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CHANCERY OFFICE

Rest in Peace
Rev. William Slipski † March 7, 2009

CONFIRMATION

Schedule for April

Thursday, April 2	7:00 pm	St. Mary/St. Frances, Conneaut
Tuesday, April 14	7:00 pm	St. Louis, Louisville
Wednesday, April 15	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Victory, Andover & St. Patrick, Kinsman
Thursday, April 16	7:00 pm	St. Andrew, Kingsville
Saturday, April 18	10:30 am & 6:30 pm	St. Paul, North Canton
Wednesday, April 22	7:00 pm	St. James and St. Pius X, Warren
Thursday, April 23	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Aurora
Monday, April 27	7:00 pm	St. Mary, Massillon
Tuesday, April 28	7:00 pm	St. Stephen, Niles
Thursday, April 30	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Austintown

PARISH FESTIVALS

The annual form for parish festivals and the parish festival checklist have been sent via email to pastors, administrators and associate pastors. If your parish is to be included on the list of parish festivals the form must be returned to the Chancery Office no later than April 13. If you need a form please contact Nancy Yuhasz at the Chancery. The list will be included in next month's *Communique* and on the diocesan website.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

1. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter Season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children. Parishes have received a bulletin/pulpit announcement, intercessions, a liturgy guide and brochure to assist in observing this important occasion.

A survey found that only 17% of parishioners nationwide were aware of what the Church is doing to stop child sexual abuse. When asked what the Church should be doing, parishioners listed things we are doing. Dioceses have Child Protection policies in place. More than 1.7 million clergy, employees and volunteers have been trained in safe environment practices. More than 5.7 million children have been taught to recognize abuse and protect themselves. Criminal record checks have been run on more than 1.7 million volunteers and employees, 164,000 educators, 52,000 clerics and 5580 candidates for ordination.

“It is vitally important that the vulnerable always be shielded from those who would cause harm. In this regard, your efforts to heal and protect are bearing great fruit not only for those directly under your pastoral care, but for all of society. Truly caring about young people and the future of our civilization means recognizing our responsibility to promote and live by the authentic moral values which alone enable the human person to flourish.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

For information on the Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy, “Treasured Gifts from God,” contact Nancy Yuhasz at 330-744-8451, ext. 235; or visit www.cathdoy.org, click on Child Protection.

2. Upcoming In-Service Opportunities

As of date of publication of this issue of *Communique*, the following in-service opportunity is scheduled for Child Protection Policy compliance. Check the *Communique* each month for dates and places; and contact the Office of Religious Education for opportunities which were scheduled after the publication of *Communique*.

April 19, 1:00-3:00 pm St. Paul Parish, Salem Sr. Mary Ann McFadden 330-332-0336

Please call ahead so enough materials will be available.

3. Updating Information

Administrators must submit updates for employees and volunteers as they complete child protection compliance requirements (either on the Status Report or copy of Compliance Checklist previously sent in); and must submit all information for new employees and volunteers on the Compliance Checklist.

Requirements: all employees and volunteers must sign after reading the Policy (2008 Policy for new employees and volunteers; current employees and volunteers fully compliant with the previous 2003 Policy must receive a copy of the 2008 Policy but do not need to sign again). All employees and volunteers who work with children must also be fingerprinted and attend the “Treasured Gifts from God” in-service program.

For more information or questions on any of our Child Protection Policy procedures, contact Nancy Yuhasz.

[CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN \(CTNY\)](#)

1. Log onto the CTNY Website at www.cathdoy.org for Program Information and More
2. Programming on the Ecumenical Channel:

Palm Sunday – April 5

Solemn Mass of Palm Sunday -- Pope Benedict XVI celebrates live from Rome at 4:00 a.m.

Encores at 8:00 p.m. (2 ½ hrs.)

Palm Sunday Local Mass at 8:00 a.m. (1/2 hr.)

Palm Sunday Mass from St. Paul’s Monastery in Canfield at 11:00 a.m. (1 hr.)

Tuesday of Holy Week – April 7

Mass of Chrism live from Boston's Cathedral of the Holy Cross at 11:00 a.m. (2 hrs.)

Holy Thursday – April 9

Chrism Mass live with Pope Benedict XVI from Rome at 3:30 a.m. (2 hrs.)

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper live from Rome with Pope Benedict XVI at 11:00 a.m.

