region and our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Finally, the information will be reviewed by the Diocesan Co-ordinating Commission whose task it is to make final recommendations to the Bishop of Lansing. It is anticipated that the process will be brought to completion mid-year, 2008.

To keep informed of the Commission's progress, go to: [www.dioceseoflansing.org/pastoralplanning](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/pastoralplanning).

# FORMATION

**On October 27 the Lay Ministry Convocation and 20th Anniversary Celebration of the PPMA** will be held at the Diocesan Center, 8:30am - 3:00pm. **What does it mean to answer God's call?** Lay ecclesial ministry as we now experience it, has developed and changed in the past four decades in ways few would have predicted. **Do we have any idea where we're going?** Come join with other professional pastoral ministers to explore these questions as we gather for prayerful reflection with guest speaker Mary Dumm, DMin. Contact: Nancy Joseph, Office of Lay Ministry at 517-342-2512 or [njoseph@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:njoseph@dioceseoflansing.org).

**Saturday, October 28, John Andrew Linden will be Ordained a Transitional Deacon.** The Ordination will take place at his home parish, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson at 10:30am. A reception will follow in the Parish Social Center. Priests and deacons who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by **October 13** to Jane at 517-342-2504 or [jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org). Bring your alb and white stole and arrive by 10:00am to vest in the parish rectory.

**November 4 is the Commissioning of Lay Ecclesial Ministers** by Bishop Carl F. Mengeling at Saint Mary Cathedral at 10:00am. Four women will be commissioned this year: **Mary Kathryn Carey, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson; Jan Gravel, Holy Family, Grand Blanc; Marie Agnes Sheridan, St. Agnes, Fowlerville; Margaret Ellen York, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson.** The number of commissioned lay ecclesial ministers in the diocese is 106. These persons are all invited to a breakfast before the Commissioning Mass to be held in the Cathedral Parish Hall. After the 10:00am Mass, a reception for the newly commissioned women, their spouses, family and friends will be held in the Parish Hall. Contact: Piedad at 517-342-2511 or [pkelly@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:pkelly@dioceseoflansing.org).

**“Why Don't They Do What I Want? Supervising Employees - job descriptions/evaluations workshop”**, with Dr. J. Kevin Ford and Dr. Anne Marie Ryan will be held on **Thursday, November 9** at Saint Patrick, Brighton from 10:30am - 4:00pm. This day is intended for priests, pastoral coordinators, principals and parish business managers. Cost is \$20.00, including lunch. Registration brochure to all pastors and pastoral coordinators are included in the DOL October mailing. Please share them with all your staff. A mailing has also been sent to all principals. DOL Chairpersons and Directors have also been given an invitation to this important workshop. This day is sponsored by the Priestly Life and Ministry Office with a grant from the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Center located at St. Francis Retreat Center. Contact: Fr. Karl Pung at 810-229-9863, [kpung@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:kpung@dioceseoflansing.org) or Arlene at 517-342-2510, [awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org).

**November 12 - 17 Enculturation Week Retreat** is for priests from other countries who have been ministering in or are new to the diocese, primarily 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 the Catholic Church in the United States, in particular Lansing. Call: [Fr. Karl Pung](mailto: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](mailto:awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org).

## 2007

**January 8 - 11, the Annual Region VI Forum for Pastoral Leadership** will be held at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor. The theme is: **“Sabbath: Finding Rest and Rhythm”**, with Wayne Muller and Sister Mary Frances Uicker as presenters and facilitators. Registration brochures were mailed to all pastors and pastoral coordinators via the DOL October mailing. Please share them with all your staff including: Deacons, Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education, Youth Ministers, Pastoral Associates, etc. and return your registration/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, Priestly Life & Ministry Office at 517-342-2510 or [awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org).

**February 9 - 10 or 16 - 17**  
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.

## WELCOME HOME SUNDAY UPDATE

**Goal 2: Commit to our mission of evangelization by sharing the joy and promise of the Gospel with inactive and alienated Catholics and the unchurched.**

For those parishes and regions which plan to do Welcome Home Sunday sometime during the Advent/Christmas season, it is time to organize. All parishes across the diocese have already received this year's Welcome Home Sunday organization kit. Confer with your Welcome Home Sunday parish contact person.

