

To help us appreciate this rich history (especially in an era when liturgical books are being composed and translated at a record pace), the Office of Worship is pleased to invite you to the tenth annual **Liturgy and Music Conference, “Ever Ancient, Ever New.”** It will be held on **Saturday, February 3, 2007, at St. Patrick Church, Brighton.** In two plenary sessions, **Father Lawrence Madden, S.J.,** the Director of the Georgetown Center for Liturgy, will draw on art, architecture and liturgical texts throughout the ages. He will explore how the very nature of the worship experience draws us into a deeper encounter with the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.

In addition, eleven workshops will be offered for all liturgical ministers – clergy, liturgists, musicians, choristers, lectors, catechists, RCIA teams, parish worship commissions and others.

Registration brochures have been mailed to parishes. Additional copies may be downloaded at www.dioceseoflansing.org/worship. For more information, please call: 517-342-2480.

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A SENSE OF HISTORY

Goal 6: To foster and enhance spirituality and worship which will deepen or relationship with God and the Church.

Did you know that the “Holy, holy, holy” is one of many elements of our Mass based on synagogue practices?

Did you know that there is evidence of a distinct celebration of Easter as early as the second century and that the celebration of baptism was linked to its vigil?

Did you know that the Gloria was written by a small Greek community in the early fourth century and officially added to the Mass in the seventh century?

Did you know that the Mass was prayed in a variety of languages and with a variety of local customs for nearly sixteen centuries, until the Council of Trent made it uniform? (Even then, customs over 200 years remained in force.)

It is important that we who celebrate the Church’s liturgy have a sense of history. The text of our prayers, the readings we proclaim, the symbols we employ and the ritual actions we engage in are not of our own invention; they have been built on a rich liturgical tradition. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council were well versed in this tradition when they called for liturgical reform.

They recognized that liturgy is the work of God and each time we gather in our parish church, we join the entire Church in offering him due praise. While we might adapt the liturgy, we cannot impose changes of our own invention. Nor should we yearn, with untutored nostalgia, for practices of recent decades, but develop, instead, an appreciation for 2000 years of liturgical history.

TRAINING CLASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese of Lansing, in cooperation with Capital Area Michigan Works, will be providing an orientation and training class for those interested in volunteering to help people recently released from prison or jail. The class will take place at the Diocesan Center, Saturday, January 27, from 9:00 - 11:00am. Call: [Colleen Andrews](mailto:Colleen.Andrews@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2560 or [Tim Metts](mailto:Tim.Metts@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2495 for reservations.

NEW ACTING COORDINATOR OF NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Rory Hoipkemier, Director of Life Justice Ministry for the Diocese of Lansing, will assume responsibilities for the *NFP Program*. Former coordinator, Angela Grzemkowski, will be pursuing work in sign language interpreting. Any questions related to Natural Family Planning should be directed to Rory. Contact: 517-342-2587 and leave a message, Rory directly at 517-342-2469 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC STUDENT LEGISLATIVE DAY

On March 6, the Lansing Diocese will be participating in Catholic Student Legislative Day at the Diocesan Center. The keynote speakers will be Joe Cella, the Director of Fidelis (a Catholic-based advocacy organization) and his wife, Kristin, the former policy analyst for MCC regarding life issues. The essay contest will again take place with awards of \$150.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00 for the top three essays. All homeschoolers, public and Catholic high school juniors are invited to participate. All four diocesan high schools will be in attendance. Contact: Rory Hoipkemier at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



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.

The *Introduction to Natural Family Planning* classes will be offered across the diocese. You can access available dates and times by going to the diocesan NFP website, www.dioceseoflansing.org/nfp. Look for the link to "God's Plan For Happy Marriages". Pre-registration is required for all participants. For more information, contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

NFP CLASSES OFFERED IN THE DIOCESE OF LANSING
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.