Encores April 10 at 12:00 a.m. (2 hrs.)

Choral Meditations and Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper live from the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC at 5:30 p.m. (2 ½ hrs)

Chrism Mass from St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, Ohio at 8:00 p.m.

Encores April 10 at 9 a.m. (2 hrs.)

Good Friday – April 10

Celebration of the Lord's Passion live with Pope Benedict the XVI in Rome at 11:00 a.m.

Encores April 11 at 12:00 a.m. (2 ½ hrs.)

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion live from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery at 4:00 p.m. (2 hrs.)

Way of the Cross with Pope Benedict XVI from the Coliseum in Rome at 8:00 p.m. (2 hrs.)

Holy Saturday – April 11

Easter Vigil Mass with Pope Benedict XVI live from Rome at 3:00 p.m.

Encores April 12 at 12:00 a.m. (3 hrs.)

Easter Vigil Mass live from the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC at 8:00 p.m. (2 ½ hrs.)

Easter Sunday – April 12

Solemn Mass of Easter Sunday with Pope Benedict XVI live from Rome at 4:30 a.m.

Encores at 12:00 p.m.

Urbi et Orbi: Pope Benedict's Message to the World from Rome live at 6:00 a.m.

Encores at 1:30 p.m. and April 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Local Mass at 8:00 a.m. (1/2 hr.)

Easter Sunday Mass from St. Paul's Monastery in Canfield at 11:00 a.m. (1 hr.)

3. Radio Programming

Wineskins airs every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 AM in Youngstown, and 9:30 a.m. on WILB 1060 AM in Canton.

Highlights for April

The current issue segments will feature the latest information from the Diocesan Planning Committee, Family Life Department, Catholic Charities and the Bishop's Appeal Committee.

Father John-Michael Lavelle, Pastoral Director of CTNY, will interview Sr. Carol Zinn in part two of Poverty and the Millennial Goals of the U.N.; and Dr. Doris Donnelly, Director of the Cardinal Suenens Center and Professor of Theology at John Carroll University in Cleveland on reconciliation.

Judy Roberts will talk about the saints of the month. The music segment will feature Father Charles Mangano and his sister Laurie from their CD *Celebrate Jesus*.

Fr. Shawn Conoboy, Associate Pastor at St. Charles Parish in Boardman, will share his thoughts about the end of Lent and the beginning of the Easter season.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

1. Your Love Keeps the Kids Warm

Catholic Charities is overwhelmed by the support shown in response to the “Keep the Kids Warm” campaign. This effort was launched in December and ended last month. Our Catholic parishes and others of good will have helped to raise over \$55,000 to provide utility assistance to families with children. On behalf of Catholic Charities—its agencies, its staff members and its clients—thank you for your generosity. Your love and compassion for others has helped to keep the kids warm this winter season.

2. Look for us on a Highway near You

Catholic Charities has commissioned billboards in each county of the diocese to raise awareness about the work of Catholic Charities. A new website, www.givehelp.org has been launched to collect donations in the communities we serve and to provide additional information about the significance of the billboard campaign. For more information on this effort, contact Rachel Hrbolich at 330-744-8451, ext. 328.

3. Catholic Charities “Chunks”

Below are parish bulletin/newsletter “chunks” for April:

April 4-5, 2009 – Shelter the homeless: Did you know that Catholic Charities Housing Opportunities (CCHO) owns five houses in the City of Youngstown that it rents to low-income families with children? For more information about CCHO, contact George Garchar at 330-744-8451, ext. 326.

April 11-12, 2009 – Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Last year, Catholic Charities provided help and hope in Jesus’ name to over 48,000 people living and working in the Diocese of Youngstown.

April 18-19, 2009 – Please support the 2009 Bishop’s Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church. Catholic Charities receives 66% of the funds collected through the Appeal to assist children, adults and families in your community who are struggling to make ends meet during these difficult economic times. God will bless you for remembering your neighbors in need!

April 25-26, 2009 – We couldn’t serve others in Jesus’ name without your support. Catholic Charities appreciates your sacrificial gift to the 2009 Bishop’s Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church.

OFFICE OF SOCIAL ACTION

Please see “Sharing Hope in Tough Times” in this month’s attachments for bulletin suggestions and prayer intentions reflecting on the current economic situation.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

OFFICE OF CLERGY SERVICES

Clergy Assignments

Rev. Terrence Hazel has been appointed Diocesan Director of Scouts.

