

The department engages in regular communications, promoting an awareness of basis safety concepts. Such an awareness increases the stewardship and accentuates the value of caring.

Risks to people:

- Church rooms and equipment for youth.
- Playground
- Recreational programs
- Transportation policies
- Slip, falls and other potential and preventable accidents
- Construction projects by skilled tradesmen or volunteers
- Ergonomic concerns
- Acts of violence

Risks to People and Property

- Fire hazards
- Cold weather
- Severe weather
- Vandalism

The value of caring and love comes not from regulatory compliance in and of itself, but from the core value we have as a Church.

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IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD A RISK MANAGER?

September is a joyful season. The humidity of the summer is replaced with the dry air of fall. September also brings new life to parishes. Schools are filled with students, parish activities begin gearing up for the upcoming year and soon the liturgical calendar will invite worshippers to celebrate and demonstrate the values of caring and love.

Caring and love start at home, if an old cliché can be paraphrased. Parish programs are more likely to succeed when everyone places primary emphasis upon creating caring and safe environments for students, visitors, volunteers employees and all who attend church programs or church facilities. This is often associated with the biblical image of the Good Shepherd. Different parishes manifest these values in different ways:

- Prayers
- Liturgies
- Eucharist
- Homilies
- Classes
- Outreach ministries
- Opportunities for fellowship

An effective risk management strategy for a parish should flow from these values and expressions of faith. The church cares for its members, for the weak, the vulnerable for those in special needs not only in far off corners of the globe but also for those at home and for those who, for varied reasons, we take for granted when they are in our facilities. Risk management is an outgrowth of care giving leadership within a parish.

Good risk management is good stewardship. What does it mean to be God's People, to be good stewards of that which is given or entrusted to our care? How do we care for church finances, facilities, property and for the people from the youngest to the oldest?

The Diocese of Lansing Finance and Administration Department, in cooperation with the Risk Management Division of the MCC, has sponsored several workshops for school and parish maintenance personnel on risk management issues to make parish facilities safe environment with the goal of reducing the risks to people and property.

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.

- Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 7:00pm, St. Gerard Parish, Lansing
- Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 7:00pm, St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton

• Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 7:00pm, Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Jackson

Pre-registration is required.

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

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is hosting a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat on November 17 - 19, 2006. The retreat is designed to bring healing to those suffering from post-abortion trauma. Call: Beth Bauer at 734-878-2217, ext. 214.

BISHOP'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

September is National Recovery Month. For information, go to: <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/>.

BRAILLE EMBOSSER

Ministry with Persons with disAbilities has acquired a Braille embosser and is offering our services to persons who are blind and read Braille in your parish. What we would need is the word or word perfect document sent by email to our office. We can then format your document into Braille. This opens up many new possibilities for persons who are blind to be able to more fully participate in their parish. Sunday hymns, readings, letters and meeting minutes are just a few ways to assist persons who are blind. This would be a great project for a youth group! Contact: Joann at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



“HEALTHY MINDS - YOURS, MINE & OURS - RESOURCE DAY”

Faith-based communities are often the first people a family will contact in crisis. In an effort to reach out to this community, Christians Concerned About Mental Illness (CCMI) would like to offer resources for anyone interested in Mental Health Issues. Organizations will be on hand to answer your questions. There will also be a panel presentation, “In Our Own Voice” from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). Please mark your calendars for **Friday, October 20, 2006, from 12:00 - 3:00pm in Madonna Hall, Diocesan Center**. This Resource Day is for priests, deacons, lay ministers, professional staff, parishioners, families, caregivers and anyone interested in mental health issues. An RSVP by October 16, 2006 would be helpful. Contact: Joann at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

ANNUAL FAMILY DAY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES & DEAF/HH COMMUNITY

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

All persons with disAbilities and the Catholic Deaf/HH Community from the Lansing Diocese are invited to attend the Annual Family Day with Bishop Mengeling on Sunday, October 15, 2006. The Bishop will celebrate Mass at 12:00pm at St. Mary Cathedral followed by a luncheon at the St. Mary Cathedral Parish Center. A “Free Will Offering” will be taken to cover the cost of the lunch. Please RSVP by October 9. Contact: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497, jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org or Rose Smith at 517-342-2532, rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org.



