

Diocesan Catechetical Day 2007 will be a single event held in two locations – Lansing Catholic High School (October 20) and Father Gabriel Richard High School (October 21). World-renowned author, theologian and speaker, Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J. will deliver the keynote address on the theme “*Catechesis: Encountering the Living Christ.*” In addition to attending Cardinal Dulles’ talk, participants will have the opportunity to select from a wide range of workshops offered in three different sessions throughout the day. With space assigned on a first come, first served basis, many of the sessions deliver the basics for those who wish to sharpen their skills and enhance their ministries. Titles cover such topics as prayer, the Sacraments, time management and effective models for teaching. Workshop presenters will bring a wide range of experience and expertise. Among them are directors of religious education, college-level educators and other ministers from parishes and schools across the diocese and directors of diocesan offices and programs. Participants will have time to visit with exhibitors representing some of the leading sources in catechetical materials and education.

The registration fee is \$39 per person with a 10% discount for ten or more from the same parish or school. After the registration deadline of October 4, the registration fee will be \$49. Contact: Michael Andrews, Diocesan Director of Catechesis at 517-342-2479 or mandrews@dioceseoflansing.org.



FORMATION CONFERENCES COMING YOUR WAY THIS SUMMER & FALL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

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 year's 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. This in-depth interview process tells us much on where our young people are at and what helps in their formation. Ken Johnson-Mondragon will unfold the Hispanic report in a Spanish speaking track. The report that forms our theme tracks is one of the most important documents in recent youth ministry. 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 our office at: 517-342-2484 or go online for registration material, <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/index.html>.

The Institute for Family Life Training within the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM) will conduct its’ **Ministry With Families – 201** course in Lansing on Monday and Tuesday, 8 - 9, October 2007. This two day course is designed to address the needs of participants exposed to ministry with a family perspective. **The course is the second of two introductory formation experiences for all whose ministry efforts touch families.** It was formulated to address the particular needs of new family ministers and others who want to develop a family perspective in their ministry efforts.

If you did not attend the MWF-101 course last year and have a background in family systems, you may still be eligible to attend this most valuable training experience. Please call: Office of Family Life Ministry, Deacon Tom Fogle, at 517-342-2471 to discuss eligibility.

Ministry with Families is an experiential learning process designed to assist the individual to incorporate his/her learning on a personal as well as on a ministerial and professional level. It examines three distinct family systems at the same time: the person who is ministered to and his/her family, the parish or diocesan family and the participant’s own family.

Additional information and registration form is available from the web at:

<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/familylife/index.html>. I highly encourage you to register as soon as possible while there are still seats available.

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RAINBOW HOMES

Rainbow Homes is a non-profit Christian Supported Living Center for Adults with disAbilities. Please join us in celebrating our 9 years of offering parents new opportunities in living arrangements for their adults with disAbilities. At present, RH is full to capacity with 15 residents living in Holt. Residents are nurtured in a Christian setting where they may grow personally and spiritually to reach their God-given potential. We are looking into expanding our program in the near future. You are invited to our Open House scheduled for Sunday, August 12, from 1:00 - 3:00pm. RSVP by contacting: Joann at 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org. Visit our website at: <http://home.catholicweb.com/rainbowhomes/>.

DEAF PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Archbishop Patrick Kelly of the International Catholic Foundation for Service of Deaf Persons (ICF) has obtained a date for an audience with Pope Benedict XVI in Rome on June 25, 2008. Deaf people from around the world are invited to attend this event as well as a special Mass on June 26 celebrated by Archbishop Kelly. Lunch and workshops will follow the Mass. In the United States, the International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA) has begun planning for this historical event. For further information, please contact: Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 or smithroj@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mental illness affects the mind, body and the spirit. It is a real, common and treatable illness. Mental illnesses are far more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis. Visit www.DBSAlliance.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



SUMMER SCRIPTURE DAYS

The **2007 Summer Scripture Days** are scheduled for August 14 - 16, Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. The Days are co-sponsored by the Department of Catholic Charities, Area Catholic Councils on Aging and the St. Francis Retreat Center. 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*". Msgr. Lunsford received a B.A. in Scholastic Philosophy from Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and earned an S.T.B. from the Gregorian University in Rome. He received a Masters Degree in Religious Education from Fordham University. Msgr. Lunsford has served as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle in Ann Arbor, Co-Rector of St. Mary Cathedral and pastor of St. Joseph Parish in St. Johns. He has also served as Superintendent of Education for the diocese. He was granted senior priest status in 2005.

