

- Walk and inspect all parish property and vacant land making sure no one is encroaching. Report any instances or suspected instances of encroachment to the diocesan Property Management Office or the Diocesan Attorney.

- Parishes with schools (unless classified as asbestos-free schools) should complete the federally required semi-annual asbestos inspection of the school building with results placed in the schools asbestos management plan file. (Forms are found with last years asbestos inspection by Wonder Makers Inc.) Schools designated “asbestos-free” should remember to include the phrase **“No asbestos-containing materials are to be utilized as building components or brought onto the premises”** on all contracts and purchase orders. Failure to do so could result in the loss of the asbestos-free designation.

- Inventory hazardous materials and chemicals. Obtain and update Material Safety Data Sheet for new chemicals and material found and replace expired MSDS. (This is a state and federal requirement for all workplaces.)

- Parishes with cemeteries - search for trip hazards such as sink holes and other such hazards.

If anyone has questions on the above items, call: Office of Property Management at 517-342-2534.

Enjoy the summer everyone!



### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The relationship between the Diocese and the Parish is complex. On one hand, the relationship can be perceived as supportive or it can be perceived as competitive. This dichotomy is most apparent in the collaboration between the Diocese and the Parish when it comes to temporal goods - the bricks and mortar, the buildings and grounds, the dollars and cents - essential elements necessary for the church to fulfill its mission.

Since 1867, Michigan law, when applied to temporal goods, has allowed the Catholic Bishops to function as, in effect, a “corporation sole”, a single corporation encompassing all Church property in a particular diocese. This means all real and personal assets are owned by the Bishop, as the Bishop of the Diocese and are titled in his name. When a Bishop retires or dies, his successors automatically become the legal owner of the temporal goods of the diocese. Consequently, the assets of every diocesan entity (parish, school, cemetery, etc.) are at risk by the activities, contracts, liabilities and decisions of any individual entity. For this reason, the Bishop is required to maintain a significant oversight over the temporal goods of his diocese.

On the other hand, Canon Law establishes every parish (and some institutions) as unique entities called juridic persons. These entities have rights and responsibilities which make them accountable in specific ways to the bishop. One of the responsibilities they have is the care and maintenance of the grounds and buildings. The responsibility is to make our parish buildings and grounds safe for all who visit, who work, who worship and who attend our schools.

The Department of Finance and Administration assists the Bishop in his responsibility for the temporal goods of the diocese by identifying problems (or potential problems) and suggesting methods to reduce or eliminate these issues.

The slower pace of parish activities during the summer months is a good time to accomplish simple tasks to eliminate risk and protect those who work, study, visit and worship in our facilities:

- Obtain insurance certificates from contracted services such as food vendors, carnival rides/game operators. Do not forget insurance certificates for contractors and repair persons who will work on parish property, such as: carpenters, plumbers, lawn care personnel, etc. If they are not insured, then the hiring institution (parish, school, etc.) could be legally liable for the vendors actions and mishaps. These certificates should state: **“The policy has been amended to show (name of parish or entity) and Roman Catholic Bishop Carl F. Mengeling of the Diocese of Lansing as additional insured.”**

- Complete the bi-annual property and building loss prevention inspection for buildings and grounds and schedule remedial action on the deficiencies discovered. (Forms are available from MCC).

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## DEAF FOR CHRIST

A joint effort by Fr. Michael Depcik and Fr. Ken McKenna, Oblates of St. Francis DeSales; Holley Ear Institute; and the Catholic Deaf Community will result in a cultural exchange between the Deaf communities of Trier, Germany and the United States. After World Youth Day 2005 in Cologne, Germany, Fr. Depcik invited the Germans to a return visit. Ten Deaf Germans and their pastor Fr. Ralf Schmitz will be at the De Sales Center in Brooklyn, MI from July 15 - 20, 2007. Previous to coming to Michigan, they will visit Washington DC. The Deaf community is invited to the celebration that begins with Mass at 4:00pm, followed by a BBQ dinner and Square Dance on Tuesday, July 17. Contact: [rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org).