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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

With over two million people incarcerated in the United States, this nation leads the free world in its prison population. Our prisons are changing from a punitive to a rehabilitative model where prisoners are afforded opportunity for self-improvement while in prison. However, whether punitive or rehabilitative in nature, the only thing certain about 95% of the population of prisoners is that they will, eventually, return to society. We cannot ignore them, they need our help. Our personal involvement is the key to their successful transition. We can assist by providing transportation, friendship, job counseling, assistance with job applications, mentoring or in many other ways. We urge you to pray about this and search your heart to see if there is room for someone who needs you. Call: [Tim Metts](mailto:Tim.Metts@dioceseoflansing.org), Director of Restorative Justice, at 517-342-2495 or [Colleen Andrews](mailto:Colleen.Andrews@dioceseoflansing.org), Secretary, at 517-342-2560.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

One factor of poverty is education. Here is a chart showing the correlation between education and income. CCHD is involved in addressing the root causes of poverty.

UNITED STATES	ESTIMATE OF AVERAGE INCOME
Total:	\$31,132
Less than high school graduate:	18,144
High school graduate (includes equivalency):	25,360
Some college or associate's degree:	30,891
Bachelor's Degree:	42,404
Graduate or professional degree:	55,065

CHRISTIAN VIEW OF THE HUMAN PERSON

Dr. Janet Smith will be speaking on "The Modern vs. Christian View of the Human Person", capital punishment and euthanasia on November 11, 2006 at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in East Lansing, from 9:30 - 11:30am. Please call: 517-342-2469.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LENAWEE

At Catholic Charities of Lenawee, our *Vision of Hope* is putting families back together to live in safe, nurturing environments. Our families have been involved in substance abuse, domestic violence, physical, emotional, sexual abuse and often lack appropriate parenting skills. To heal these families, we have a variety of programs that focus on these issues to assess if there is hope and a willingness to make the changes necessary to provide that safe nurturing environment in the near future. While these programs are implemented for adults, their children have often been placed in foster care, another of our programs. Foster Care is a program where families willing to provide a temporary safe haven for children are recruited. Children coming into care are "matched" with foster families based on the needs of the children with what families have told us they feel capable of providing a child – structure, security, understanding, non-judgmental support, educational support, opportunities for outside activities, patience, etc. In foster care, our focus is the "best interest of children" and permanency for children. Thus at the end of a year of working with the parents, there must be a decision about permanency. The hope is that we have been able to implement enough changes in the adult members of the family that it is safe to return children. Sometimes that is not the case and the courts end up terminating the parental rights to the children. When that occurs, the children become available for adoption. Catholic Charities is very pleased that we can now provide this service to our families as well. Our first adoption, which will be finalized this fall, is a foster child being adopted by their foster parents. Other services offered at Catholic Charities of Lenawee include Counseling (mental health, substance abuse, marriage), Sexual Offender treatment, Nurturing Parenting and a Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. Please contact: 517-263-2191 or www.catholiccharitieslenawee.com.

EATING AS A MORAL ACT

The Catholic Rural Life Committee has received a grant to advance the "Eating as a Moral Act" campaign. Paul Stankewitz from the Michigan Catholic Conference is available to speak to your parish organization about the Church's views on agriculture, food production and the politics of eating. Resource materials, including a video, are free with the 60-90 minute presentation. Contact: Richard Strife at 517-337-0254, Paul Stankewitz at michigancatholicrurallife.org or 989-466-9322.

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 trafficking is increasingly common in the United States. 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. 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.

VOTING RECORDS

The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment has compiled the voting records of the 109th Congress on issues such as abortion, conscience protection, human cloning, parental notification and the morning after pill, among others. This pamphlet is available at no cost, upon request from the office of Life Justice at 517-342-2469. Multiple copies may be requested.