Scriptural presentations will be combined with liturgies, creative activities, prayer, recreation and fun. Brochures with registration information are being sent to all parishes in the monthly diocesan mailing for June. 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. Participation is limited, so register early. For more information, contact: Linda Kolanowski, Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465 or lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org.

AUDIO TAPES AVAILABLE

Ministry with Persons with disAbilities would like to make you aware of audio tapes available through our office: **Faith Magazine* - 1 year subscription for \$15.00; **Bishop Povish* - "*The Peace I Leave With You*," 2 audio tapes for \$10.95; *Fr. Charles Irvin - "*Entering the Heart of God - Praying the Lord's Prayer in Our Day*," 6 audio tapes for \$17.99. These tapes are made available to persons who are sight impaired, blind, persons who are unable to hold or read the printed word and the general public. Please contact: 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org to place your order.

CHRISTIANS CONCERNED ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS

CCMI will be taking the summer off. Our class will begin again on September 25, 2007 with monthly meetings held the 4th Tuesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00pm at the Diocesan Center. Meetings are a chance to pray and share our stories. Contact: 517-342-2497 or jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org for more information.

THE LIFE OF A PEOPLE

Since 1973, abortion has taken more African-American lives than crime, accidents, cancer, heart disease and AIDS put together! **The Life of a People** is a nationally-produced presentation that explores the consequences of abortion within the African-American community. For more information about **The Life of a People** or to schedule a presentation in your area, contact: Rory Hoipkemier at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The Office of Restorative Justice is very fortunate to have been awarded a VISTA person for this year. Ms. Carol Ramsey began as a resource specialist in this office in February and has focused her efforts in grant writing and resource identification. She has attended several workshops and conferences dealing with these issues and has written grant requests to the Compassion Capital Fund and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. She has recently returned from training in San Francisco where she developed her skills as a grant writer, further learning how to identify sources and be specific in requesting monies. This conference was given by Campaign Consultation, Inc. which educates in fundraising, community development, corporate citizenship, diversity, issue advocacy, media and marketing, public policy and organizational and business development campaigns.

Carol chaired a meeting of prison ministry groups in the diocese this past week that focused on development of goals, objectives, mission and needs. The results of this meeting will be used to assist in grant writing and goal achievement for the benefit of prison ministry in the entire diocese. Carol is available to speak with Social Justice groups at your parish on issues that concern prison ministries or fundraising. If you would like to learn more about what Carol is doing or are interested in assisting in this important work, you may call: 517-342-2500 or through the Office of Restorative Justice at 517-342-2495.

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 evening, July 22 to Friday, July 27, 2007 at De Sales Center in Brooklyn, Michigan. Further details can be found on our website at www.dioceseoflansing.org or contact: Rose Smith at Catholic Deaf/HH Ministry 517-342-2532 or smithroj@gmail.com.

TELEVISED MASS CAPTIONED FOR DEAF/HH

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) now captions the daily Mass. Their televised Mass is produced live seven days a week at 8:00am with reruns at 12:00pm, 7:00pm and 12:00am. Please share this information with your Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing congregations.

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 and many 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 if you have questions, contact: Life Justice Office at 517-342-2469 or rhoipkemier@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 as well as financial compensation for each class, plus mileage. Please contact: 517-342-2587 and ask for Christine or nfp@dioceseoflansing.org. If you would be willing to support the growth of NFP in your parish, please contact us.

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 or Christine at 517-342-2587.

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.

PASTORAL PLANNING

Rev. Dennis Howard from leave of absence to Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish, Fowler effective May 9, 2007.

Rev. John Linden, appointed Parochial Vicar to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ann Arbor effective June 27, 2007.

Rev. Timothy MacDonald from Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish, Fowler to Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Burton effective May 9, 2007.

Rev. Phillip Mayfield, PIME to Pastor, Holy Trinity Student Parish, Ypsilanti, effective June 27, 2007

Rev. Francis Mossholder, PIME from Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Ypsilanti to Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Blissfield effective June 27, 2007.

Rev. Robert Roggenbuck from Chaplain of Luke M. Powers High School, Flint to Pastor of Transfiguration Parish, Ypsilanti effective July 18, 2007.

Rev. James Swiat from Pastor Holy Family Parish, Grand Blanc, to Senior Priest Status, effective June 27.

Rev. Vincent Van Doan from Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Blissfield to Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Milan effective June 27, 2007

Rev. Eric Weber from leave of absence to Instructor at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit effective July 18, 2007.