Four-part classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method as taught by Couple to Couple League (CCL) are listed on the diocesan Natural Family Planning website, www.dioceseoflansing.org/nfp. Classes are listed under "NFP Classes from Couple-to-Couple League". To schedule a class, contact: 517-342-2587 or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Matthew 25:36 encourages us to visit the imprisoned. We are told that we visit the Lord Himself when we do so. And so, it is with joy that we enter the prison to visit those confined. Frequently, those who are in prison have no one who will visit them. This is so for a variety of reasons. It may be that the person has committed a crime which has caused shame to a family and they will not visit, or, perhaps, the family lives at a great distance from the prison and cannot afford to make the trip to the prison. A smaller group are "lifers" whose families have died or moved away. Whatever the reason, many welcome the opportunity to be involved with outreach volunteers who bring them God's Word and a friendly smile. A person may have an interest in prison ministry for any number of reasons. Many volunteer out of love for and loyalty to their pastor. Some step forward because they perceive a need and see no one else willing to step forward and accept the responsibility. Others volunteer because it allows them high visibility within the church community or because they are influenced by others. None of these reasons will suffice because mentoring is a ministry - a calling by the Lord. Normally, prison ministry volunteers will spend a few hours a week in their ministry. There is never a time when anyone does anything by themselves, they are always in groups of at least two people and, more frequently, four or five people. The Diocese of Lansing has approximately twenty-five prisons, jails and youth facilities within the ten-county area. Most of these facilities have a group of volunteers that go in at this time. If you feel that you may be called to this ministry, call: [Tim Metts](mailto:Tim.Metts@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2495.

VICTORIOUS MISSIONARIES

Flint Area Chapter - Days of Renewal Retreats for persons with disabilities: A mini MR Retreat Day will be held at St. Pius X Parish Center in Flint on February 17, 2007. Call: Jean Haines, coordinator at 810-732-1068.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

PROJECT RACHEL

A new survey has found that women want to be thoroughly informed of all possible risks associated with elective medical procedures and they generally want as much or more information when it comes to abortion. The survey of 187 women seeking obstetric and gynecological services at a Wisconsin women's health clinic was published in the *Journal of Medical Ethics* in July. The women were given a short survey in which they were asked to state their preferences for information about elective medical procedures. They ranked the degree of information they preferred regarding alternative treatments and complication rates and rated the severity of different types of complications, ranging in severity from headaches to death. The results showed that 95 percent of patients wished to be informed of all the risks of a procedure and 69 percent wanted to be informed of all alternative treatments, not just the alternatives preferred by their doctor. Moreover, in their ranking of the seriousness of complications, mental health complications ranked as very serious, only slightly below the risk of death or heart disease. This finding may be especially important to the abortion debate since recent peer-reviewed studies have linked abortion to increased rates of mental health problems, such as suicidal behavior, clinical depression, anxiety disorders, substance abuse and sleep disorders. "Doctors should anticipate that most women desire information on every potential risk, even risks that doctors may judge to be less serious or inconsequentially rare and they will generally consider this information to be relevant to their decisions regarding elective procedures," the authors wrote. Dr. David Reardon, director of the Elliot Institute and one of the co-authors of the study, said that the survey "demonstrates that women have a high level of interest in being informed of any risk that is statistically associated with the procedure, including psychological risks. It also reveals that while some experts may consider some associations, such as a 10 percent higher risk of breast cancer, as relatively unimportant, most women would consider it to be very important to their decision making process. Our survey shows that most women do not want doctors to screen which information they are told about risks. They want to judge the evidence for themselves. They clearly prefer to be fully informed about all possible complications, even if abortion providers insist that the causal links between abortion and these statistically linked complications have yet to be fully proven to the abortionist's satisfaction. Elliot Institute, PO Box 7348, Springfield, IL 62791-7348. Additional material posted at www.afterabortion.org.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES

The first Sunday of the month of February (4th) celebrates the 18th Annual National Day of Prayer for the African American Family. This year's theme is "***We are going the Distance with Jesus***". This began in 1989 by Fr. James Goode, OFM, "as a day set aside for us to give special thanks to God for our families and place our every care in the arms of Jesus". For many, this is a time of fear - of lost jobs, family members, housing, health care, etc. As a sign of support and solidarity, each parish, family, convent, religious house, etc., is asked to stand and pray for the Black family. Resources such as brochures and Windows-based CDs can be ordered from Solid Ground Ministry at 212-868-1847. Call: [Ron Landfair](mailto:Ron.Landfair) at 517-342-2496.

