

As we enter into this critical phase in our diocesan discernment process, we want to affirm once again guiding principles to the Diocesan Coordination Commission:

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 reconfigure our diocese for an era with fewer priests and shifting population.
7. Any reconfiguration of the diocese will respect the needs of both the people and the individual minister.

May God bless you as you work through this process in your own parish.



PLANNING TOMORROW'S CHURCHES

The State of Michigan, as you well know, is being forced to realign its resources in the face of huge changes that have forced themselves upon all of us. Our economic structure is being forced to change. People are finding it necessary to move to new places. Big things are happening to all of us here in Michigan. They are also happening to us as Catholics living in south central Michigan.

Bishop Mengeling has launched us into a thoroughgoing examination of every aspect of the Diocese of Lansing in order that we might realign and deploy our personnel and our resources to meet our diocese's future needs in the best ways possible. The work you are doing in your parish in this discernment process is unprecedented in the history of our diocese. It will set our diocese on a course that will have lasting effects for decades to come, a course that should fill us all with confidence and hope.

We can no longer afford to think that our individual parishes can provide us with all that the Catholic Church offers to God's people. The time has come when we have to think regionally, not just locally. Discerning the common good of our diocese is demanded now, not just what is good for me in my own parish.

For instance, can we continue to offer 56 opportunities to attend Mass in my area, to take one example, when only 22 are needed? Must each parish offer its own RCIA program or can we offer that program on a shared and consolidated basis in my region? Must all marriage preparations take place in just my parish, or can a marriage preparation program be shared by a number of parishes even though it takes place on just one site?

There are other areas where we can consolidate our resources and efforts in order to strengthen our Catholic presence in our regions. Redundancy and duplications of efforts serve only to dilute and thus weaken the presence of the Church when there are lessening numbers of participants and ministers in our individual parishes as they presently exist.

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CCMI RETREAT DAY

The Christians Concerned about Mental Illness (CCMI) 3rd Annual Retreat will be held Wednesday, June 6, 2007 from 9:30am - 3:00pm at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Fr. Tom McDevitt will open our retreat day with a presentation on "*The Cup of Life*." Cost is \$25.00 a person. Reservations are required. Contact: Ministry with Persons with disAbilities at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org.

DEAF MASS SCHEDULE ON DIOCESAN WEBSITE

Mass in ASL (sign language) is held at three locations throughout the Diocese. In Fenton, the Mass is held in the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist most weekends of the year. In Lansing and Ann Arbor, weekend liturgies are held less often. Please check the Diocese of Lansing website under [Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry](#) for the detailed schedule of signed Sunday Liturgies.

COURAGE/ENCOURAGE

Courage is the only Vatican recognized outreach to persons with same-sex attraction. Encourage is the support group for parents of children with same-sex attraction. Our diocese presently has three active groups of Courage: East Lansing, Ann Arbor and Flint. Encourage meets monthly in Ann Arbor and draws parents from outside the diocese and the state and has many from around the country who are in contact via mail. Both groups work to protect the privacy of their members. As to the usefulness of Courage, one member said, "Courage has been a life line for me. I no longer feel alone in my struggle and I have experienced significant spiritual growth. My life will never be the same." Call: the Courage number at 517-351-3315 for an appointment or more information or go to the national office website under [Courage/Encourage New York](#).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



SIGHT IMPAIRED/BLIND RETREAT

The retreat will be held May 15 - 17, 2007 at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Fr. Larry Delaney will facilitate "*The Call to be Holy, Catholic, Renewed*" Retreat for all persons who are sight impaired or blind from the Lansing Diocese. Contact: Ministry with Persons with disAbilities at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org for further information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mental illnesses can affect persons of any age, race, religion or income. Mental illnesses are not the result of personal weakness, lack of character or poor upbringing. Mental illnesses are treatable. Most people diagnosed with a serious mental illness can experience relief from their symptoms by actively participating in an individual treatment plan. Go to www.nami.org for more information.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Much of the news these days is filled with the issue of the State budget and the various ideas to control spending and lower the budget deficit. One of the proposals that has been put forward is the reduction of the population in Michigan's prison system. This seems to have received quite a bit of attention from folks on both sides of the issue. Obviously, simply opening the front gate and sending everyone out will not be wise, but there are many who could be paroled that have gone beyond their parole date and have been kept in prison because of the hysteria generated by incidents that are reported in the press. Some are elderly, in wheelchairs or sick, that could be cared for on the outside in a much more cost effective way.