- 1) Recruit membership for your parish Welcome Home Sunday planning committee from various parish staff persons, major parish organizations and particular age groups.
- 2) Consider what will be done the 3-5 weekends before your parish's date for Welcome Home Sunday to inform your parishioners and give them concrete ways to invite back to church the inactive Catholics they know.
- 3) Plan the details of what will occur at church the weekend you choose for Welcome Home Sunday.
- 4) Determine concrete ways you will be able to know the inactive Catholics who returned to church that weekend.
- 5) Begin long range discussion of a possible series of follow-up sessions to give inactive Catholics an opportunity to explore their concerns, questions and hurts in a safe, welcoming setting. Also, consider doing this with neighboring parishes or as a region.

**Place your order for Welcome Home Sunday materials. The order form is in this year's organization kit.** If you have any questions, contact: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 or [pries@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:pries@dioceseoflansing.org).

## EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

### CAFÉ



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

Plan now to take advantage of a major media event in our society. December 1, 2006 is the world-wide release date for the major motion picture, **THE NATIVITY STORY**. Perhaps you could schedule some bible study sessions around the infancy narratives or you could schedule a parish viewing of the movie at a local theater with a gathering/celebration/discussion at your parish center. Some parishes are scheduling some Advent programming in relation to the movie. **FAITH Magazine** will have an article on the movie in their December issue.

Go to: <http://www.christianitytoday.com/movies/news/nativity.html>, the **Christianity Today** magazine website for further information about this film.

### EVANGELIZATION AND PARISH LIFE

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

Pastors/Pastoral Coordinators, Directors/Chairpersons of Evangelization and Teams are invited to one of two regional gatherings to consider concrete ways to develop the ministry of evangelization in the parish. How can evangelization become a central aspect of parish life without adding to an already overcrowded list of committees and activities? Agenda will include:

- light supper
- presentation/conversation around three layers/levels of evangelization in the parish
- evangelization team recruitment and formation
- parish to parish sharing of evangelization strategies and resources

Choose either Thursday, November 2, 6:30 - 8:30pm at St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton or Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 - 8:30pm at St. Gerard, Lansing. Please pre-register by returning the form below so that we can prepare the proper number for supper and handouts.

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#### Evangelization and Parish Life

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parish/City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Date and Site You Will be Attending:

\_\_\_\_ Thursday, November 2, 6:30 - 8:30pm, St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton  
\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 - 8:30pm, St. Gerard, Lansing

**Return to: Margaret Grima, Diocese of Lansing, 300 West Ottawa, Lansing, MI, 48933 or fax to Margaret at 517-342-2515 or [mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org).**

# 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.**

For the next issues of *VOICES Alive!*, sections of the Pastoral on Adult Faith Formation will be cited for the consideration of parish leaders and parish adult education committees. To order a copy of this pastoral for \$5.95 or the leader guide and pastoral for \$8.95, contact: Margaret Grima at 517-342-2555 or

[mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org).

### A) some theory

“Every baptized adult is called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to all the world. They do this “in every family circle, in every church gathering, in every place of work and in every public forum.” (P. 1)

### B) some implication

“Placing ongoing adult faith formation at the forefront of our catechetical planning and activity means real change in emphasis and priorities.” (P. 4)

### C) some strategy

“To be effective ministers of adult faith formation we will first, like Jesus (on the road to Emmaus), join people in their daily concerns and walk side by side with them on the pathway of life. We will ask them questions and listen attentively as they speak of their joys, hopes, griefs and anxieties.” (P. 2-3) We cannot simply offer adult faith formation programming and hope people will attend. We need to take our cues in providing adult faith formation opportunities from what people tell us they need at this particular time for a particular purpose.

## DIOCESAN YOUTH PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

The first gathering of our diocesan youth planning committees is Saturday, October 14 at Holy Redeemer Church, Burton, 10:00am - lunch.

Basic youth ministry training for adults and youth will be the four Mondays of November at St. John Student Parish, East Lansing. Time is 7:00 - 9:00pm each Monday evening. Four presenters are Cathie Draheim, Jim Corder, Todd Gale and Pat Rinker. Contact the youth ministry office for registration materials. Registration goes to St. John Student Parish.