NCOD PASTORAL WEEK
National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) Pastoral Week 2007 will be held in San Antonio, Texas from January 12 - 17, 2007. This annual conference is an excellent opportunity for pastoral workers and Deaf Catholics to network and learn from and about the Catholic Deaf Church in the United States. The theme, "*Remember God's Word: Journey through Scripture*", will place special emphasis on translating Scripture readings into American Sign Language for the Deaf community. Another highlight of Pastoral Week will be a presentation by four Deaf seminarians from around the country.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking/Juvenile Sexploitation is the spring social topic being promoted by the Office of Life Justice. The book, ***Human Traffick***, by Craig McGill is available to all parishes at \$9.00 per copy. To order, contact: Colleen at 517-342-2560 or candrews@dioceseoflansing.org. On March 2 and 3, 2007, Sr. Patrice Colletti will be presenting an education/action seminar regarding these issues for the public. Location and details have yet to be determined. In April, a day long seminar for professionals involved with human traffic/sexploitation will occur in the Lansing area.

CAREGIVER & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The retreat will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at St. Martha Parish, Okemos beginning at 2:00pm and ending with 5:00pm Mass at St. Martha's Church. Reservations are required for this event. Contact: Ministry with Persons with disAbilities at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org to RSVP or find out more information.

2007 THEME: FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PASTORAL PLANNING

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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SHARING THE WEALTH

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 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 is becoming an impressive array of success stories. There are 11 articles there now. Probably, there is one or more there that your parish can adopt and adapt.

Looking for an opportunity to catechize your entire parish community all at once? This month we take a good look at inter-generational catechesis and the ways two of our parishes are doing just that. Check out the lively and creative doings at St. Mary on the Lake, Manitou Beach and St. Mary Parish, Flint, by following the "[Sharing the Wealth...](#)" link on our website.

PARISH REVIEW PROCESS

In the December 2006 issue of VOICES Alive, we published questions for small group discussions on Sections I and II of the Parish Evaluation Inventory. As the Parish Review process continues, here are discussion starters for Section III.

Section III:

1. What is stewardship (the biblical concept of stewardship)?
2. (For parishes not yet doing stewardship) What steps do we take to become a stewardship parish? (For parishes that have begun to live stewardship or have been a stewardship parish for many years) What steps do we need to take to practice the stewardship concept more fully?
3. How has our parish responded to the challenges of becoming a stewardship community?
4. How has the parish school increased awareness about the biblical concept of stewardship?



FAITH MAGAZINE

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Do you know someone who has a great faith story for FAITH? Give us the who, what, when and why:

2 Ways to Publish Your Events:

- 1) Things-to-do page in FAITH
 - 2) Back-cover message for your parishoners only
- Fax your list to Jillane Job today: 517-342-2537

FORMATION

2007 CALENDAR

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 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 or need a registration form for the Region VI Forum, please contact: Arlene in the Priestly Life & Ministry Office at 517-342-2510 or awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org.

All Ministers Retreat will take place at St. Francis Retreat Center from Tuesday, January 23 until Thursday, January 25, 2007. The theme will be "Cultivating Pastoral Praxis - Growing in Professional Practice" (National Certification Standards 4 & 5), retreat directors will be Michael Andrews, Director of Catechesis and Nancy Joseph, Director of Lay Ecclesial Ministry. For more information, please contact: Nancy Joseph at 517-342-2512 or njoseph@dioceseoflansing.org.

February 8 Priest Book Club

Meet at St. Patrick's Rectory, Brighton at 2:00pm

Title: Atticus by Ron Hansen

Price: \$11.05 at Amazon.com

If you will be attending, please contact: Fr. Karl Pung at 810-229-9863 or pastor@stpatchurch.org.