Other issues that affect parolees are before the legislators now. One of them is the inability of prisoners to obtain identification in a timely manner once released. A package of four bills is currently working its way through the House with a similar package in the Senate. These bills, if passed, would allow an inmate to begin the process of obtaining identification while still incarcerated. Several hurdles have to be crossed, but they are not insurmountable.

If you would like more information on these or other issues pertaining to restorative justice, please call: [Tim Metts](mailto:Tim.Metts@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2495.

RELIGIOUS ASL WEEK AT DE SALES

This intensive program is designed for priests, deacons, seminarians, working interpreters and Deaf lectors who read at Sunday liturgies. Participants will learn how to convey religious concepts in American Sign Language for Deaf members of their congregations. Presenters are among the country's best: Msgr. Glenn Nelson, Fr. Michael Depcik, Deacon Pat Graybill, Deacon David Sommers and Pam Conine. This program will be held from Sunday evening July 22 to Friday, July 27, 2007. For further details, contact: Rose Smith at Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry 517-342-2532 or smithroj@cablespeed.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

END OF LIFE DECISIONS

“Guidelines for End of Life Decisions: Patient, Physician and Family - The Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare,” a pamphlet from the Michigan Catholic Conference, is available for free from the Life Justice Office. If your parish would like multiple copies or only a few, please call us and we will send them to you. Call: Linda at 517-342-2465.

HUMAN TRAFFIC BOOK AVAILABLE

Human Traffic by Craig McGill is a very readable book composed of testimonies of people who have been trafficked, voluntarily or not and the people who make a business of moving, buying and selling people for labor or sex. This “industry” is the third largest illegal export in the world, behind drugs and guns. It is a topic that is getting more and more exposure as we realize the extent to which this crime is present in the United States and in Michigan. Multiple copies of the book are available for your book discussion group for \$9.00 per copy (at newsstands for \$15.00). Please contact: Colleen at 517-342-2560 or candrews@dioceseoflansing.org.

DAY OF REFLECTION

The Diocese of Grand Rapids and the Diocese of Lansing are presenting, **A Joint Day of Reflection** on May 12, 2007 at the **Diocesan Center**, Lansing in preparation for the 10th National Black Catholic Congress. The General Planning Session will be from 1:00 - 4:00pm followed by the Eucharistic Liturgy at 5:00pm at St. Mary Cathedral. To RSVP, please contact: Ron Landfair at 517-342-2496 or rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org.

CRISTO REY HEALTH CLINIC CERTIFIED

Cristo Rey Family Health Clinic has been authorized by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service to provide physical exams for: *Adjustment of Status applicants and immigrant visa applicants; Non-immigrant (temporary) visa applicants; Refugees; Refugee adjustment applicants; Asylees and Asylee adjustment applicants.* By the action of the Federal Government, Cristo Rey Family Health Clinic has become a “U.S. Civil Surgeon”.

CCHD GRANTS

The deadline for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grant Applications is April 13, 2007. Call: [Vince Gale](mailto:VinceGale) for details at 517-342-2470.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The deadline for the Operation Rice Bowl Grant is June 1, 2007. For further information, call: [Vince Gale](mailto:VinceGale) at 517-342-2470.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Project Rachel, Bishop’s Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, Separated and Divorced, BeFriender: Please pray for all those who suffer from the effects of abortion, addictions and grief from loss, that God will comfort them and assist our office in providing help and creating hope.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Catholic Charities of Jackson County offers an After School Program through a neighborhood collaborative called *The Partnership Park Downtown Neighborhood Association, Inc.* It offers children in the community help with homework, social skills and the importance of giving back to their community. The children spend each day working on homework, typing skills or reading. The program also offers *Girl World*, which focuses on conflict resolution, body image and friendships. Healthy snacks and recreational activities are also available. Volunteers from Spring Arbor University donate their time and talent to the youth in the program. In addition, there are two RSVP volunteers who teach the students computer skills. The volunteers spend every Monday and Thursday with children who range in age from 5 - 18 years of age. The children in the program are required to complete four service projects throughout the year. The children have cleaned up the playground in the area and wrapped Christmas gifts for seniors in the community. Recently, the program adopted a military group that is stationed in Iraq. They sent homemade cards and a banner. This spring, the children will travel to a local university to experience college life and to complete their last service project. The service project is an important aspect of the program in that it teaches children to give back to the community. For the volunteers, having the opportunity to work with the children is very beneficial and a rewarding experience. Building trusting and caring relationships is what the program is all about. This is just one more example of the diversity of programs that Catholic Charities is involved with. Call: 517-782-2551 or attend our Help & Hope Tour on Wednesday, May 2 for lunch.

