

- 3 are serving (or retired from) positions as Catholic School principals
- 6 are serving (or retired from) positions in Diocesan Central services
- 2 serve as instructors for Siena Heights University for the Ministry Formation Program

Significantly, close to 40% of LIMEX participants and graduates have served their faith community as ministry leaders and taken the fruit of their ministry formation into the marketplace. There they work in a variety of positions including: social work and medical professions, law enforcement and the military, engineering, public and private administration.

### **The LIMEX Reunion & Celebration of the 2008**

**Graduates** will be held on June 21, 2008, starting with a 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary Cathedral, followed by a light reception at the Diocesan Center in Lansing.

For more information, contact Nancy Joseph at 517-342-2512 or [njoseph@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:njoseph@dioceseoflansing.org).

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### **THE LIMEX REUNION & CELEBRATION OF THE 2008 GRADUATES**

This year Loyola University of New Orleans celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the LIMEX Program which has provided quality formation for ministry leaders throughout the United States. Here in Lansing we are celebrating the ninth group to graduate from Loyola University as well as the significant impact LIMEX has had on the Church of Lansing.

#### **Here are some quick facts:**

- Over the past 25 years the Diocese of Lansing has hosted 10 groups with an average size of 12 per group
- LIMEX Groups 1 - 8 have each completed the program in approximately four years
- LIMEX Group 9 graduated this May
- LIMEX Group 10 is halfway through the program
- The Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry is currently recruiting students for LIMEX Group 11, scheduled to begin this fall

#### **Additional data pulled from available sources:**

Of the Loyola students listed as LIMEX participants/graduates:

- 29 are Commissioned Lay Ecclesial Ministers
- 3 are ordained and serving as Deacons
- 3 members of LIMEX Group 9 (due to graduate this spring) are deaconal candidates
- 2 members of LIMEX Group 10 are deaconal aspirants
- 43 are serving (or retired from) parish pastoral positions that include:
  - DRE, CYM, Pastoral Minister, Pastoral Associate and one Pastoral Coordinator
- 4 are serving (or retired from) positions as hospital chaplains
- 3 are serving (or retired from) positions as theology teachers in Catholic High schools

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

## COURAGE/ENCOURAGE

**Courage** is the only Vatican-approved Church outreach to those struggling with same-sex attraction. Courage groups are available in our diocese and use a Christ-centered 12-step process and the support and encouragement of a priest. Priests are also available for individual counseling to live a chaste life.

**Encourage** is the support group for family and friends of those struggling with SSA and meets monthly at Holy Spirit in Hamburg. Contact: the privacy-protected Courage number for more information at 517-351-3315 or Rory at [rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org) with questions.

## SUMMER SCRIPTURE DAYS

The **2008 Summer Scripture Days** are scheduled for August 12 - 14 in Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. This year we are honored to have Rev. John McDermott, S.J., from the faculty of Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, as our presenter for the three-day program based on the theme "Getting to Know Jesus Through the Gospel According to Mark". 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 at Catholic Charities 517-342-2465 or [lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:lkolanowski@dioceseoflansing.org).

## WEBSITE FOR DEAF CATHOLICS

Fr. Michael Depcik, OSFS, has a website especially suited to Deaf people who use sign language. Besides Catholic information, it also consists of a VLOG or visual blog. Fr. Depcik's VLOG includes a new signed homily each Sunday, the Rosary with each set of mysteries and other Catholic-related information all in American Sign Language. [www.frmd.org](http://www.frmd.org)

## SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR THE DEAF AT DE SALES CENTER

This summer, DeSales Center in Brooklyn, MI will have two programs with a Catholic focus: Deaf Youth Leadership Week to be held July 20 - 25 for Deaf youth age 13 - 16 and Religious ASL Week from July 27 - August 1 for priests, deacons, lectors and interpreters. Go to [www.desales.org](http://www.desales.org) or contact: Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 or [rsmith@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rsmith@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. Contact: 517-342-2497 or [jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org) to place your order.

