



Communique

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CHANCERY OFFICE

1. CONFIRMATION

Schedule for April

Monday, April 16, 7:00 pm	St. Mary, Massillon
Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm	St. Stephen, Niles
Thursday, April 19, 7:00 pm	Our Lady of Victory, Andover & St. Patrick, Kinsman
Saturday, April 21, 7:00 pm	St. Michael, Canton
Sunday, April 22, 1:00 pm	St. Joseph, Jefferson, St. Mary, Orwell & Sacred Heart, Rock Creek
Monday, April 23, 7:00 pm	Holy Spirit, Uniontown
Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Austintown
Thursday, April 26, 7:00 pm	Sts. Cyril & Methodius, St. James, & St. Pius, Warren
Saturday, April 28, 4:00 pm	St. Louis, Louisville
Sunday, April 29, 3:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament, Warren
Monday, April 30, 7:00 pm	Immaculate Heart, Austintown

2. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

≈ April is Child Abuse Prevention Month ≈

A. Webcheck (BCI) Reports - Important Notice

When using Webcheck somewhere other than the three diocesan sites, employees and volunteers must ask the operator to send the report to their own location of service (parish, school, institution). Catholic school teachers' reports must be sent to the Office of Catholic Schools

The Chancery is holding several fingerprint reports for persons whom we are unable to identify because they did not follow this procedure. If your parish or school is missing a report please call Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery Office, 330-744-8451.

B. Requirements Reminders

1. Fingerprinting - In-Service - Questionnaire

All employees and volunteers who work with children must be fingerprinted by Webcheck and participate in an in-service program. All employees and volunteers must sign the background questionnaire whether or not they work with children.

2. Compliance Checklist

The Checklist must be updated and sent to the Chancery as employees and volunteers complete the requirements. Failure to complete the requirements, and/or failure to update the Checklist, results in non-compliance for the employee or volunteer, and consequently non-compliance for the diocese.

Sending the Compliance Checklist will also alleviate the problem of unidentified BCI reports as noted above.

For more information or questions on any of our Child Protection Policy procedures, contact Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery Office, 330-744-8451, ext. 235.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

1. CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

A. Last Chance for Regional Agency's "Men Who Cook" Event

Catholic Charities Regional Agency will be hosting its 2nd Annual Men Who Cook fundraiser on **Friday, April 13, 2007** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Youngstown, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. For more information or to reserve your \$35 ticket, call 330-744-3320.

B. First Step for Change

Catholic Charities and the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Ministry are gearing up for the fourth annual First Step for Change campaign, which will **begin on May 5-6, 2007**. This important diocesan initiative collects money in plastic baby bottles to provide low-income pregnant women and families with children ages 0-3 with food, formula, diapers, clothing and other necessities, as well as a limited number of car seats, cribs and other essential safety items.

Last year, 40 parishes participated in First Step for Change, raising over \$31,000. A packet of information about the project has been mailed to all pastors. Interested parishes are asked to respond by April 6, 2007.

For more information, contact Rachel Hrbolich (330-744-8451, ext. 328) or Melinda Knight (330-744-8451, ext. 289).

2. OFFICE OF SOCIAL ACTION

Operation Rice Bowl/Lenten Program

The Operation Rice Bowl 2007 featured countries are Mexico, Pakistan, Angola, Cambodia and Niger. Through these stories, photos and tours, meet the people who are impacted by Catholic Relief Services projects made possible by your participation in Operation Rice Bowl. Sample the food of the Operation Rice Bowl countries with your families and friends by preparing a simple, meatless recipe shared with us by the people we serve overseas. Remember, 25% of monies raised in Operation Rice Bowl are allocated to local agencies, like parishes and St. Vincent de Paul Societies, to help feed hungry families.

Proceeds should be sent to the Office of Social Action as soon as possible. For more information on Operation Rice Bowl, visit <http://orb.crs.org/> or contact Brian Corbin at 330-744-8451 or bcorbin@youngstowndiocese.org.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF CHURCH VOCATIONS

A. Candidacy

Congratulations to Michael Zabrecky, a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Youngstown, who was admitted to Candidacy for Sacred Orders on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica, Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

B. Ministry of Acolyte

Congratulations to Christopher Cicero and John Sheridan, seminarians studying for the Diocese of Youngstown, who were installed in the Ministry of Acolyte on Sunday, March 11, 2007 at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

C. Ministry of Lector

Congratulations to these seminarians studying for the Diocese of Youngstown who were installed in the Ministry of Lector:

Jeffrey Stealey on March 7, 2007 at Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

Stephen Ziegler on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts

Stewardship bulletin inserts for April and May are included with this issue of *Communique*.