SHARING THE WEALTH BALLROOM DANCING

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 webpage. 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 is becoming an impressive array of success stories. There are 14 articles there now. Probably there is one or more there that your parish can adopt and adapt.

Have you ever watched the television program, “Dancing With The Stars”? If you have, then you probably realize that ballroom dancing can be very elegant, a great stress reliever and a good cardio workout! But did you know that it can also become a religious experience as well? A group of people from Sacred Heart Parish, Flint, did not know that at the outset, but they are convinced that it can have that kind of impact and they have the experiences to prove it. Their interest in ballroom dancing has grown into a wonderful ecumenical activity and a very creative way of reaching families, youth and young adults of all ages!



PASTORAL PLANNING

UPDATE ON THE PARISH/SCHOOL EVALUATION PROCESS

As this issue of **VOICES ALIVE** goes to print, our regional review committees are beginning their work. As previously indicated, these regional review committees have membership representative of each parish in the region. Phase I of the review will entail a review of each parish/school evaluation for completeness and clarity. The goal is that the current situation of each parish/school is revealed in the responses and that the needs and resources for the future are identified. The parish review is comprised of three sections: the sacramental life of the parish, the discipleship of the parish and the sustainability of the parish. The final piece of the review for each parish will be to assess the alignment of the responses to the descriptors and indicators designed for this process. These can be found on our diocesan website at <http://diocese.rbfinc.com/>. Our Catholic Schools will be assessed using a similar process. Some aspects to be reviewed include the Catholic identity of the school, enrollment and projections, finances, staffing, instructional programs and facilities.

Phase II of the review will look at the demographic shifts in the region and statistics related to all our parish ministers. Regional responsibilities (prisons, jails, migrant camps, hospitals, etc.) will be reviewed to ensure that the pastoral needs are being adequately met. From this information, the regional profile will be determined. This profile will include recommendations for such things as how many worship sites are needed, how many sites are needed for the necessary formation programs and what social ministry programs must be available to meet the needs of our people.

Finally, the recommendations will be reviewed in light of the guiding principles which the Diocesan Coordinating Commission use each time they gather. Visit our website at <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/pastoralplanning/diocoordcomm.html>. This work will shape our diocese for years to come and it behooves each of us to pray for its success.



DSA

2007 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

DSA Sunday is April 22, 2007.

Please visit the Diocese of Lansing website at <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org> to view the 2007 DSA promotional video. You can also find the DSA Parish Manual online at http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa/DSA_ParishManual_2007.pdf.

FORMATION

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 25

Priest Book Club

2:00pm

Msgr. Lunsford's Home, DeWitt

401 East Madison #A

Book: *The Life You Save May Be Your Own*

Author: Paul Elie

List price: \$16.00

Amazon.com for \$11.36

Contact: Karl Pung so that we know how many to expect for discussion, at 810-229-9863 or pastor@stpatchurch.org.

PRIESTS' ANNUAL RETREAT

April 30 - May 4 all priests in the Diocese are invited to attend the Priests' Annual Retreat at Bethany House, DeWitt. The presenter will be **Fr. Thomas E. Dubay, S.M.**. Fr. Dubay has a worldwide reputation for his work on spiritual direction and his writings on prayer and the interior life. He is an expert on the teachings and writings of the two mystical doctors of the Church, John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila. He holds a Ph.D. from Catholic University of America and is a well known author of over 20 books. Fr. Dubay has held the position of Professor of Theology and has taught at a major seminary for more than fifteen years. Mark your calendars for this week. A registration brochure was emailed to all priests in March and hard copies sent to all pastors with the DOL March monthly mailing. Cost is \$400.00 for the week. Please contact: Arlene if you have questions at 517-342-2510 or awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org.

May 19

The **Permanent Deacon Ordination** is at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, East Lansing at 10:00am, followed by a reception in the school gym/cafeteria. Please plan to join the Deacon Community to celebrate this special day with these men and their families.

June 9

Priesthood Ordination

St. Mary Cathedral

10:30am

SENIOR PRIEST APPRECIATION DAY

June 28 is our **annual Senior Priest Appreciation Day**. It will be held at St. Francis Retreat Center, beginning with Mass at 10:30am, followed by lunch and social time together. All priests are invited and encouraged to attend to honor these men who have reached senior status. If a senior priest lives near you, make arrangements now to bring him with you. There is no fee for this day, but we do need to know if you plan to attend so that proper arrangements can be made. Mark your calendars now and watch for a flyer to be emailed or sent to you.