## ANNUAL COURAGE CONFERENCE

... for those with same-sex attraction, living a chaste life and their families and friends. **Encourage**, the support group for families of those with same-sex attraction, is also represented at the conference. This is a marvelous and inspiring gathering of men and women who are living the Church's teachings as well as great speakers. It will be at Mundelein, Illinois, (near Chicago) on August 2 - 5. Go to the Courage NY website for more information. If finances are a problem or for questions, contact: Life Justice Office at 517-342-2469 or [rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org).

## BISHOP'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has many resources available should you wish to participate in this campaign. Go to [www.recoverymonth.gov](http://www.recoverymonth.gov) for more details and information.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

## SUMMER SCRIPTURE DAYS

The **2007 Summer Scripture Days** are scheduled for August 14 - 16 at the Bethany House, DeWitt. Back by popular demand, Rev. Msgr. Robert Lunsford, former Chancellor of the Lansing Diocese, will be the presenter for the three-day program based on the theme, *Wisdom & Proverbs Lighting Our Path*. Scriptural presentations will be combined with liturgies, creative activities, prayer, recreation and fun. Registration brochures are available at parish offices. Full registration is \$150 per person; commuters pay \$90 or \$110 depending on their meal choices. Due to the generous contributions of several K of C Councils, parishes, individuals and organizations, scholarships are available. For more information, contact: Linda Kolanowski, Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465 or [lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org).

## MIGRANT CAMP NEWS

We are looking for priests, deacons and lay volunteers who would be willing to visit any of the 30 licensed Migrant camps we have within the Diocese of Lansing. The bishop has previously asked for priests to go into camps to say mass and/or listen to confessions. He also asked that deacons visit these camps regularly and have prayer services as well as Bible study groups. Lay volunteers could help with any of the above as well as coordinate volunteers going into each camp and making sure the migrant workers have all they need both physically and spiritually. Sometimes these workers only need a friend and other times they need food, clothing and other necessities. If you have any questions or are willing and able to go into any of these camps, please contact: Colleen Andrews at 517-342-2560 or [candrews@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:candrews@dioceseoflansing.org).

## NFP TEACHERS NEEDED

The Natural Family Planning Office is looking for future teachers of both the Sympto-thermal and Billings (Ovulation) Method. We will provide instruction and credentials for all teachers. Financial compensation for each class plus mileage will be available. Please contact: 517-342-2587 and ask for Christine or [nfp@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflansing.org).

## NEW NFP VIDEO

A new NFP video is being produced! The edited version introducing NFP is now 30 minutes long (versus 55 minutes) and able to be used in both parish or non-parish settings. It is concise, informative and interesting. We are also producing a version dubbed in Spanish. Contact: NFP office at [nfp@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflansing.org) or Christine at 517-342-2587.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The magnitude of mental illness in this country is staggering. According to the Surgeon General, one in every five Americans experiences a mental disorder in any given year and half of all Americans have such disorders at some time in their lives. These illnesses of the brain affect all of us, regardless of age, gender, economic status or ethnicity. [www.nmha.org](http://www.nmha.org).

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The Office of Restorative Justice has been fortunate to receive a VISTA person to assist in grant writing, asset development and resource identification. Carol Ramsey-Scott began working as a mentor/volunteer for ex-offenders a few years ago and once grounded in that ministry, applied for this position through the New Life group at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. In her words, "I was brought on board and the rest is history. I did not ask for any of this, however, I do believe it was the work of the Holy Spirit that placed me here." Carol has a heart for those just released and says that there is much "unfinished business" to be done. Mentoring is high on her list of priorities. She goes to the Ingham County Jail on a weekly basis to mentor women and says that she receives more from them than she gives and it "builds her faith" as well. She finds that many of them are "hungry for the Lord" as she passes out reading material, prays with them and offers encouraging words. Part of her task is to find volunteers to work with and guide ex-offenders and incarcerated people in their spiritual walk with the Lord. An hour or two every week or so would be a tremendous gift. Carol is asking for you to "give back what is given to you daily in your walk with Christ. This is your opportunity to disciple someone and do some Soul Winning. Won't you be a part!?" You may contact: Carol at 517-342-2500 or through the Office of Restorative Justice at 517-342-2495.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LENAWEE