2. Don't Let the IRS Tax Your IRA

If you have an IRA and are at an age where you are required to take distributions, you know how taxing that experience can be. As a supporter of the Church in the Diocese of Youngstown you may be surprised to learn that a new law allows you to keep those IRA withdrawals up to \$100,000 from ever being taxed.

For a free brochure that describes the provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, call Mr. Pat Palombo, Director of Development and Stewardship, at 330-7844-8451, ext. 325, or email Pat at patpal@cbosscom.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
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1. OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**A. Asbestos**

This is a reminder to parishes regarding school buildings that were inspected for asbestos but which are no longer used as schools. The "Asbestos Management Plan" that came from the inspection process should be kept at hand. Ordinarily, the management plan would have been kept in the school office. When there is no longer a school office the plan needs to be kept at the parish office. Any future use of the building by a renter or buyer could be placed in jeopardy if the plan is not available. If you have questions about this issue, please call Wally Dunne at the Office of Catholic Schools, 330-744-8451.

B. Required Signs

The posting of "No Smoking" and "No Firearm" signs are required of most of our buildings. We have a limited supply of the "No Firearm" signs that are available for the asking at the Office of Catholic Schools. The official "No Smoking" signs are available from Ohio Business Forms. The 8.5" x 5.5" vinyl signs are \$2.66 from this supplier - 888-537-4243.

2. OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY MINISTRY**A. "God's Plan" Engaged Retreat Day**

A diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held on **Saturday, April 28**, at Immaculate Conception Parish Tobin Hall, Ravenna. Ideal for engaged couples and all involved in parish marriage preparation. Advance registration required by April 14. To register, visit www.doy.org or call the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family at 330-744-8451.

B. Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couple Inservice

Diocesan inservice for current and new sponsor couples will be held on **Wednesday, May 2**, 7-9 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, Uniontown. Topics include diocesan marriage preparation policy, role of sponsor couples, and update on marriage prep resources. Sponsor couples will receive details/reservation form by mail. For information call the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family.

C. Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

The Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Ministry will sponsor two Wedding Anniversary Celebrations honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2007. The first celebration of the year will be held on **Sunday, June 10**, 2:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral. Couples planning to attend the June celebration need to register at their parish by May 14. St. John the Baptist Church, Canton, will be the site of the second celebration to be held on **Sunday, October 21**, at 2:00 p.m. Couples may register for the date that is most convenient for them. Both celebrations will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Information and registration materials will be sent to all parishes.

D. First Step for Change

Catholic Charities' local First Step program addresses the needs of low income expectant mothers and families with small children. Parishes are invited to participate in the "First Step for Change" baby bottle change collection throughout the month of May. For details, see "Catholic Charities" section in this issue of *Communique*.

E. Pro-Life/Family Intercessions and Bulletin Messages

Recommended Respect Life/NFP bulletin announcements for April are included in this issue of *Communique*.

3. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A. Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown

Luncheon Speaker Series, Antone's Banquet Center, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 12, 2007 "Faith and Love at Work: Is This Permissible?"
Reverend Norman Douglas, Executive
Director, Heart to Heart Communications

Thursday, May 3, 2007 "Forgiveness"
Dr. Susan Muto, Executive Director, Epiphany
Association, An Ecumenical Spiritual Formation Center

Call for reservations: 330-533-1023

B. Families and Faith

The Center for Ministry Development is sponsoring "Families and Faith: Vision and Practices for Parish Ministry," a one-day workshop for all parish leaders, **on April 12, 2007**, at St. Joan of Arc Parish, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The Center is also sponsoring the "Facilitating Lifelong Learning and Faith Growth" course in Cleveland from **June 4-8, 2007**. For more information, contact the Center at 888-723-2433, or visit the Generations of Faith website, www.generationsofffaith.org.

C. NCCL Annual Meeting

The National Conference of Catechetical Leadership will hold its annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, **Sunday through Thursday, April 22-26, 2007**. The conference consists of major addresses by Bishop Richard Malone, Father Bob Duggan, Dr. Adele Gonzalez, Dr. Thomas Groome, Dr. Edward Hahrenberg, prayerful liturgies, many breakout sessions and round table discussions. Anyone interested in participating in this professional opportunity is encouraged due to the location. Brochures are available at the Office of Religious Education.

D. Parish Minister Positions

Pastors hoping to hire new or additional parish ministers in the areas of pastoral ministry, religious education or youth ministry are asked to contact Barbara Walko for assistance. Available positions are made known to qualified applicants. Initial screening, position descriptions and salary recommendations are also offered to pastors as a means to ensure diocesan guidelines are followed.