February 15 & 16 Ongoing Formation Event with Father Anthony Krisak at St. Mary, Pinckney

Theme: *From Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and the Revitalization of the Parish*

A shortened form of the presentation will be Thursday, February 15, 5:30 - 9:00pm, beginning with a light supper. The entire presentation will be Friday, February 16, 10:00am - 3:00pm. This is a rescheduling of the event originally planned for last May but cancelled due to the illness of Father Rivers. This event is offered for Parish Leaders, Priests, Deacons and Lay Ecclesial Ministers and is being co-sponsored by the Formation Department and Diocesan Evangelization Office. Registration brochures have been mailed. Registration cost is \$25.00 for either date, including the meal. Also, the book, **"From Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and the Revitalization of the Parish"**, for \$22.95 can be picked up at the event OR sent to you after receipt of registration and payment. To have the book sent, add \$4.05 for postage and handling. Contact: Fr. Jerry Vincke at 517-342-2507, jvincke@dioceseoflansing.org or Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

March 1 Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection with Bishop

Presenter: Msgr. Robert Lunsford
Saint Francis Retreat Ctr., DeWitt
Time: 10:00am - 3:30pm
Cost: \$20.00 (senior priests do not pay the fee but must register by mail or by phone: 517-342-2510)

March 29 Diocesan Staff Lenten Day of Reflection

Presenter: Father Karl Pung
Bethany House, DeWitt

April 30 - May 4 Priests' Annual Retreat

Presenter: Father Thomas E. Dubay, S.M.
Bethany House, DeWitt

May 19 Permanent Deacon Ordination (Change of Site)

Saint Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing
10:00am reception in school gym following Mass

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 9:00am - 3:30pm Presenter: Father Timothy Gallagher on Discernment of Spirits Saint Mary Cathedral Parish Hall

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

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Goal 7.1: Engage youth, college students and young adults through ministry and creative programming.

Registration material has been mailed for **Middle School Rally & DYLC**. Call: [Kimmel Griwatsch](mailto:Kimmel.Griwatsch@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2484, if you have not received mailing. All registrations must go through your parish or school youth ministry leader.

Kimmel Griwatsch is not new. Kimmel got married on January 5 to Jeff Griwatsch. May God bless them both with the assurance of each other's love in Christ.

Youth Events Planning Committees and the **Diocesan Youth Advisory Committee** meet Saturday, February 10, at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Church in Jackson, 10:00am.

Mass and Brunch with the Bishop for young adults, 18-38, will be March 18 at IHM Church in Lansing. 11:30am Mass will be followed by a young adult brunch.

The State Young Adult Conference is March 31 at St. John's Center in Plymouth. Young adults from both the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Diocese of Lansing planned this event. Keynote is Bob Rice.

We are still in need of regional representation at our **Diocesan Young Adult Advisory Committee**. Call: [Pat Rinker](mailto:Pat.Rinker@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2485 to be part of creating regional cooperation and diocesan response to the needs of young adults.



EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CAFÉ



Goal 1: Create comprehensive continuing adult education and formation opportunities.

Looking for adult lectionary-based materials? Consider *Sunday By Sunday*, available from Good Ground Press, 800-232-5533, or from goodgroundpress.com. This weekly scripture study program invites adults to reflect on the Sunday readings.

WELCOME HOME SUNDAY PARISH CONTACTS

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.

If your parish did Welcome Home Sunday, July - December, 2006, please return the fax feedback form you just received in a mailing no later than February 5. Your analysis of the various components of Welcome Home Sunday is valuable for the future development of these tools.

If you plan to do Welcome Home Sunday, January - June, 2007, begin now to recruit your committee and schedule its first meeting. Together, carefully review the contents of the 2006-2007 organizational package you received this past September. Let [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org) know if you need another set of the material at 517-342-2486. Order various Welcome Home Sunday materials by January 31 using the order form you just received in a mailing.