Rev. Robert Hannon has been appointed pro-tem Administrator at St. Aloysius Parish, East Liverpool and Immaculate Conception Parish, Wellsville.

OFFICE OF CHURCH VOCATIONS

1. Seminarian Pastoral Year Assignments

Seminarian	Parish	Supervisor
Jon-Paul Bevak	St. Patrick, Kent	Rev. Richard Pentello
Robert Lanterman	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ashtabula	Rev. Joseph Ruggieri

2. Discernment Opportunity for Men Considering Priesthood

If you know of a man who may be considering a calling to the priesthood and would like to find out more information on what the seminary life is like, please contact Fr. Chris Luoni, Vocations Director, at 330-744-8451, ext. 368 or email him at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org. There is no charge to attend this weekend.

Seminary Live-In Weekend (high school juniors and seniors, and college students)
Thursday, April 16 – Saturday, April 18, 2009
 Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus

3. World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday, May 3, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this Sunday, please make a special effort to include vocations to the priesthood and religious life in your prayers for Mass that day. More information will follow by email when it is available.

4. Vocation Committees and Vocations Panel

To help promote priestly vocations throughout the diocese, vocation committees will be established in each of our six counties. Each committee, under the direction of the Vocations Office, will develop prayer, social events, publicity, and methods for contact for that county. Also, a diocesan Vocations Panel is being established to help provide direction for our vocation efforts throughout the diocese (goal setting, publicity, prospective seminarian interviews, marketing, etc.). We are asking that names of individuals who would be of great benefit to a committee or to the panel be submitted to the Vocations Office by contacting Fr. Chris Luoni at 330-744-8451, ext. 368, or email him at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

5. Parish Vocation Committees

If your parish presently has a Vocations Committee please forward any information you can provide as to what the committee is doing and the chair of that committee. This information will help the Vocations Office understand what efforts are being made in the parishes to help promote priestly vocations. Please contact Fr. Chris Luoni at 330-744-8451, ext. 368 or email him at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org

OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

1. Priests' Anniversary Celebration

Please mark your calendars for **Monday, May 18, 2009**. The Priests' Anniversary Celebration will be held at St. Christine Parish. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will follow in the Parish Center.

2. Priests' Convocation

The Priests' Convocation will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio, in November, 2009. The Convocation for the Diocese of Youngstown will take place **Tuesday, November 3 through Thursday, November 5**; followed by the statewide Convocation, which **concludes on Friday, November 6**. Please plan to attend.

OFFICE OF VOWED RELIGIOUS

1. Religious Retirement Fund

Special thanks to all in the diocese who generously contributed to the RFR Appeal last November. Thank you to the pastors who graciously welcomed the religious presenters. Thank you to all of the religious who made the appeal in the name of thousands of elderly religious in need of care during their twilight years. Now that all of the returns have been collected, a check has been sent to the National Retirement office. Thanks to the generosity of all, the Retirement Fund for Religious netted over \$303,000.

2. Women and Spirit Exhibit

Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America is a traveling exhibit that reveals a world few have seen. The exhibit will open at the Cincinnati Museum in May. We are currently exploring the possibility of gathering a group and chartering a bus for an overnight excursion. For more information on the exhibit visit www.womenandspirit.org and consider joining us on this exciting pilgrimage.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. 2009 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church . . . "Sharing the Love of Christ"

The Advanced Gift Phase of our 2009 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church has begun. The Appeal theme, "Sharing the Love of Christ," challenges the Catholic people of the Diocese of Youngstown to make sacrifices for the less fortunate as an expression of the love and compassion demonstrated by our Lord Jesus.

Please pray for the success of our 2009 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church.

2. Stewardship Bulletin Inserts

Stewardship bulletin inserts for April and May *Communique* attachments.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY MINISTRY

1. Death Penalty Execution Alert

The State of Ohio has scheduled the execution of Mr. Brett Hartmann on **April 7, 2009**. Please take a moment to read the Ohio [Bishops' Letter to Governor Strickland](#) requesting mercy. Call the Governor's office at 614-466-3555 with the message to commute Mr. Hartmann's sentence to life in prison without parole. To e-mail the governor's office click [Contact the governor now](#). To send a letter to Governor Strickland, write to The Honorable Ted Strickland, Governor of Ohio, 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43266. Please pray for the families of all victims of senseless crimes, for Mr. Hartmann, and for Governor Strickland.