## RESOURCES FOR SIGHT IMPAIRED/BLIND

In an effort to reach out to all parishioners, our ministry offers brailing of bulletins, parish newsletters, hymns, prayers and other requested information. This information needs to be formatted into a Word document and email: [jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org).

## ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENTS

Economic Stimulus Payments for Seniors, Veterans and people with Disabilities are waiting to be claimed! The deadline is October 15! Individuals must have had \$3,000 or more in income from earnings; Social Security benefits, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI); Veterans disability benefits; Railroad Retirement benefits; OR a combination of any of these benefits and pay in 2007. Individuals (and their spouses and children) must have a valid Social Security number. To receive the payment, individuals MUST file a Form 1040A to claim their ESP. Anyone who has already filed a Form 1040 or 1040A - or a 1040EZ showing \$3,000 or more for 2007 - does not need to do anything else. Call 1-866-234-2942, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) - click on "Stimulus Payment Rebate Questions" or email: [rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rhoipkemier@dioceseoflansing.org).

## MIGRANT MEDICAL CLINIC SCHEDULE

The Cristo Rey Community Center provides a mobile medical clinic for migrant camps in the area. The schedule for this summer is as follows:

- *Gibbs Farm, Onondaga*: June 17, July 22
- *Tri- o-pac/Burma, Stockbridge*: June 24, July 29;
- *Gee Farms, Stockbridge*: July 8, August 5

For more information, call: Rhonda Dyer at 371-5690.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The Diocese of Lansing is very fortunate to have several organizations interested in the aftercare of ex-offenders and those still incarcerated. There are currently active groups in Flint, St. Johns, Mason, Charlotte, Howell, Lansing, Jackson, Ann Arbor and Adrian. People in these groups bring the sacraments and the Gospel to those who are in prison or jail. They also assist others who have been released by helping them locate housing and jobs. They act as mentors and, by their example, lead others to Christ. Mentors and volunteers are needed to continue this work.

There is also a very active Pen Pal Ministry in our diocese that currently has need for volunteers to write to those who are incarcerated. There are many prisoners who have asked for a Pen Pal with no one to write to them. A new program focusing on the families and children of those incarcerated is now being formed in the Ann Arbor and Lansing area. If you have interest or input to share, please call the Office of Restorative Justice. If you are willing to share the gift of yourself with one who is in need of a friend, call: [Tim Metts](mailto:timmetts@dioceseoflansing.org) in the Restorative Justice Office at 517-342-2495.

## MIGRANT CAMP MINISTRY

The 2008 migrant farm season in the Diocese of Lansing is upon us. There are over 30 licensed migrant farms in our ten-county diocese. We are looking for priests, deacons and lay volunteers who can visit these camps. Priests are needed to celebrate mass and/or hear confessions. Deacons are invited to regularly visit the camps and lead prayer services as well as Bible study groups. Lay volunteers can help welcome the workers as well as organize parish outreach to make sure the migrant workers have all they need both physically and spiritually. Sometimes workers and their families only need a friend and other times they need food, clothing and other necessities. If you are willing to help at any of the camps, please contact: Colleen Andrews at 517-342-2560 or [candrews@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:candrews@dioceseoflansing.org). Colleen will put you in contact with one of the four Catholic Charities agencies that coordinate the Church's work in the camps.

## PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

The Office of Black Catholic Ministry invites the Diocese of Lansing to join the 5th Weekend Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Thursday, August 28 to Sunday, August 31, 2008. Total cost is \$240.00 per person, round trip. This includes three (3) day and two (2) night housing stay at Trinity College, Friday meals (breakfast and lunch) and Sunday brunch. Sign up early . . . first come, first served! For more information, contact: 517-342-2496 or [rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rlandfair@dioceseoflansing.org).