SHARING THE WEALTH... WHY NOT WALK TO JERUSALEM?

How do you get several hundred parishioners to give themselves a spiritual and physical “tune-up?” Why not invite them to “take a hike?” At least that’s what the health ministry team at the Catholic Community of St. Jude in DeWitt did earlier this year. It was a “virtual” walk to Jerusalem with very impressive results. Read all about it in this month’s “Share The Wealth” link on the diocesan website.

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 through a link on the diocesan web page under “Share the Wealth.” We have seven good ideas fleshed-out and posted on the website and we’ll keep adding one each month. It’s getting to be an impressive collection.

If you’re looking for a new and effective project for your parish, these articles will tell you everything you need to know, including contacts who will help you get started. At the same time, if you know of a program that merits inclusion here, share that wealth with the Pastoral Planning Office at 517-342-2502. We can take it from there.



PASTORAL PLANNING

DIOCESAN COORDINATING COMMISSION

Working hard throughout the summer, our Diocesan Coordinating Commission has developed the substance of an evaluation instrument to assist us all in reconfiguring our diocese’s array of parishes as we enter into our immediate future. The instrument will be called a *Parish Evaluation Inventory* and will include a component for parish schools where they exist.

That’s the “what.” The “when” is coming up in the fall. It is the commission’s intent to have the people of our diocese fully involved later in the fall.

The “how” will require the active engagement of all parishioners in the process. Participation of the people of each parish is essential if this evaluation process is to be fair, thorough, totally transparent and ultimately effective. Additionally, regional meetings will be scheduled which will introduce the process and provide an orientation in using the review instrument.



Everyone needs to pay special attention to the more complete name that has been given to this Commission. What’s in a name? Sometimes a lot! The name is now the **Diocesan Coordinating Commission: *Visioning Faith Communities for Tomorrow.***

Implied is the idea that this commission’s purpose is not necessarily that of closing parishes. More appropriately its task is to assess the assets and resources, both material and human, that we presently have and determine how they might be more appropriately arrayed throughout our diocese. How many priests we will have in our future is a factor but it is not the only factor. There are other important considerations also. The Commission wants to look at all aspects of what it means to be a parish.

Finally, the Commission wishes to emphasize that the active participation of parishioners in the evaluation process is essential. Keep posted here as to our future progress and further details with respect to the process being deployed.

Pray for our diocese - pray that God will continue to bless us on our journey into the future.

FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 13 at 7:30pm, an **Ongoing Formation Condensed Presentation on *Issues of Stem Cell Research & Cloning*** will be given by Rev. Tad Pacholczyk at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, 955 Alton Road, East Lansing.

There is no advance registration or cost for this special presentation which is open to the public.

On **Thursday, September 14**, Rev. Tad Pacholczyk will give the presentation on ***Issues of Stem Cell Research & Cloning*** for all priests, deacons and parish staffs at Saint Mary Magdalen Church, 2201 Old U.S. 23, Brighton. Registration begins at 9:30am and the day will close at 3:30pm. There is a \$20.00 registration fee which includes lunch. For additional information or to register, please contact: Piedad at 517-342-2511 or pkelly@dioceseoflansing.org.

From **Friday, September 29 - Sunday, October 1**, Bishop Carl Mengeling will meet with the **Permanent Deacon Community** for their **Convocation**. From **Monday, October 2 - Thursday, October 5**, he will meet with all priests; senior, active and religious, serving in the Diocese of Lansing at their **28th Annual Presbyteral Convocation**. Both groups will be gathering at **Shanty Creek - Bellaire, MI** and have Father Richard M. Hogan as the presenter with the theme: ***Theology of the Body***. Men celebrating special anniversaries will be honored at both events. There will be time for presentations, prayer, socializing and relaxation. At the Presbyteral Convocation, electives will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. For more information about either Convocation, please contact: Arlene at 517-342-2510 or awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org.