July 26

Mid-Summer Priest Day

10:30am - 8:00pm

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

August 17

LUGNUTS GAME - family night for vocations

August 18

Conversations in Ministry

9:00am - 3:30pm

Presenter: Fr. Timothy Gallagher

Theme: *Discernment of Spirits*

Place: St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall

October 4 or 5

Ongoing Formation Event

Presenter: Immaculee Ilibagiza on Forgiveness.

Author of *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*.

The same presentation will be offered twice at two different sites. Chose the date/time best for you and bring a friend!

Thursday Night, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor

Friday daytime, October 5 - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

October 8 - 11

29th Annual Presbyteral Convocation

McGuire's - Cadillac



BASIC TRAINING OVERNIGHT

Registration material was emailed in the April mailing. The training is for volunteer adults and youth, having completed ninth grade. It is a wonderful opportunity for your core leadership team to receive training together and prepare for the coming year. The event is July 12 & 13.

If you did not receive registration material, please call: Youth Ministry Office at 517-342-2484. For in-depth youth leadership formation, DYLC is highly recommend first.

NUTS & BOLTS CONFERENCE

The annual event for adult leadership formation for both youth & young adult ministry is August 17 - 19. It will once again be held at the Weber Inn in Ann Arbor. The focus of the event will be on the National Study on Youth and Religion. This vital report flows from a nation wide survey of young people and their parents. Long intense interviews were held helping us all to understand our young people's behavior, faith and what helps form them. A second wave of interviews was done a few years later and that material is out. This now includes youth and young adults. There is a Catholic report and a Hispanic report from this study. Both will be featured at Nuts & Bolts.

Terri Telepak will be facilitating the workshops on the Catholic report. Ken Johnson-Mondragen from Instituto Fey y Vida will be facilitating the workshops on the Spanish report in Spanish. Translation will be available from Spanish to English for general sessions. Friday evening will include social and opportunity to sign up for youth event committees and young adult advisory for the year 2007 - 2008.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

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

Not all adult faith formation needs to be parish based. Not all program offerings need to be short. Consider advertising for your parishioners **Summer Scripture Days**, an opportunity for adults to increase their Scripture/based knowledge, to reflect on their faith and to be empowered to pass on their faith to their families and others. Come to St. Francis Retreat Center, August 14-16. This year's theme is: **Wisdom & Proverbs: Lighting Our Path**. Presenter will be Msgr. Robert Lunsford. The cost is \$90.00 to \$150.00 per person, depending on meal plan and lodging. Scholarships are available. Contact: Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465 or lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org.

EVERYONE

You will be receiving next month the **2006 - 2007 Annual Data Gathering Instrument for Faith Formation for Adults, Teens and Children**. The deadline for return will be July 31, 2007. Begin now to assemble your information, following the format of last year's report. For those of you on 10 month contracts, please complete the form before you leave for the summer. If you have any questions, call: [Pat Rinker](mailto:Pat.Rinker@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2485; [Michael Andrews](mailto:Michael.Andrews@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2479; [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2486.

SCOUT CEREMONY LOCATION CHANGE REMINDER

Goal 7.1, Strategy C: Establish Catholic youth and young adult councils to plan regular inter-parish activities.

Due to road construction in downtown Lansing the annual Scout Award Ceremony has been moved to St. Gerard Church. April 22, 2007 and April 20, 2008, the scouts will have their reception at 1:30pm in Weber Hall and the ceremony at 2:30pm in the church. Please alert your scout leaders and parents. Thank you to Fr. John Klein and the people of St. Gerard's for hosting the Scout Award Ceremony.

YOUTH EVENTS COMMITTEES

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

Youth Events Planning Committees and the Diocesan Youth Advisory Committee meet Saturday, April 21, 10:00am, TBA.

HISPANIC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Diocesan Hispanic Young Adult Ministry Committee will be meeting Sunday, April 15 at Cristo Rey Church at 5:00pm. We are hoping for leaders from Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cristo Rey and Hispanic young adults from other parishes. Our last committee meeting was well attended. We are hoping to plan some late spring and summer activities.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

MINISTRY POSITION OPENINGS

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

If your parish is seeking applicants for a position, or you or someone you know is interested in current openings in youth or young adult ministry, religious education, adult faith formation, RCIA, or evangelization, call: [Pat Rinker](#) at 517-342-2485; [Michael Andrews](#) at 517-342-2479; [Pete Ries](#) at 517-342-2486.