## PROVIDING HELP AND CREATING HOPE

Catholic Charities of Lenawee is celebrating fifty years of providing services to the poor and vulnerable in the Lenawee Region. The founding members of the parishes of St. Joseph and St. Mary in Adrian saw the need for those that required professional counseling services but could not afford it and they acted on it, establishing Catholic Social Services of Lenawee. Now known as Catholic Charities of Lenawee, the past 50 years have been rewarding as the organization has developed into a valuable

outpatient mental health and substance abuse agency, especially for the poor, helping more than 800 individuals each year who suffer from emotional, marital and substance abuse problems. Catholic Charities of Lenawee is well known and respected in the community for treating victims of abuse. As a result, a high percentage of the population served is the community's most vulnerable - the children. People need help. People are looking for hope and Catholic Charities is in a position to provide that hope. In the words of Pope Benedict, "people with hope live differently".

In addition to counseling, Catholic Charities of Lenawee offers a Foster Care Program that provides a safe and nurturing substitute family to children from birth to age seventeen who have been removed from the home of their parents or guardian. This year, one of the teens in our foster care program graduated from high school and will be attending college in the fall. She was also the recipient of the Maxwell Family Scholarship. Looking toward the future, we at Catholic Charities see many great opportunities. Our adoption program is a great example, and one that fits well with our mission of hope.

We also mentor youth through our new program, *Roadmap To Graduation*, which provides mentor families to homeless teens whose main goal is to graduate from high school.

Most of the individuals and families who come to Catholic Charities each year have an income below the average needed to live in Lenawee County. We pride ourselves in never turning anyone away that needs our help. To contact Catholic Charities of Lenawee or to attend a **Tour of Hope** at the agency, call: Sue Lewis, Executive Director, at 517-263-2191.

# SAFE ENVIRONMENT

• The **2008 compliance audit instruments** are due June 23, 2008. Download the audit instrument at: [http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/safe\\_environment/auditinstrument2008.pdf](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/safe_environment/auditinstrument2008.pdf). Call: Sally Ellis at 517-342-2551.

• To clear up questions about employee/volunteer compliance with the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth*:

- All full and part-time employees are required to attend one Protecting God's Children Awareness Session for Adults (PGC) and to complete a background check with fingerprinting [see page 10 of the Employee Handbook].

- Employees hired previous to October 1, 2007, should have read and signed the Code of Pastoral Conduct. Effective October 1, 2007, the code of conduct for employees was revised and is found in the Employee Handbook. See Employee Handbook, Section II, paragraph C, pgs. 10 - 11.

- All volunteers who have contact with minors are required to attend one PGC session, preferably before the volunteer begins to serve.

- "Before a volunteer who regularly will have four or more monthly hours of contact with minors begins to serve, a criminal background check will be conducted. The criminal background check on such a volunteer will include fingerprinting unless the volunteer has resided continuously in the state of Michigan for the preceding ten years." [Sec. II, par. B in Employee Handbook]

• **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults** facilitator training will be held at Bethany House August 4 - 5, 2008. Contact: Sally at 517-342-2551 or [sellis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:sellis@dioceseoflansing.org).

# PASTORAL PLANNING

## SHARING THE WEALTH

### STEPHEN MINISTRY COMPLEMENTS PASTORAL CARE

Since March 2006, we have seen a wealth of good ideas come to life as the work of pastoral planning goes on in our parishes. Twenty-eight of these have been featured via the "[Sharing the Wealth](#)" link on the diocesan webpage. This month we travel to Ann Arbor, where, with approximately 2,900 households comprising St. Francis of Assisi parish in Ann Arbor, there are times when the needs of the parishioners exceed what a pastor alone can provide. When that happens, lay ministers trained in the Stephen Ministry program step in to provide a caring presence for parishioners. Check out the "[Sharing the Wealth](#)" link at: [www.dioceseoflansing.org](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org) to read the entire article.