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| October 27 | Lay Ministry Convocation
Diocesan Center - 8:30am - 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 | Ongoing Formation Day
Why Don't They Do What I Want?
<i>Supervising Employees</i>
Job descriptions/evaluations workshop
Place: Saint Patrick, Brighton
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

November 21
Priests Ordained 1-10 years - gathering

Saint Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

2:00 - 7:00pm

2007

January 8 - 11
Region VI Forum for Pastoral Leadership

Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor

Theme: Sabbath

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

October 8-11
29th Annual Presbyteral Convocation

McGuire's - Cadillac

**PASTORS, PASTORAL
COORDINATORS,
RCIA DIRECTORS**

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

Please reserve the following dates and times for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion in Lent, 2007.

Livingston Region (and St. John, Fenton)

St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
Saturday, February 24, 11:00am

Lansing and Jackson Regions

St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing
Sunday, February 25, 3:00pm

**Washtenaw and Lenawee/
Hillsdale Regions**

Christ the King, Ann Arbor
Saturday, March 3, 11:00am

Genesee/Owosso Region

St. John the Evangelist, Davison
Sunday, March 4, 3:00pm

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". 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 inflatables, liturgy, great music and a crowd of teens being inspired to keep Jesus in their lives. Let's 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.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CAFÉ



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

1) Parish adult faith formation leaders – a reminder that each month your rectory receives a fax from **FAITH Magazine** requesting information about parish adult faith formation programs. By returning that fax, you can advertise programs on the outside back cover of the magazine sent to each of the registered households of your parish. You can also advertise on the inside of the magazine which reaches all 85,000 households in our diocese. To do this, you need to work 8 weeks in advance of your event.

2) For a more instant brand of advertising, consider having your program put on the diocesan website. We 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 is able to log on to 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. Simply contact: Sr. Rita Wenzlick at rwenzlick@dioceseoflansing.org to send her your information as you would like it to appear. Even if you forget to do this and it is now a week before your event, send your information. Many people log on to the diocesan website 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 use to publicize additional programming opportunities for the people of your parish.

3) The **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults** is now available. Our diocese played a part in the development of this resource by the feedback individuals and parishes sent to the United States Bishops as the various drafts were written. Call: Margaret at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org to order a copy at \$19.95

4) Adult Education Speakers List – the new list is revised as of 8-9-06 and was mailed to everyone on the parish adult education leader mailing list. To request one, call: Margaret at 517-342-2555.

SEPTEMBER 30 IS THE DEADLINE. . .

. . .for ordering CAFÉ merchandise to enhance your adult faith formation efforts. Coffee mugs, coasters and large banners are included. Order forms were mailed to everyone on the parish adult education leader mailing list. To request another order form, call: Margaret at 517-342-2555.

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.

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 will mean 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 such opportunities from what people tell us they need at this time for a particular purpose.

PASTORS/PASTORAL COORDINATORS

Goal 4.3, Strategy B: Continue and/or initiate certification, on-going formation, networking opportunities and ministry support groups for various lay and professional ministries.

As we begin the program year, it is a good opportunity to discuss a growth plan and time line for acquiring academic background for ministry for those members of your parish staff in significant positions of leadership, whether full-time, part-time or volunteer. There are multiple avenues for staff to acquire such background. Growth plans and time lines can vary. Your interest and encouragement can make a difference in quipping all of our parish staff members with background required for ministry in the 21st century. Call: [Nancy Joseph](mailto:Nancy.Joseph@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2512, [Sally Amman](mailto:Sally.Amman@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-34-2483, [Michael Andrews](mailto:Michael.Andrews@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2479, [Pat Rinker](mailto:Pat.Rinker@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2485, [Rita Thiron](mailto:Rita.Thiron@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2476 or [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2486.

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

A Look at Our Theme...