E. Diocesan Council for Catechesis

The Diocesan Council for Catechesis is presently seeking nominations for three-year terms beginning in July, 2007. Anyone interested in serving the diocesan church through this advisory body may contact any staff member of the Office of Religious Education for additional information and a nomination form.

F. Tienda Relocated

Under the direction of Sr. Teresa Ann Wolf, OSB, a small tienda (store) was developed at Centro San Jose, Canton, to provide religious articles, reading materials, and Guatemalan/Latino traditional arts and crafts. These items have been relocated to the Office of Religious Education and are available during regular business hours. Persons working with newcomers and pastoral outreach may be interested to learn of the many resources, Spanish and bilingual, in the Office of Religious Education Library. Additionally, select items from SERRV International are also available for purchase.

G. Documents

The Office of Religious Education has copies of current documents of the Church as a service to parishes and individuals who may be interested in purchasing their own copies. Select titles include:

Catechism of the Catholic Church, USCCB, © 2000	\$17.00
Compendium - Catechism of the Catholic Church, USCCB, © 2006	13.50
General Directory for Catechesis, © 1997	17.00
National Directory for Catechesis, © 2005	16.00
U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, USCCB, © 2006	21.00

H. Scriptural Prayer for Easter 2007 Year C

An order of service based on the *lectio divina* method of scriptural prayer for Easter 2007 Year C is available upon request from the Office of Religious Education. You are invited to use it for personal prayer or to copy for parish ministry groups. A copy-ready version of this prayer is also available on the DOY website scroll.

I. Treasured Gifts from God: Child Protection In-service Kit

All new volunteers and employees of the Diocese of Youngstown must fulfill the requirements of the Diocesan *Child Protection Policy*. Administrators may offer their new volunteers and employees an in-service in compliance with the *Policy* by using a prepared kit from the Office of Religious Education Library. The required in-service is a two hour session with video assistance and handouts. To obtain the Child Protection In-service Kit, please complete the Program Prospectus Approval Form (F-2.3 in the Directory for Catechesis) and send it to the Office of Religious Education. You may also refer any questions regarding initial in-service and ongoing formation to the office staff.

J. Paulist Fathers Office for Reconciliation

The Paulist Fathers of North America have established an Office for Reconciliation under the direction of Reverend John E. Hurley, CSP. For more information about this new evangelization ministry visit the Paulist website, www.paulist.org/namerica/reconciliation.htm.

4. OFFICE OF WORSHIP

A. The Chrism Mass

All are invited to take part in this celebration during which Bishop George Murry, S.J., will consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens for use in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in the coming year.

The Chrism mass will be celebrated
Holy Thursday, April 5, 2007
 10:30 a.m.
 St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown

B. Delegation to Confirm Baptized Catholics

If persons who were previously baptized Catholic are completing their initiation at the Easter Vigil, the pastor needs to request delegation to confirm them. Permission is not necessary to confirm those who will be baptized at the Vigil or those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition (RCIA #232, 481). A letter naming the individuals for whom delegation to confirm is necessary and should be sent to the office of the Office of the Bishop as soon as possible.

C. Afternoon of Reflection for Women

An Afternoon of Reflection for Women will be offered on **Sunday, April 22, 2007**, at the Ursuline Center in Canfield. Sister Carolyn Capuano, H.M., will present: "In the Best of Times, in the Worst of Times, at All Times -- Pray." The event is sponsored by the diocesan Committee on Women's Issues. Brochures have been mailed. For more information or additional brochures, please contact the Worship Office, 330-744-8451, ext. 304.

5. OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A. Spring Youth Ministers Gathering

A Spring Youth Ministers gathering is set for **Thursday, April 19, 2007** from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Holy Family Hall, 3020 Reeves Road, NE, Warren. Lunch will be provided, as will a free resource, compliments of OY&YAM. We will look at summer programming, a few findings of the National Study of Youth and Religion, NCYC, and discuss upcoming programs. Please RSVP by Monday, April 16, to Cindee at 330-744-8451, ext. 280 or ccase@youngstowndiocese.org.

B. 2007 National Young Adult Ministry Leadership Forum

Please invite your young adults and those who minister to and with them to attend the 2007 National Young Adult Ministry Leadership Forum sponsored by NCYAMA, the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association. The forum will be held **May 20-22, 2007**, at Mt. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House on Staten Island, New York. The theme, "Media & Evangelization with Young Adults," will explore the most effective ways to evangelize and outreach men and women in their 20s and 30s through media, technology and the internet. The cost is \$240 and the registration deadline is May 1. For more information or to register, go online to <http://www.ncyama.org/ForumManresaMay2007.htm>.