## CEMETERIES

### THE OFFICE OF CEMETERIES WISHES TO THANK:

- all the volunteers and cemetery workers who labored unceasingly and tirelessly during the month of May to prepare and to decorate our catholic cemeteries for Memorial Day.

- in a special way those individuals and groups who took the time to place an American flag at the grave of a veteran.

- lastly, everyone who took the time from their busy schedule to participate at a mass or other religious service at their local catholic cemetery during this weekend of remembrance. Memorial Day weekend remembers the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice and also all soldiers and sailors who are currently serving in harm's way.

## PROPERTIES

### ASBESTOS INSPECTION

With the school year ending, June and July is a good time to conduct the semi-annual AHERA inspection as required by federal regulations. The documentation of the twice yearly inspections of asbestos containing materials (ACM) must be placed in the school's management plan and be available for public inspection. You can find the inspection forms in your Wonder Makers Inc., 2006 inspection report. All schools will be re-inspected in 2009.

### ASBESTOS AWARENESS, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SEMINAR

An 8 hour "Asbestos Awareness Re-certification Training" for all school maintenance personnel and an "Asbestos Operation and Maintenance" training will be offered on July 23, 2008. Both training is required under Federal AHERA regulations. This is a DSA provided training without fee to participating schools. The training is for maintenance personnel, volunteer maintenance personnel and their supervisors. Training will be at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. To register, contact: [Paul Garriépy](#) at the Cemetery and Property Management Office at 517-342-2534 or fax 517-342-2519. More information will be mailed to school principals and those who have registered to date in the near future.

# FORMATION

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2008

#### June 21

Celebrating 30 years of Loyola Program

#### June 27

Senior Priest Appreciation Luncheon

#### June 28

Candidacy Mass for Seminarians - St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing - 4:30pm televised Mass

#### July 24

Priest Summer Day - Bethany House, DeWitt  
Presenter: Msgr. Jeffrey Monforton, Rector of Sacred Heart Seminary

#### July 25

Lugnuts Game - Family Night Celebrating Vocations

#### August

2nd Annual Priest Golf Outing

#### August 9

2nd Annual "Run thru Hell" - raising money for college seminarian costs. Hell, Michigan (near St. Mary, Pinckney)

#### August 9 - 10

Feast of St. Lawrence - Deacon - Vocations to Permanent Diaconate celebrated this weekend in parishes as per regional preparation

#### August 14 - 17

Seminarian Summer Gathering at Bethany House

#### August 16

Conversations in Ministry - Theme: Diversity Workshop or "Chataqua" Resurrection, Lansing, 9:00am to 3:00pm  
Presenter: Ron Landfair, Director, Black Catholic Ministry

#### August 17

Seminary Informational Dinner - Bethany House, DeWitt

#### August 17 - 18

Discernment Retreat for Seminarian Prospects

#### August 27

Permanent Diaconate Rite of Candidacy and Permanent Diaconate Institution to Acolyte  
St. Mary Cathedral - Mass, 7:00pm  
Reception to follow in St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall

#### September 9

Seminarian Golf Outing Fund Raiser - Hawk Hollow and Eagle Eye Golf Courses - Sponsored by the Diocese of Lansing and the Knights of Columbus

#### September 19

Faithful Citizen - location (TBA)

#### October 3 - 5

Deacon Community Convocation  
Shanty Creek - Bellaire, MI  
Theme: "Renewing Sunday Preaching"  
Presenters: Rev. Ray John Marek, OMI of NOCERCC team

#### October 6 - 9

30th Annual Presbyteral Convocation  
Shanty Creek - Bellaire, MI  
Theme: "Renewing Sunday Preaching"  
Presenters: NOCERCC team

#### October 12

Laity Sunday

#### October 24

Lay Ministry Convocation - Chataqua (TBA)

#### October 26

Priesthood Sunday - always the last Sunday of October - something new that has been started to celebrate priesthood

#### November 8

Lay Ecclesial Commissioning - St. Mary Cathedral, 10:30am

#### November 22

Transitional Deacon Ordination

#### November

Ongoing Formation Event

#### December 20 - 21

Seminarian Winter Gathering

## DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

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

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 3, 9:30am – 2:30pm at the Diocesan Center.