In the midst of the desert, a seemingly lifeless landscape, a flower blooms. This living promise of hope also reflects our ministry to, with and for young people. Over the past few years, those who share in this ministry have been called to walk with faith through the challenges and trials of numerous desert experiences. In so doing, we stand as living witnesses to the presence of God, the light of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit at work through this dynamic ministry to the young church.

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.



DIOCESAN CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2006

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| 9/13 | 10:00am - 3:00pm Diocesan Worship Committee - Diocesan Center | 10/12-13 | NCCL Provincial Meeting - Augustine Cntr., Conway, MI |
| 9/16 | 1:00pm Protecting God's Children Awareness Session - St. Joseph Academy, Adrian
7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, Dexter | 10/12 | 9:00am - 12:00pm Genesee/Owosso Region DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Mtg. - TBA
1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center
7:00pm Confirmation - St. John the Baptist, Hartland |
| 9/17 | Catechetical Sunday, Theme: Who Do You Say I Am? | 10/14 | 10:00am Scouting Committee - Diocesan Center
10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events & DYAC Mtg. - Holy Redeemer, Burton
7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, Dexter |
| 9/18-19 | 8:00am - 4:00pm Nat'l Assoc. of Family Life Ministers Leadership Train. - Ministry W/ Families 101 - Dioc. Ctr. | 10/16 | 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn |
| 9/20 | 9:30am - 12:00pm Legal Issues In-service - Dioc Ctr. | 10/18 | 9:30am - 12:00pm DRE Advisory Committee - Dioc. Ctr. |
| 9/21-22 | NACARE Region VI Meeting - Weber Center, Ann Arbor | 10/19-20 | 8:00am Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools Conference - Grand Rapids, MI |
| 9/21 | 1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Diocesan Center | 10/19 | 1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
7:00pm Confirmation - St. Francis Xavier, Otisville |
| 9/24 | American Evangelization Appeal | 10/21-26 | CACE Convention - Los Angeles, CA |
| 9/26 | 9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
6:30 - 9:00pm Remarriage Facilitator Meeting - Diocesan Center | 10/22 | Mission Sunday |
| 9/29-10/1 | Permanent Deacon Community Annual Convocation - Shanty Creek Resort & Club, Bellaire, MI | 10/23 | 7:00pm Confirmation - Immaculate Conception, Milan |
| 10/2-3 | Michigan/Ohio Diocesan Directors of Youth Ministry - TBA | 10/24 | 12:00 - 3:00pm Family Life Advisory Board Mtg. - Diocesan Center |
| 10/2-5 | 28th Annual Presbyteral Convocation - McGuire's Resort, Cadillac, MI | 10/25 | 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mark the Evangelist, Goodrich |
| 10/5 | 9:30am - 12:00pm Lansing Region DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Meeting - TBA | 10/26 | 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Jude, DeWitt |
| 10/7 | 5:00pm Confirmation - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flint | 10/27 | 9:00am - 3:00pm Lay Ecclesial Ministers Convocation - Diocesan Center |
| 10/8 | 12:00pm Confirmation - Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson | 10/28 | 10:30am Transitional Diaconate Ordination - Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Jackson |
| 10/9-11 | Pre-Commissioning Retreat - SFRC, DeWitt | 10/29 | World Youth Day
10:00am Confirmation - Good Shepherd, Montrose |
| 10/9-13 | Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions National Mtg. - Omaha, NB | 10/30 | 6:30pm Protecting God's Children Awareness Session - St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ann Arbor |
| 10/9 | 7:00pm Confirmation - St. John the Evangelist, Fenton | 11/1 | All Saints (Solemnity) Holy Day of Obligation |
| 10/10 | 9:30am - 12:00pm Jackson & Lenawee/Hillsdale Regions DRE/CYM/Pastoral Ministers Mtg. - TBA | 11/2 | Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center
6:30pm - 8:30pm Regional Gathering of Parish Evangelization Leaders - TBA |
| 10/11 | 9:30am - 12:00pm Livingston & Washtenaw Regions DRE/CYM Pastoral Ministers Mtg. - TBA | | |

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