C. Eagle of the Cross

Thank you to all who submitted nominations for the Eagle of the Cross Award. EOC recipients will receive a letter of invitation to the ceremony and each nominator will be notified of their nominee's status by mid-April. This year the OY&YAM received 87 nominations for 70 young people from our diocese.

D. National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) 2007

The OY&YAM has mailed out Group Leader Information Packets for the NCYC 2007. A deposit of \$100 per person is required to hold your space. If you have not received a packet or need more information, please contact Faye at 330-744-8451, ext. 281 or at fabbondanza@youngstowndiocese.org.

PROGRAMS & RETREATS

1. First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown Monthly Luncheon Series

Please see listing under Office of Religious Education above.

2. Sponsor Couple Program

The Tri-Parish Community of Ashtabula (Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Joseph Parishes) are hosting a Sponsor Couple workshop for parishes which use the Sponsor Couple Program in preparing engaged couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Church. The workshop will be held **Saturday, April 28**, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Saints John & Paul High School building, 541 West 34th Street in Ashtabula. Presenter will be Rev. Robert A. Ruhnke, C.S.S.R. Registration fee is \$40.00 and may be mailed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, 1200 E. 21st Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004, by April 20. For more information call 440-998-4111 or visit www.mtcarmel-ash.org.

3. Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8920, ext. 3331)

May 1	Morning Prayer: Coffee & Contemplation "Choose Life" Registration due: April 13	9:30-11:30 am Cost: \$5.00 (add \$6.50 for lunch)
May 25	Bernardin Lunch & Lecture: "The Future of the Church- Challenges in the New Millennium" Registration due: May 9	noon-3:00 pm Cost: \$40

4. Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Youngstown will host the pilgrimage: "Greece & Turkey - In the Footsteps of St. Paul," **November 3-14, 2007**. Msgr. Michael J. Cariglio will be spiritual director. Cost from Cleveland or Pittsburgh is \$2919, with optional travel insurance add \$139. The 12 day trip will include: Athens, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Kalambaka, Delphi, Mykonos, Patmos, Kusadasi, Ephesus, Crete and Santorini. Sightseeing in private, air-conditioned motor coaches, services of a professional tour escort, daily Mass, airport-hotel transfers, tips and taxes and baggage handling.

For more information call Msgr. Cariglio or Linda Tedde at 330-744-8451, ext. 252.

MISCELLANEOUS

USCCB Advisories

The USCCB had advised that Fr. Richard Castillo, a priest of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee whose faculties were withdrawn, has presented himself as a priest in good standing and has found employment with institutions that put him in direct contact with children and young people. If further information is needed contact Msgr. Michael Reed, 850-435-3500. Fr. Kenneth Roberts, a priest of the Diocese of Dallas, has been suspended from ministry but has been celebrating home Masses and associating with children and teenagers. For further information contact Mary Edlund at 214-528-2240.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>April</u>
<i>Rev. John B. Holcomb</i>	1/66
<i>Rev. Edward A. Stanton</i>	1/84
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Lavery</i>	2/55
<i>Rev. Francis J. Haidet</i>	4/85
<i>Rev. Msgr. Robert Fannon</i>	5/00
<i>Rev. Clement H. Crock</i>	6/58
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ferdinand A. Hartmann</i>	7/67
<i>Rev. Joseph J. Krisko</i>	7/67
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Cunningham</i>	7/76
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. James P. McLaughlin</i>	7/79
<i>Rev. Paul McNally</i>	9/73
<i>+MOST REV. JAMES W. MALONE</i>	9/00
<i>Rev. John B. Fitzgerald, OP</i>	10/81
<i>Rev. William J. Olson, OP</i>	13/56
<i>Rev. Herman A. Klocker</i>	13/91
<i>Rev. Theodosius Brachman, CPPS</i>	15/64
<i>Rev. Francis X. Borrano, SSP</i>	16/93
<i>Rev. Alfred Meyer, CPPS</i>	17/61
<i>Rev. Alexander M. Blasco</i>	17/80
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Habig</i>	18/61
<i>Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Hughes</i>	18/99
<i>Rev. Leo C. Gainor, OP</i>	19/67
<i>Rev. John Vasco</i>	20/68
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Owen Gallagher</i>	20/88
<i>Rev. Adrian McShane, MSC</i>	20/90
<i>Rev. Msgr. George Winca</i>	20/01
<i>Rev. Gerald Hellem</i>	22/91
<i>Rev. John I. Higgins</i>	24/83
<i>Rev. John Gubser</i>	25/05
<i>Rev. Theodore O. Martin</i>	27/67
<i>Rev. Stanley Cmich, CPPS</i>	27/85
<i>Rev. Francis Stulc</i>	30/77

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