We are reminded in Psalms 34 that *The Lord hears the cry of the poor*. If we are to be His followers, our love must be extended to those who are poor...materially, spiritually, emotionally and psychologically. We, at Catholic Charities of Lenawee, hear the cry of the poor and vulnerable on a daily basis. We are dedicated to helping people of all ages, faiths, ethnic backgrounds and economic circumstances. Each year we touch the lives of hundreds of people in Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties. Children and parents, men and women look to us for help and hope. Many face a wide range of problems, from drug addiction and depression, to the young child who has been sexually abused. Our role is to be a resource for the community by providing services that these people may not otherwise be able to afford elsewhere.

Last year, Catholic Charities of Lenawee heard the cry of one of our most vulnerable populations, our youth, and started a weekly 12-Step Teen Support Group. Initially, there were only a few participants. However, as time went on, it grew in popularity to the point where this fall we will be offering a separate group for males and females. Also, this fall we plan to pilot a Host Home project for homeless youth, which we call "Road map to Graduation." Our goal is to provide a safe, stable environment with a volunteer host family for a homeless high school student who intends to graduate. When a high school student is homeless, staying in school, maintaining good grades and graduating is challenging. Catholic Charities of Lenawee, in collaboration with other community organizations, has taken important steps in addressing the needs of our youth by providing them help and creating hope for a brighter future.

## RELIGIOUS ASL WEEK AT DE SALES CENTER

A program designed for priests, deacons, seminarians, working interpreters and Deaf lectors who minister at Sunday liturgies for the Deaf will be held from Sunday to Friday, July 22 - 27, 2007 at DeSales Center in Brooklyn, Michigan. Details can be found at [www.dioceseoflansing.org](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org) or contact: Rose Smith, Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry at 517-342-2532 or [smithroj@gmail.com](mailto:smithroj@gmail.com).

## CCHD/CRS

As the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services of the Diocese of Lansing continue their missions, it is important to remember that the Church is not just another humanitarian organization. Surely we address the temporal needs like any other human service provider, however, the Church offers not just bread alone, but every word that comes from the mouth of God. The Church's charity and love do not end with temporal gifts, like secular organizations, but with the eternal gift - God himself! In this regard, it is essential to note some root causes identified by CCHD: **Education** - graduating at least from high school significantly reduces the risk of poverty; **Intact families** - children from intact families have a reduced rate of poverty, which means husbands and wives staying together and abstinence until marriage so you do not end up a single parent or worse yet, opting for an abortion. It is obvious that the Church offers hope through "the Way, the Truth and the Life". Instead of suggesting divorce, contraception and abortion, the Church promotes abstinence until marriage, faithfulness in marriage and the sacraments to strengthen us along the way. For all the good work some secular organizations do, no one does it like the Church. We have the ultimate resource. Thank you for supporting CCHD and CRS.

# PASTORAL PLANNING

principal must put the person on unpaid leave of absence immediately while the person seeks correction of the registry information. If the person does not achieve correction of the registry information within 90 days, the pastor, pastoral coordinator or principal must terminate the person's employment.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSIONS

August 7, Diocesan Center, Lansing, 1:00pm

August 29, St. Pius X, Flint, 6:30pm

September 8, St. John the Evangelist, Fenton, 9:00am

September 11, Sacred Heart, Hudson, 6:30pm

October 15, St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor, 6:30pm

If you wish to host a PGC session, contact: Sally Ellis at 517-342-2551 or [sellis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:sellis@dioceseoflansing.org).