Rev. William Wegher from leave of absence to Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Pinckney effective June 27, 2007.

Reverend Moses Xalxo from Parochial Vicar, Resurrection Parish, Lansing, to return to the Diocese of Gumla, India, effective June 27, 2007.

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 16 articles there now. There is probably one or more there that your parish can adopt and adapt.

Since the introduction of LIFE TEEN Youth Ministry at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lansing two years ago, the teenagers have grown in understanding of what it means to be a young Catholic in the 21st century. Some 40 - 60 teens each week are educated, affirmed and challenged to live the Gospel while experiencing the genuine concept of a viable faith community that will affect their maturing faith for years to come. Check it out at the ["Sharing the Wealth..."](#) link on our website.

PLANNING TOMORROW'S PARISHES - A Report from the Diocesan Coordinating Commission

Many of you realize that our regional review committees are in process. Eleven groups are reviewing each Parish and School Evaluation Inventory (PEI/SEI) for completeness and clarity. This part of the process will be completed by the end of August, 2007. Some early learnings indicate that our parishes and schools are doing many things well; others face multiple challenges.



Parishioners will have the opportunity to hear firsthand about the results of their Parish Evaluation Inventory (PEI) and School Evaluation Inventory (SEI) during Parish Assemblies which will be scheduled for every parish throughout the month of September. Parishioners will also have the opportunity to respond to what they will hear about the direction for their particular parish and the region in which their parish is located.

Watch your parish bulletins and bulletin boards for the date/time/place of YOUR parish assembly.

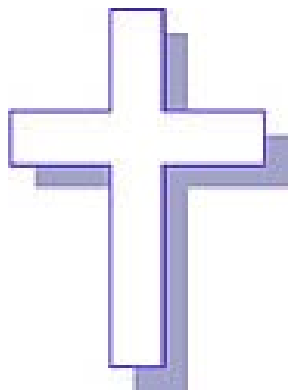
2007 PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS & TRANSFERS

Rev. Ken Coughlin from Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Pinckney to Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Grand Blanc effective June 27.

Rev. Lewis Eberhart from Administrator of St. Catherine Labouré Parish, Concord to Pastor of same parish, effective July 18, 2007.

Rev. David Franco, OFSF from Pastor of Transfiguration, Ypsilanti to Senior Priest Status with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, effective July 18, 2007

FORMATION



CONGRATULATIONS to Gordon McMann who completed his Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry on December 2006 at Marygrove College in Detroit.

CONGRATULATIONS to Len Brown, Linda Chevalier, Joyce Kransz, Karen Sanford and Helen Turkovich who have been accepted into the Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology graduates.

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. Contact: Arlene at 517-342-2510 or awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org if you plan to attend. There is no fee for this day but we do need to know that you plan to attend so that proper arrangements can be made.

July 26

Mid Summer Priest Day - 10:30am - 9:00pm
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

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

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 17

LUGNUTS GAME - family night for vocations

August 18 is the date for **Conversations in Ministry** - 9:00am - 3:30pm at St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall. Presenter: Fr. Timothy Gallagher on *Discernment of Spirits*. Mark your calendars now to attend. Registration fee is \$15.00, which includes lunch. For more information about this event, please contact: Jane at 517-342-2504 or 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 we present another 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 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

October 5 - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

Contact: Sr. Mary Ann at 517-342-2506 or mfoggin@dioceseoflansing.org for more details.

October 8-11

29th Annual Presbyteral Convocation
McGuire's - Cadillac

2008

April 28 - May 2

Priest Annual Retreat
Bethany House, DeWitt
with Fr. Timothy Gallagher



DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

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

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 29, 9:30am - 2:30pm at the Diocesan Center. The day will include:

A) 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.

B) 10:00am - 2:30pm - major presentation/workshop, Problematic **Presumptions in Adult Faith Formation**, with Tom Zanzig, a popular presenter at diocesan conferences across the country.

C) 12:30 - 1:15pm - lunch

D) 1:15 - 2:30pm - continuation of major presentation/workshop.

More detailed information and registration materials will follow in the July issue of **VOICES Alive!** and the August adult faith formation mailing. For Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Directors of Evangelization and their teams/committees.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS AND CONTRACTS

Goal 3.1, Strategy B: Ensure that all program directors, catechists and pastoral workers in the religious education program are faithful witnesses to Christ and the teachings of His Church.

Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Directors of Evangelization: please send in to the Department of Education and Catechesis your 2006 - 2007 Administrative Review by June 30, 2007. 2007 - 2008 contracts should be in by September 1, 2007.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

CAFÉ



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

The following are some ideas for adult faith formation from Sr. Janet Schaeffler, O.P., Archdiocese of Detroit.

- 1) Designate October (or any month you would like) – but October seems like a good month – children are back to school, people are settled into routines, winter weather has not set in, etc. – as **Adult Faith Formation Month** in your region. Offer a different topic/event in a different parish each night of the month. Be sure to publish a calendar of *all* the events for *all* the people of *all* the parishes – and beyond.
- 2) **Tables for Two** is an evening of sharing for married couples and/or engaged couples at a five-course dinner seasoned with guided discussion. The goal is to continue developing and enriching relationships. Often parishes schedule this event around Valentine's Day. (This type of format could also be used for Parent and Son/Daughter evenings to give either parent the opportunity to spend a quiet evening of sharing with a teenaged or older son/daughter.)
- 3) During Lent offer an adult formation **mini-conference** in your parish. Offer three things each night for a week. Would not that boost participation? When only one opportunity is offered, your audience is limited. With three choices, many more people will be attracted.

CONDOLENCES

...to Elaine Davis, DRE at St. John the Evangelist, Davison, on the death of her mother Marie Polzin, May 6.

...to St. Patrick Parish, Brighton and the Overbeck family on the death of Maureen, May 24. Maureen was the reconciliation program coordinator for 20 years at St. Patrick.

NEW PARISH STAFF ORIENTATION

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 annual orientation for pastors, priests and deacons new to ministry in the diocese, principals, pastoral ministers, directors of adult faith formation, RCIA directors, evangelization directors/chairpersons, coordinators of youth ministry, directors of religious education, directors of liturgy and directors of music, will be held at the Diocesan Center on Wednesday, August 8, 9:00am - 3:00pm. Orientation is offered each year to inform participants of diocesan policy, give each person resource information specific to his/her unique ministry and give all in attendance the opportunity to visit diocesan central offices. Please alert new parish staff persons about this day and call the Department of Education and Catechesis or the Department of Formation so that we may extend an invitation.

CRIMINAL RECORD BACKGROUND CHECK

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

New employees must have a criminal record background check verified before a final contract is signed. Call: [Sally Ellis](mailto:Sally.Ellis@dioceseofdetroit.org) at 517-342-2551.

EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

2006-2007 ANNUAL DATA GATHERING ON FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS, TEENS, AND CHILDREN

Goal 3: Provide vibrant, lifelong faith formation opportunities which enable us to live the Gospel.

DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Evangelization Directors: All diocesan data gathering instruments were mailed to parishes in one common packet on May 18. Deadline for return of these materials, including the 2006 - 2007 Annual Data Gathering On Faith Formation for Adults, Teens, and Children, is **July 31**. For those of you not at your parish in July, please fill out the form right away and ask your parish secretary to return it with the other data gathering instruments by July 31. Any questions, call: [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org) at 517-342-2486.

THANKS AND FAREWELL

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.

Additional people leaving their current places of ministry and not mentioned in the last issue of **VOICES Alive!** are listed below. Best wishes and thanks for all you have done in service to God's people.

- Beth Bauer, Director of Family Life Ministry, St. Mary, Pinckney
- Mark Bodensteiner, DRE and CYM, Holy Trinity Student Parish, Ypsilanti
- Thomas Clark, DRE, CYM, RCIA Director and Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. John the Baptist, Ypsilanti
- John Joy, DRE, RCIA Director, Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. Patrick, Ann Arbor
- Angie Liberato, worship coordinator, St. John Student Parish, East Lansing
- Elizabeth Schlueter, RCIA Director, St. Anthony, Hillsdale
- Dcn. Michael Sullivan, RCIA Director and Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor

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

A) Some theory: "The pastor and other pastoral leaders will demonstrate a clear commitment to the vision and practice of lifelong growth in Christian faith" (P. 44).

B) Some implications: "The pastor establishes parish policies and procedures that give priority to the vision and practice of adult faith formation" (P. 44). "The parish places adult catechesis at the center of its stated mission and goals and it promotes the importance of adult faith formation at every opportunity" (P. 45).

C) Some strategy: "The parish gives adult faith formation a priority in the allocation of financial resources, in providing learning space and in

parish scheduling. . . This includes providing facilities well adapted for adults – warm, hospitable surroundings where adults can comfortably gather, socialize and learn together in small and large groups" (P. 45).