The day will include:

### 9:30am – 12:30pm

Major presentation/workshop –

#### **Adult Faith Formation: If It Is Broken, Let's Fix It!**

with Tom Zanzig, national speaker for adult faith formation. When Tom was with us last year he challenged those in adult faith formation to change their focus from AFF as “adult education courses” to “community-based spiritual direction.” He rejoins us this year to explore more deeply what that shift entails and to share a series of practical strategies we can use to move from theory to practice, from vision to reality.

### 12:30 - 1:30pm

Lunch

### 1:30 - 2:30pm

Presentations/conversations around four different adult faith formation programs

- Eight Great Dates (marriage enrichment)
- Theology Brewing/Theology on Tap (young adults)
- Whole Community Catechesis (family)
- P, B & J (pizza, beverage, and Jesus) (general adult, young families)

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.

## EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

### CAFÉ

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

One of the components of a well-rounded parish adult faith formation program is marriage enrichment.

**Eight Great Dates** is a popular new program which is sweeping across the country. Although run as a gathering of couples, it is based on couples sharing a meal at their own table while hearing a brief presentation and working through a journal of discussion questions on a particular topic. For further information from those who have already used this program, call: Glenna Diskin at St. Patrick, Brighton, 810-229-9863, Marti Lucas at St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor, 734-821-2125, and [Dcn. Tom Fogle](#), the Diocesan Director of Family Life Ministry, 517-342-2471.



### 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 new pastors, priests and deacons new to ministry in the diocese, principals, pastoral ministers, director 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 6, 9:00am – 4:00pm. 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.

In addition, there will be orientation for all new Catholic School Teachers Tuesday, August 5, 9:00am – 12:00pm. This will be followed by a Virtus Training Session for anyone at 1:15 – 4:00pm. There will also be a general principals meeting Thursday, August 7, 9:00am – 4:00pm.

### 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](#) at 517-342-2551.

### 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.

- Audrey Burton, CYM, St. Agnes, Fowlerville
- Merry Jane Robertson, Principal, St. Pius X, Flint

# EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

## 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, Director of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors, Directors of Evangelization: please send in to the Department of Education and Catechesis your 2007 - 2008 Administrative Review by June 30, 2007. 2008 - 2009 contracts should be in by September 1, 2008.

## 2007-2008 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: this data gathering form was sent to every parish May 14. Check with your parish secretary or pastor/pastoral coordinator. The deadline for return of the 2007 - 2008 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 your section of the form asap and have your parish secretary return the form by July 31. Call: [Pete Ries](mailto:Pete.Ries@dioceseoflansing.org), 517-342-2486, [Pat Rinker](mailto:Pat.Rinker@dioceseoflansing.org), 517-342-2485, [Michael Andrews](mailto:Michael.Andrews@dioceseoflansing.org), 517-342-2479.

## RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION LENT 2009

A detailed notice was emailed to RCIA Directors. Your parish has been "assigned" to a particular celebration, but, as always, you may choose to participate in another. Simply call the Office of Worship at 517-342-2480 and/or indicate the change on your response form.

Saturday, February 28, 9:30am, St. Joseph, Dexter

Saturday, February 28, 2:00pm, St. Gerard, Lansing

Sunday, March 1, 3:00pm, St. John the Evangelist, Fenton

## SUMMER LEADERSHIP FORMATION

**Goal 7.2: Engage more adults in ministry with youth & young adults. Please mark the following Summer dates for leadership formation for adults and young adults in youth and young adult ministry.**

• July 31 & August 1, **Overnight Basic Training in Youth Ministry** at Bethany House. This is for youth and adult leaders in youth ministry. Parish groups remain together as small groups during training. This is a great opportunity to build your core group for the coming year.