Check out [www.dioceseoflansing.org](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org) for downloads regarding the safe environment programs. Available to download are:

- Code of Pastoral Conduct
- Compliance Grid
- Diocese of Lansing Consent Form (for background check)
- Identix Live Scan Fingerprint Request Form
- Live Scan procedures

It is not too late to sign-up for the VIRTUS Facilitator Training that will take place August 28 and 29 at Bethany House, DeWitt. Overnight accommodations are available. The diocese covers the entire cost.

The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* audit is scheduled the week of September 24, 2007. The auditors have requested us to send our figures and other information six weeks prior to their coming here September 24. If you have not done so already, please submit all audit materials to the Safe Environment Office **ASAP**.

## SHARING THE WEALTH - DRESSER MISSION

*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 2006, 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 16 articles there now. Probably, there is one or more there that your parish can adopt and adapt.*

Leveraging an organization's strengths and assets has long been a successful business formula. For a pair of mothers in The Catholic Community of St. Jude, DeWitt, leveraging parish strengths has been working wonders in their very successful "Dresser Ministry" - a program to help area women and couples cope with the burdens of unexpected pregnancies without resorting to abortion. Check it out at the "[Sharing the Wealth...](#)" link on our website.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

- Principals, DREs and YMs: if you want to plan ahead, lessons 5 and 6 of the Touching Safety program are now available at the VIRTUS website. Click the "Educators" tab. If you do not have the "Educators" tab, please call: Safe Environment Office at 517-342-2551.
- A useful tool in conducting background checks, especially with regard to volunteers and new employees, is through the National Sex Offender Database. Follow the steps below:
  1. Go to <http://www.nsopr.gov/>.
  2. Click on "I agree" indicating that you agree with the terms and conditions stated. This will bring you to the National Search page.
  3. Choose national search.
  4. Click on the box titled "NATIONAL SEARCH." This opens a "territories" menu. Make sure that the box that says "National Search (all participating states and territories)" is checked.
  5. In the fields on the top left, enter the person's last name and first initial ONLY. This allows for a more comprehensive search of the database. If a person has a common name, however, you will have to enter the complete first name. The yellow fields do not need to be completed.
  6. Click the SEARCH button. View results. If the person's name is displayed, check that record by clicking on the name. You can now cross-check the date of birth and often there is a photo included.

If the results of the search indicate that the person is a registered sex offender, the pastor, pastoral coordinator or principal should immediately notify the person in a private conversation attended by one other witness. If the person acknowledges that the registry information is accurate, then the pastor, pastoral coordinator or principal must terminate the person's employment immediately. If the person states that the registry information is not accurate, then the pastor, pastoral coordinator or

# FORMATION

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July 26

**Mid Summer Priest Day** - 10:30am - 9:00pm

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Fr. Larry Delaney will be the facilitator for the sessions presented on this day.

### July 26

**Priest Book Club** – 7:00pm at Mid Summer Priest Day

Book - *Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Connor

Purchase this book at SFRC or on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

### August 8

**New Administrators Day**

Madonna Hall - 9:00am - 3:00pm

Newly ordained priest, deacons and new pastors are expected to be there for this important orientation of diocesan policies.

### August 9

**Priests Golf Outing**

Oak Lane, Webberville

11:00am — space for 20 golfers

Contact: Fr. Karl Pung at [pastor@stpatchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stpatchurch.org)

### August 17

**LUGNUTS GAME** - Diocese of Lansing Family Night to Celebrate Vocations. Call: Lansing Lugnuts - Group Ticket Information, Greg Kruger at 517-485-4500 x 256 or Cliff Farr, Knights of Columbus at 517-881-6802.

### August 18

**Conversations in Ministry** - 9:00am - 3:30pm at St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall. Presenter: Fr. Timothy Gallagher on Discernment of Spirits. Registration fee is \$15.00 which includes lunch. For information, contact: Jane Sessions at 517-342-2504 or [jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org).

### August 18

**Seminarian Rite of Candidacy**- 4:30pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing. Bishop Mengeling will admit ten seminarians from the diocese as candidates for the priesthood.