## ALL PARISH STAFF –

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A 25-HOUR TREAT

Plan now to attend the 2007 Michigan Winter Gathering of Parish and Diocesan Catechetical Leaders, Thursday, January 11, 12:00pm to Friday, January 12, 1:00pm at Bethany House, DeWitt. What is the diversity of theological outlooks among the people we serve? What are the implications and challenges of this diversity for each of our ministries? Registration brochures will appear the beginning of November.

## JAMBOREE

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

Jamboree: “20 years and still keep’n it real”. Registration and promo material were sent out about the same time as this mailing, so if you do not have it you will soon. This high school event has gathered youth from the entire diocese for years with crowds at recent Jamborees topping 1100. Mike Patin will keynote. He has been a leading speaker evangelist in Catholic youth ministry for many years. Tim Smith, an up and coming artist from OCP, will provide house band, concert and workshops on Christian music. We have 14 workshops in all, service opportunities, food, metro inflatable, great liturgy, great music and a crowd of teens being inspired to keep Jesus in their lives. Let us make this a truly diocesan event with every parish recruiting adults to come with their high school teens to Jamboree 2006 at the Lansing Center, November 5. Registration materials are available on the Diocesan website.

## CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

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

National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry

“And the Desert Shall Bloom/Yel 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](http://nfcym.org).

## DIOCESAN CALENDAR OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2006

10/18	9:30am - 12:00pm DRE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	11/6	7:00 - 9:00pm Basic Youth Ministry - St. John Student Parish, East Lansing
10/19-20	Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools Conference - Grand Rapids, MI	11/7	9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
10/19	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Francis Xavior, Otisville	11/8	10:00am - 3:00pm Diocesan Worship Committee - Diocesan Center 6:30 - 8:30pm Regional Gathering of Parish Evangelization Leaders - St. Gerard, Lansing 7:00pm Confirmation - Most Holy Trinity, Fowler
10/21-26	CACE Convention - Los Angeles, CA	11/9	8:00am Ongoing Formation Day - St. Patrick, Brighton
10/22	Mission Sunday	11/11	4:30pm Confirmation - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
10/23	7:00pm Confirmation - Imma. Conception, Milan	11/12-	Enculturation Week - Bethany House, DeWitt
10/24	12:00 - 3:00pm Family Life Advisory Board Mtg. - Diocesan Center	11/13	7:00 - 9:00pm Basic Youth Ministry - St. John Student Parish, East Lansing
10/25	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mark the Evangelist, Goodrich	11/14	6:30 - 9:00pm Remarriage Seminar Facilitator Meeting - Diocesan Center
10/26	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Jude, DeWitt	11/15	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan CAFE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 10:00am - 2:30pm DRE Orientation, Part II - Diocesan Center
10/27	9:00am - 3:00pm Lay Ecclesial Ministers Convocation - Diocesan Center	11/16	12:00 - 3:00pm Diocesan Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
10/28	10:30am Transitional Diaconate Ordination - Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Jackson	11/17	6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Diocesan Center
10/29	World Youth Day 10:00am Confirmation - Good Shepherd, Montrose	11/18	8:00am Enculturation Week - Bethany House, DeWitt
10/30	6:30pm Protecting God's Children Awareness Session - St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ann Arbor	11/19	2:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, Howell Campaign for Human Development
11/1	All Saints (Solemnity) Holy Day of Obligation	11/19	3:00pm Confirmation - Our Lady of Fatima, Michigan Center
11/2	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) 1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center 6:30 - 8:30pm Regional Gathering of Parish Evangelization Leaders - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton	11/20	6:30 - 9:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Therese, Lansing
11/4	8:30am Lay Ecclesial Ministers' Breakfast - St. Mary Cathedral Hall, Lansing 10:30am Lay Ecclesial Ministers' Commissioning - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing	11/20	7:00 - 9:00pm Basic Youth Ministry - St. John Student Parish, East Lansing
11/5	9:00am - 8:30pm High School Jamboree - Lansing Center	11/21	2:00 - 7:00pm Priests Ordained 1-10 years - gathering - St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt
11/6-7	Michigan/Ohio Diocesan RCIA Directors Mtg. - St. John Youth & Family Center, Plymouth		

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