DYLC

If you have not signed up your high school leadership youth for our Diocesan Leadership Camp, but wish to, please call: 517-342-2485. There is still room. Application material is on our diocesan website. They must have graduated from 9th grade and not be older than a person entering 12th grade. The camp is June 17 - 22.

JOB BANK

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

To post a position opening or if any individual would like to list themselves as an applicant, contact the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership job bank at www.nccl.org. If you have any questions, call: 202-884-9753.

PASTORS/PASTORAL COORDINATORS

Goal 4.1: Clearly define present roles and create new roles in the Church to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of people.

Job performance appraisal/administrative review forms for the 2006 - 2007 fiscal year and contracts for 2007 - 2008 have been sent to all principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors and Directors of Evangelization. Call: Department of Education and Catechesis for information.

SEND US PHOTOS OF YOUR EVENTS

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

Consider sending Pete Ries pictures of program activity in the areas of adult faith formation, RCIA and evangelization. If you need them returned, please indicate that. You can also email pictures from a digital camera. We are currently seeking pictures for an adult faith formation display board and possibly for [FAITH Magazine](#).

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 adult education committees.

To order for \$5.95 plus shipping, contact: Margaret Grima at 517-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org.

A) some theory: “the maturation of the Christian life requires that it be cultivated in all its dimensions: knowledge of the faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, belonging to community, missionary spirit. When catechesis omits one of these elements, the Christian faith does not attain full development” (P. 29).

B) some implication: “Sometimes this means discerning with participants which aspects of their culture are compatible with the Gospel and then building adult faith formation efforts on those aspects, incorporating the culture’s symbols, traditions and language. At other times, it means discerning cultural elements incompatible with the Gospel and working together to purify and transform. Both are important; neither should be neglected” (P. 27).

C) some strategy: “Cultivate an evangelizing spirit among all the faithful as an integral element of their baptismal calling, of the Church’s nature and mission and of a Catholic way of life” (P. 33).



DIOCESAN CALENDAR

APRIL - MAY 2007

4/18	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan CAFE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 12:00 - 3:00pm Diocesan Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - Holy Cross, Lansing	5/1	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Martha, Okemos
4/19	1:00pm - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton	5/2	10:00am - 3:00pm Diocesan Worship Committee - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Alphonsus, Deerfield
4/21	9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor 10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events Planning Committee - TBA 5:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor	5/3	1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Adrian
4/22-26	National Conference for Catechetical Leadership Annual Conference - Columbus, OH	5/4-6	Retrouvaille Weekend - Detroit
4/22	1:30pm Scout Reception - St. Gerard Parish, Lansing 2:00pm Confirmation - St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor 2:30pm Scout Awards Ceremony - St. Gerard Parish, Lansing	5/5	4:30pm Confirmation - St. Matthew, Flint
4/24	12:00 - 3:00pm Family Life Advisory Board Mtg. - Diocesan Center 12:00 - 1:00pm CCMI Meeting - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - Holy Redeemer, Burton	5/6	2:00pm Confirmation - St. Agnes, Fowlerville
4/25	2nd Annual Catholic Charities Day - Diocesan Center Administrative Assistants Day 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Anthony, Hillsdale	5/8	9:30am - 1:00pm CYM Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Morrice
4/26	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Robert, Flushing	5/9	8:30am - 2:30pm Diocesan Chautauqua - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. John, Jackson
4/28	9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor 4:30pm Confirmation - St. Pius X, Flint	5/10	5:30pm Diocesan Board of Education and Catechesis - Bethany House, DeWitt 7:00pm Confirmation - Blessed Sacrament, Burton
4/29	World Day of Prayer for Vocations 10:00am Scouting Committee - TBA 11:00am Confirmation - St. Peter the Apostle, Blissfield	5/12	4:30pm Confirmation - St. Patrick, Ann Arbor
4/30-5/4	9:00am Priests' Annual Retreat - Bethany House, DeWitt 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Westphalia	5/14	6:30 - 9:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Joseph, Adrian
		5/15-17	SI/Blind DeWitt Retreat - St. Francis Retreat Cntr., DeWitt
		5/15	7:00pm Confirmation - Holy Rosary, Flint
		5/16	9:30am - 12:00pm DRE Advisory Committee [Diocesan Center 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Patrick, Brighton
		5/17	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Manchester
		5/19	9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor 10:00am Permanent Deacon Ordination - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

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