### August 19

**5th annual Priesthood Information Dinner** - 4:00 - 6:00pm, Bethany Retreat Center, DeWitt. Men who are interested in gaining information about a vocation to the priesthood are invited to join Bishop Mengeling and the seminarians of the diocese. The priest of the diocese are encouraged to bring men from their parishes who have shown an interest in the priesthood. RSVP: Jane Sessions at 517-342-2504 or [jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jsessions@dioceseoflansing.org).

### August 21

**Institution to Reader** for 2nd year diaconate candidates  
7:00pm Vesper Service - St. Mary Cathedral with Bishop  
Reception following in Parish Hall

### October 4 or 5

**Ongoing Formation Event.**

Immaculee Ilibagiza, author of, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* will share her story on Forgiveness. The same presentation will be offered two times at two different sites. There is no pre-registration or fee required; a free will offering will be collected. Choose the date/time best for you and bring a friend! Thursday night, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor, Friday daytime or October 5 - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing. Contact: Sr. Mary Ann at 517-342-2506 or [mfoggin@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:mfoggin@dioceseoflansing.org).

### October 8 - 11

**29th Annual Presbyteral Convocation**

McGuire's - Cadillac

Mr. Mark Mogilka, Director of Pastoral Services – Diocese of Green Bay – presenting on Wednesday and Thursday, *How to Lead a Parish Through Transition*.

### October 20 - 21

**Catechetical Days** with Avery Cardinal Dulles

Saturday 8:45am - 5:00pm at Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing

Sunday 8:45am - 5:00pm at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor

### 2008

**April 28 - May 2**

**Priest Annual Retreat**

Bethany House, DeWitt with Fr. Timothy Gallagher

### May 17

**Deacon Aspirants Day of Reflection**

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt  
9:00am - 4:00pm

### October 6-9

**30th Annual Presbyteral Convocation**

Shanty Creek - Bellaire, MI  
Preaching and New Sacramentary

## MINISTRY NEWS IN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Young Adult Picnic:** This years picnic is being co-planned by our Diocesan Young Adult Advisory Committee and Generation Christ from St. Thomas in Ann Arbor. The picnic will begin with 12:00pm Mass at Independence Lake in Ann Arbor on July 15, followed by cookout, games and concert with Mission. Table setting, brats, hotdogs and potato salad are provided. Bring a dish to share. For information and ability to RSVP, please go to our website.

<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youngadult/index.html>

**Nuts and Bolts Conference,** for adults ministering with youth and young adults, including young adult leaders, is August 17 - 19 at The Weber Inn in Ann Arbor. The theme of this years conference is, *The Gospel for Youth & Young Adults*. Two national speakers will join us. Terri Telepak from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, will present our keynote plus a workshop track unfolding the National Study on Youth & Religion, the Catholic report. It is essential that each parish have representatives if they are sincere about meeting the needs of youth and spreading good news to them today.

There will also be tracks for basic training in both youth & young adult ministry. For information contact: 517-342-2484 or go to <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/index.html>.

### ANNUAL REPORT ON FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS, TEENS, AND CHILDREN

Deadline for return of the 2006-2007 report is Tuesday, July 31. Call: [Margaret](#) at 517-342-2555.

## EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

### DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL DAY 2007



Saturday, October 20, 8:45am - 4:00pm at Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing. Entire program repeated Sunday, October 21, 8:45am - 4:00pm at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor. Theme: ***Encountering the Living Christ***. Keynote: Avery Cardinal Dulles. Packets of registration brochures will be sent later this summer. Among the 50 workshops are 14 catechist formation topics and various topics for youth ministry, young adult ministry, adult faith formation,

RCIA, worship and liturgy and catechists of all age groups. We suggest you pinpoint specific topics for each of your school catechists and parish program catechists in relation to what they still need for certification. Registration fee: \$39/person (includes continental breakfast and lunch); if received before September 27 (10% discount for 10 or more from the same parish received by September 27), \$49 for registrations after September 27.

### CONGRATULATIONS

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians has named our diocesan chapter as the "Chapter of the Year!" This award, which recognizes exceptional programming and development, is given to only one chapter from among all those in the USA.