MINISTRY NEWS IN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

DYLC: Please pray for our 96 high school leaders who will be at the Diocesan Youth Leadership camp June 17 - 22. Pray for our team of youth & adults who have prepared all year to give these new young leaders the formation they need to help plan and implement youth ministry in our parishes.

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 contact the youth ministry office at 517-342-2484. For in-depth youth leadership formation, I highly recommend DYLC first.

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

Young Adult Picnic: This year's 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 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>.



DIOCESAN CALENDAR JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2007

6/13	9:30am - 3:00pm CCMi Retreat Day - St. Francis Retreat Cntr., DeWitt	8/14-16	Summer Scripture Days - SFRC, DeWitt
	10:00am - 1:00pm DYAC Planning - Diocesan Center	8/15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - USA
6/15	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8/16	9:30am - 12:30pm DRE Advisory Committee - Dioc. Ctr.
	Ministry Certification Deadline for Fall 2007	8/17-19	Nuts & Bolts Conference - Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
6/17-22	Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp - Bethany House, DeWitt	8/17	5:00pm Family Night for Vocations - Lugnuts Game
6/17-30	National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers Annual Meeting & SmartMarriage Conference - TBA	8/18	9:00am - 3:30pm Conversations in Ministry "Discernment of Spirits" - St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall, Lansing
6/21	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton		4:30pm Rite of Candidacy for Seminarians - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing
6/24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	8/20	10:00am Diocesan Catholic Campus Ministry Association - St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor
6/25	10:00am - 1:00pm DYAC Planning - Diocesan Center		6:30pm Newly Married Sub-Committee Mtg. - Dioc. Ctr.
6/27	Diocesan Cedar Point Day - Sandusky, OH	8/28	6:30pm Remarriage Facilitators' Mtg - Diocesan Center
6/28	10:30am Senior Priest Appreciation Day - SFRC, DeWitt	8/29	9:30am - 2:30pm Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Conference - Diocesan Center
7/4	Independence Day - Central Service Offices Closed	9/3	Labor Day ~ Central Service Offices Closed
7/9-13	National Pastoral Musicians Conference - Indianapolis, IN	9/5	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan CAFÉ Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
7/12-13	Basic Youth Ministry Training - Bethany House, DeWitt		12:00pm - 3:00pm Diocesan Christian Initiation Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
7/13-15	Retrouvaille Weekend - Detroit	9/8	Nativity of the BVM
7/15	12:30 - 7:00pm Young Adult Picnic - St. Thomas, Ann Arbor	9/12	10:30am - 3:00pm Diocesan Worship Commission - Diocesan Center
7/24	5:00 - 8:00pm Family Life Advisory Committee Mtg - Diocesan Center	9/14-16	Retrouvaille Weekend - Detroit
7/26	10:30am - 8:00pm Mid Summer Priest Day - SFRC, DeWitt	9/14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7/30-8/2	Curriculum Institute for Religion - SFRC, DeWitt	9/16	Catechetical Sunday, "Encountering the Living Christ"
7/31-8/3	National Symposium on Lay Ecclesial Ministry - Collegeville, MN	9/18	9:30am CYM Advisory - Diocesan Center
8/3-5	Retrouvaille Weekend - Grand Rapids	9/19	9:30am - 12:00pm Legal Issues Day - Diocesan Center
8/6	The Transfiguration of the Lord		1:00pm - 3:00pm DRE/ CYM/ Pastoral Ministers' Business Mtg - Diocesan Center
8/7	9:00am - 12:00pm Orientation for New Catholic School Teachers - Diocesan Center	9/20-21	NACARE Region VI - Weber Center, Adrian
	1:00 - 3:00pm Virtus Training - Diocesan Center	9/20	9:30am - 1:00pm Diocesan High School Theology Chairs & Campus Ministers - Jackson Lumen Christi
8/8	9:00am - 3:00pm Orientation for New Administrators, Pastors, Pastoral Ministers - Dioc. Ctr.		6:15pm Diocesan Board of Education & Catechesis - Diocesan Center
8/9	9:00am - 3:00pm Principals' Meeting - Diocesan Center	9/25	9:30am - 12:30pm Diocesan Evangelization Advisory Committee - Diocesan Center
8/10-12	Retrouvaille Weekend - IHM Parish, Lansing		
8/13	6:30pm Young Adult Meeting - Diocesan Center		

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