Everyone: because of the effort, enthusiasm and prayer of you and your parishioners, over 1,000 people have returned to the Church these past two years. Many of those who have not returned, heard your efforts at outreach. Perhaps this is the year the Holy Spirit will move them to respond.

REGIONAL YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS

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

We have regional young adult meetings in four regions. Three of these meetings are combined with people who also are leaders of youth ministry. The meetings are as follows:

January 18 - St. John, Fenton, 9:30am - regular regional meeting -Young Adult meeting over lunch. Call: St. John's to RSVP at 810 629-1850.

February 14 - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton, 10:00am - regional meeting of youth ministry and young adult ministry

February 20 - St. Joseph, Brooklyn, 9:30am - regional meeting for both youth & young adult ministry

February 28 - St. Mary, Charlotte, 7:00pm - regional meeting for young adult ministry

At these meetings, we will briefly review the four connections of young adult ministry and what ministries we each offer that reflect these goals.

At the Brooklyn meeting we will look at regional youth ministry in light of the three goals of youth ministry.

The Diocesan Hispanic Young Adult Ministry Committee will be meeting February 17 at Sacred Heart Chapel at 4:00pm. We are hoping for leaders from Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cristo Rey and Hispanic young adults from other parishes. We hope to have three events per year hosted by each of the three parishes mentioned.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

PARISH STAFF OPENINGS

Goal 4: Nurture ministers and leaders in the life of the Spirit and the vision of the Church to use their gifts to serve the needs of all.

The Offices of Catechesis, Evangelization, RCIA, Adult Faith Formation and Youth and Young Adult Ministry run a clearinghouse of information for parishes with ministry openings for Director of Religious Education, Director of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Director, Director of Evangelization, Coordinator of Youth Minister and Pastoral Minister. We share the information we receive from parishes with individuals who are looking for positions and with those parishes which are looking for applicants. If your parish – or you as an individual – are considering a change, we want to assist. The Diocese does not hire parish ministers, but can give assistance to this process and review the background and experience of candidates before a position is offered.

You can request a copy of the **Diocesan Hiring Guidelines for Parish Catechetical Leaders** or the **Diocesan Hiring Guidelines for Coordinators of Youth Ministry**, that contain: leadership models, job descriptions and approaches to developing a job description, background and skills required for positions, interviewing techniques and a checklist of duties for a search committee. Call: [Michael Andrews](mailto:Michael.Andrews@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2479, [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2486 or [Pat Rinker](mailto:Pat.Rinker@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2485.

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 at 571-342-2555 or mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org.

A) some theory: Adult faith formation should 'invite and enable ongoing conversion to Jesus in holiness of life' (P. 22). It needs to 'promote and support active membership in the Christian Community' (P. 23). It will 'call and prepare adults to act as disciples in mission to the world' (P. 24.)

B) some implication: Adult faith formation should 'orient adult Christian learning toward adult Christian living' (P. 25). It will strengthen the role and mission of the family in Church and society' (P. 25).

C) some strategy: Through consultation, phone and written surveys, parishes need to determine 'the particular needs and interests of the adults in each local community' (P. 22) in order to enable them to develop practical approaches to living out their faith in today's world.

PASTORAL MINISTERS/ADMINISTRATORS RETREAT

Goal 6.2: Offer opportunities for personal and communal spiritual renewal.

All are invited to participate in this retreat on Thursday, February 22, 9:00am - 3:00pm at Bethany House, DeWitt. Fr. Karl Pung will lead this day of reflection, sharing and relaxation with others involved in educational, catechetical and pastoral ministry. For registration materials, contact: Claudia Kaloz at 517-342-2482 or ckaloz@dioceseoflansing.org.

DIRECTORS OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Refer to the January 2007 issue of **Today's Parish Minister** for 7 articles related to a variety of approaches to parish adult faith.

PARISH-BASED TRAINING FOR ADULT

EDUCATION COMMITTEES

This 10 clock hour training program can be scheduled at your parish at a time of your choosing. It includes practical, ready-to-use approaches for developing and energizing adult faith formation in your parish.

Call: [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2486 to schedule this training.