The award will be presented at the National Convention in Indianapolis on Wednesday, July 11.

Special applause to Chapter President Dr. Robert Wolf and board members Russell Beaudoin, Cecelia Costigan, Michael Dulac, Steve Kasperick-Postellon, Mary Malewitz, Julie Richards, Pam Smith, Mary Wood and all members!

"...by your unity and harmonious love, Christ is sung. Each of you must be part of this chorus so that, being harmonious in unity, receiving God's pitch in unison, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father, so that he may both hear you and recognize you, through what you do well, as members of his Son" (Ignatius of Antioch).

### ORIENTATION IN AUGUST

New pastors, Priests new to ministry in the diocese, new Deacons, Principals, DRE, CYMs, Director of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Directors/Chairpersons of Evangelization and Pastoral Ministers – orientation will be held at the Diocesan Center, Wednesday, August 8, 9:00am - 3:30pm. A general session plus breakouts by positions in ministry will take place. Call: Department of Education and Catechesis or Department of Formation to pre-register.

\* Tuesday, August 7th, 9:00am - 1:00pm, new Catholic school teachers will have their orientation at the Diocesan Center. Call: Claudia Kaloz at 517-342-2482 to pre-register.

\* Tuesday, August 7th, 1:00 - 4:00pm, Virtus training for everyone at the Diocesan Center.

\* Thursday, August 9th, 9:00am - 3:00pm, meeting for all Catholic school principals at the Diocesan Center.

# EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

## RCIA DIRECTORS & TEAMS

- 1) St. Mary, Adrian is offering all 22 catechist formation topics Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4. Call: 517-265-4160.
- 2) The North American Forum on the Catechumenate and the Archdiocese of Detroit are sponsoring the institute, *Echoing God's Word*, August 23 - 25, at St. John Center for Youth and Family, Plymouth. Contact: Forum at 202-529-9493 ext 26, [www.naforum.org](http://www.naforum.org) or Sr. Georgette Zalewska, Detroit's Office of Worship at 313-237-6064.

## REMINDER

Send to the appropriate staff person in the Department of Education and Catechesis your 2005 - 2006 Administrative Review and your 2006 - 2007 contract.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 29, 9:30am - 2:30pm, Diocesan Center.

The day will include:

- A) 9:00 - 9:30am – gathering, coffee, juice, bagels, doughnuts
- B) 9:30 - 10:00am – review of plans and resources for Welcome Home Sunday 2007 - 2008; pick up of parish materials and conversation regarding key challenges to doing this outreach.
- C) 10:00am - 2:30pm, major presentation/workshop, **Adult Faith Formation: Trends and Tensions**.



**Formation: Trends and Tensions.** Noted author and popular presenter, Tom Zanzig, believes it is time to make good on our frequent claim that “the catechesis of adults must have high priority at all levels of the Church” (**National Directory for Catechesis, 48A**). To meet that challenge, Tom is convinced that parishes must shift our focus from **developing adult education**

**programs to nurturing lifelong spiritual formation.** Tom grounds his vision in a refreshingly new understanding of adult spirituality, but he never loses sight of practical, everyday pastoral concerns.

D) 12:30 - 1:15pm, lunch

E) 1:15 - 2:30pm, **Adult Faith Formation: Tactics.** Tom Zanzig's workshop continues with an emphasis on pastoral challenges, tactics for implementation and approaches to developing an overall plan.

For Pastors/Pastoral Coordinators, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Directors of Evangelization and their teams/committees. Tom Zanzig is being sponsored by Silver Burdett Ginn. Fill out and return the registration form below to: Registration Clerk, Diocese of Lansing, 300 West Ottawa, Lansing, Michigan, 48933.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE (INCLUDES LUNCH) \$20.00: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## CAFÉ

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

With the *Nativity*

*Story's* strong message of faith, hope, and love, a number of faith-based resources have been designed to utilize the film's important message. A resource website ([www.NativityResources.com](http://www.NativityResources.com)) for the film includes downloadable study guides, sermon outlines, trainers, promotional materials and additional assets which will enable *The Nativity Story* to be used as a teaching, preaching and outreach tool.

## CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Employees must have a criminal background check with livescan fingerprinting before a contract is signed. Volunteers who have four or more hours per month contact with minors on a regular basis must have a criminal background check. If the volunteer has lived in the state of Michigan 10 consecutive years, counting back from the current year, fingerprinting is not required. If the volunteer has lived in the state of Michigan less than 10 consecutive years, livescan fingerprinting is required. Background check procedures and necessary forms are available at: [http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/safe\\_environment/index.html](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/safe_environment/index.html). Call: Sally Ellis at 517-342-2551.

Employees are required to attend one Protecting God's Children for Adults session and read and sign the Code of Pastoral Conduct. All volunteers who have contact with minors are required to attend one Protecting God's Children for Adults session and read and sign the Volunteer Code of Pastoral Conduct (page 10 of the Code).

## DIOCESAN CALENDAR JULY - SEPTEMBER 2007

7/11	Memorial of St. Benedict	8/14	Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe
7/12	Diocesan Coordinating Commission	8/14-16	Summer Scripture Days - St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt
7/12-13	Basic Youth Ministry Training - Bethany House	8/15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation
7/13-15	Retrouvaille Weekend - Detroit	8/16	DRE Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center 9:30am - 12:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting
7/14	Memorial of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha	8/17	Knights of Columbus Family Night for Vocations Lugnuts Game at Oldsmobile Park 5:00pm
7/15	Young Adult Picnic - Independence Lake, Whitmore Lake (Ann Arbor)	8/17-19	Nuts & Bolts Conference - Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
7/24	Family Life Advisory Committee Meeting - Diocesan Center 5:00 - 8:00pm	8/18	Conversations in Ministry, "Discernment of Spirits" - St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall, Lansing 9:00am - 3:30pm Rite of Candidacy - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing 4:30pm
7/25	Feast Day of St. James	8/19-20	Vocational Discernment Retreat
7/26	Memorial of St. Joachim & St. Anne Mid-Summer Priest Day - SFRC, DeWitt 10:30am - 8:00pm	8/20	Memorial of St. Bernard Diocesan Catholic Campus Ministry Association - St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor 10:00am Newly Married Subcommittee Meeting - Diocesan Center 6:30pm
7/30-8/2	Curriculum Institute for Religion - St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt	8/21	Memorial of St. Pius X
7/31-8/3	National Symposium on Lay Ecclesial Ministry - Collegeville, MN	8/22	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7/31	Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyala	8/24	Feast Day of St. Bartholomew
8/1	Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori	8/27	Memorial of St. Monica
8/2	Diocesan Coordinating Commission	8/28	Memorial of St. Augustine Remarriage Facilitators' Meeting - Diocesan Center 6:30pm Virtus Facilitator Training - Bethany House, DeWitt
8/2-5	Annual Courage/Encourage Conference St. Mary of the Lake University - Mundelein, IL	8/29	Memorial of the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Conference - Diocesan Center 9:30am - 2:30pm Virtus Facilitator Training - Bethany House, DeWitt
8/3-5	Retrouvaille Weekend - Grand Rapids	9/3	Memorial of St. Gregory the Great Labor Day - Offices Closed
8/4	Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney		
8/6	Feast Day of the Transfiguration of the Lord		
8/7	Orientation for New Catholic School Teachers - Diocesan Center 9:00am - 12:00pm Virtus Training - Diocesan Center 1:00 - 3:00pm		
8/8	Memorial of St. Dominic Orientation for New Administrators, Pastors, Pastoral Ministers- Diocesan Center 9:00am - 3:00pm		
8/9	Principals' Meeting - Diocesan Center 9:00am - 3:00pm		
8/10	Feast Day of St. Lawrence		
8/10-12	Retrouvaille Weekend - IHM Parish, Lansing		
8/11	Memorial of St. Clare		
8/13	Young Adult Council - Diocesan Center 6:30pm		

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