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

• August 6, **Orientation for new DRE's, CYM's, Pastoral Ministers and Principals**. This day is required for all new administrators. It will be held at the Diocesan Center in Lansing.

• August 15 - 17, **Nuts & Bolts Conference** for adult leaders in youth ministry and adult leaders in young adult ministry, held at the Weber Inn in Ann Arbor. Steve Angrisano is our keynote and featured presenter on Saturday. Workshops will be available in basic youth ministry, young adult ministry and Spanish speaking track. The focus of theme track and Spanish speaking track will be preparing for and responding to crisis in ministerial settings and in the lives of our people. Registration is at:

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

## OTHER YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

• **Young Adult Picnic/Mass & Concert** is Sunday, July 27 at Independence Lake between Brighton and Ann Arbor. This event is cosponsored by the Diocese and Generation Christ, the young adult ministry of St. Thomas Parish in Ann Arbor.

We will begin with 12:30pm Mass followed by potluck, park activities and concert. See the flier on our young adult website for more details and an RSVP form. Last year over 120 young adults joined us for an afternoon of fun, food and faith.

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

### • See You in Sidney

We presently have about 100 youth and young adults going to Sidney, Ohio for this two day event that will be a festival of faith in solidarity with our friends who will be in Sydney, Australia. Featured speakers include Mike Patin, Tom Sparough and Who Do You Say I Am. If you have a group interested in going, call our office immediately at 517-342-2485. Registration forms are on our website: <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youthministry/index.html>

• **Young Adult Mass and Brunch with the Bishop** has been added to our 2008 - 2009 calendar. It will take place October 12 at Holy Redeemer Church in Burton. Noon Mass will be followed by an opportunity to share food and faith with Bishop Boyea and our young adults. Watch for registration forms in August.



**DIOCESAN CALENDAR  
JUNE - JULY 2008**

June 18	Math Curriculum Institute DYLC (Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp - Bethany House, DeWitt		RCIA Intensive Course, Part II - Siena Heights University, St. John the Evangelist, Fenton, 8:30am - 4:30pm
June 19	Math Curriculum Institute DYLC (Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp - Bethany House, DeWitt Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, 1:00 - 4:00pm	June 27	Smart Marriage Conference - San Francisco, CA Senior Priest Appreciation Luncheon Smart Marriage Conference - San Francisco, CA Bishop with Senior Priests' Day - SFRC, DeWitt, 10:30am - 1:00pm
June 20	Math Curriculum Institute DYLC (Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp - Bethany House, DeWitt We Care Seminar - St. Joseph Parish, Dexter, 6:30 - 9:00pm	June 28	Smart Marriage Conference - San Francisco, CA Seminarian Candidacy Mass - St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Lansing, 4:30pm
June 21	We Care Seminar - St. Joseph Parish, Dexter, 9:00am - 12:30pm	June 29	St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles Smart Marriage Conference - San Francisco, CA
June 23	We Care Seminar - Catholic Diocese (Madonna Hall), 6:30 - 9:30pm	June 30	Smart Marriage Conference - San Francisco, CA We Care Seminar - Catholic Diocese (Madonna Hall), 6:30 - 9:30pm
June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist NACFLM Annual Meeting - San Francisco, CA		Deadline for submitting application for diocesan certification as a Catechetical Leader, Youth Ministry Leader, Pastoral Minister/ Associate or Pastoral Coordinator for October interviews
June 25	NACFLM Annual Meeting - San Francisco, CA Cedar Point Day International Deaf Catholic Pilgrimage to Rome - Rome, Italy	July 1	National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers Annual Meeting - San Francisco, CA
June 26	International Deaf Catholic Pilgrimage to Rome - Rome, Italy	July 2	National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers Annual Meeting - San Francisco, CA

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