ATTENTION

DREs, CYMs, Principals, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Directors/Chairpersons of Evangelization

Two weeks ago you received a bright green brochure describing the next ongoing formation event sponsored by the Department of Formation. This diocesan evangelization conference relates to every parish ministry with its theme: **From Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and the Revitalization of the Parish.**

You have two choices. A shortened form of the presentation will be Thursday, February 15, 5:30 - 9:00pm, beginning with a light supper. The entire presentation will be Friday, February 16, 10:00am - 3:00pm. The presenter is Fr. Anthony Krisak from the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association and the location is St. Mary, Pinckney. Plan to participate with staff and committee persons from your parish. Registration is \$25.00, including the meal. Contact: Fr. Jerry Vincke at 517-342-2507, jvincke@dioceseoflansing.org or Pete Ries at 517-342-2486, pries@dioceseoflansing.org.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR JANUARY - MARCH 2007

1/17	9:30am - 12:30pm Café Advisory Committee - Dioc. Ctr. 12:00 - 3:00pm Diocesan Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	2/11	12:00pm Confirmation - St. Michael, Flint
1/18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	2/14	10:00am Livingston/Shiawassee Regional Youth / Young Adult Ministries Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
1/18	9:30am Genesee/Owosso Regional Mtg. - St. John Fenton - Youth Adult Mtg. over lunch 1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 6:15pm Diocesan Board of Educ. and Cate. - Dioc. Center	2/15	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen Brighton 6:00 - 9:00pm Ongoing Formation/Diocesan Evangelization Conference - St. Mary, Pinckney
1/22	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Casimir, Lansing	2/16	10:00am - 3:00pm Ongoing Formation/Diocesan Evangelization Conference - St. Mary, Pinckney
1/23-25	All Ministers' Retreat - SFRC, DeWitt	2/17	9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor 4:00pm Diocesan Hispanic Young Adult Ministry Committee - Sacred Heart Chapel, Jackson
1/23	12:00 - 3:00pm Family Life Advisory Board Mtg. - Diocesan Center		4:30pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Chelsea
1/25	11th Anniversary of the episcopal ordn., Bishop Carl Mengeling	2/18	2:00pm Confirmation - St. James, Mason
1/27	9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor	2/20	9:30am Hillsdale / Lenawee / Jackson Youth / Young Adult Ministries Mtg. - St. Joseph, Brooklyn
1/28-2/3	Catholic Schools Week 11:00am Confirmation - St. Rita, Clarklake	2/21	Ash Wednesday
1/29	10:00am Catholic Schools Week Liturgy - St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing	2/22	9:00am - 3:00pm Pastoral Ministers & Administrators Retreat - Bethany House, DeWitt
1/30-2/4	National Diocesan Directors of Youth Ministry Mtg. - Colorado Springs, CO	2/24	11:00am Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - St. Mary, Brighton 5:00pm Confirmation - Resurrection, Lansing
1/30	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center	2/25	First Sunday of Lent 3:00pm Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing
2/1	1:30pm - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center	2/27	6:30 - 9:00pm Family Life - Newly Married Subcommittee Mtg. - Diocesan Center
2/3	9:00am - 3:30pm Diocesan Liturgy & Music Conference - St. Patrick, Brighton 9:00am - 1:00pm Youth Ministry Course - St. Francis, Ann Arbor 4:30pm Confirmation - St. Michael, Grand Ledge	2/28	7:00pm Lansing Youth / Young Adult Mtg. - St. Mary, Charlotte
2/5	6:30 - 9:30pm Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center	3/1	9:00am Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection with Bishop - St. Francis Retreat Cnt., DeWitt 1:30 - 3:30pm Diocesan Coordinating Commission Mtg. - Diocesan Center
2/7	9:30am - 12:00pm DRE Advisory Committee - Dioc. Ctr.	3/3	10:00am - 1:00pm Youth Events & DYAC - St. Mary, Chelsea 11:00am Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - Christ the King, Ann Arbor
2/8-9	NACARE Region VI Meeting - Weber Center, Adrian		
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