2. God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage Engaged Retreat Days

Diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat day for engaged couples will be held on Saturday, **April 18**, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Youngstown and Saturday, **May 16**, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton. Ideal for engaged couples and all involved in parish marriage preparation ministry. Reservations a must. To register, visit www.doy.org or contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family at 330-744-8451.

3. Eagle of the Cross Award

Congratulations to Mr. Matthew Zwilling of St. Joseph/St. Mary Parish, Newton Falls. Matthew is the Respect Life coordinator for his parish, and will receive this diocesan award from Bishop Murry in recognition of his accomplishments as a young person of Catholic faith and action at a ceremony on **April 29** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Youngstown. Congratulations, Matthew!

4. An Evening with Christopher West

The Diocese of Youngstown Human Life Guild and St. Charles Parish will sponsor Christopher West's presentation of "The Gift – Come Discover Your Call to Greatness" on Wednesday, **May 6**, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Charles Parish in Boardman. Advance registration \$10 or \$15 after April 23. Religious education certification hours are available. A registration flyer is included in the attachments to this issue of *Communique*.

5. 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 2009. The first celebration of the year will be held on Sunday, **June 14**, 2:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral. Couples planning to attend the June celebration need to register at their parish by May 8. St. John the Baptist Church, Canton, will be the site of the second celebration to be held on Sunday, **October 18** at 2:00 p.m. Couples may register for the date most convenient for them. Both celebrations include Mass with Bishop Murry, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple, and a reception for the couples and their families.

6. Pro-Life/Family Bulletin Briefs

Recommended bulletin briefs for April, prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, are included with this issue of *Communique*.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Several excellent opportunities for adult faith formation and catechist certification hours are offered this spring. For registration and additional information, please contact the Office of Religious Education.

Elementary Catechesis: Forming Children As Disciples
St. Joseph Calasanctius Parish Center, Jefferson

Instructor: Sister Clara Chandler H.M.
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
April 15 – May 13, 2009

Elementary Catechesis: Forming Children As Disciples
St. Patrick Parish, Youngstown

Instructor: Carla Hlavac
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
May 2, 9, 23, 2009

Adolescent Catechesis: Forming Youth As Disciples
Assumption Parish, Geneva

Instructor: Sister Joyce Schreiber S.N.D.
Sundays, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
May 17, 31, June 14, 28, 2009

In Search for Christian Unity
 St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton
 Mondays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Instructors: Sister Dorothy Fuchs S.N.D.
 Reverend Bradford Helman
April 20 - May 11, 2009
April 21 – May 12, 2009

2. Day of Prayer and Preparation

Parish Ministers serving Pastoral Ministry, Youth Ministry and Religious Education, and contact persons for Evangelization and Small Christian Communities, Adult Faith Formation, Confirmation, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and CCD Principals are all invited to the annual day of prayer and preparation.

Wednesday, June 3, 2009
 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Invitations will be mailed with more details very soon. Please mark your calendars as we celebrate ministry accomplishments and plan for new and creative opportunities!

3. 2009 Annual NAPRC National Conference

July 23 – 25, 2009 Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Harborcreek, PA (Diocese of Erie)

The National Alliance of Parishes Restructuring into Communities plans its national conference in nearby Erie, PA. Keynote speaker Bill Huebsch will address “New Wine in New Wineskins, Small Church Communities, Whole Community Catechesis, Doing Things Differently, Bringing New Vision to the Church.” Website: www.naprc.faithweb.com

4. Adult Faith Formation

Valley Bible Study: Collaborative Ministry of Mahoning County parishes (weekly)
 St. Brendan Parish
 School building Room 103
 Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 1 Hour General per Session

First Friday Club of Youngstown
 Antone’s Banquet Center
 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 For reservations: 330-533-1023

Thursday, April 2, 2009
 Reconciliation
 Dr. Doris Donnelly, Ph.D.
 Director, Cardinal Suenens Center

Ken Hamilton Luncheon Forum
 St. Michael Archangel Parish
 Canton, Ohio
 11:45 a.m. – 12:45p.m.

Thursday, April 2, 2009
 Current Female Criminal Justice
 Shauntey James, Ph.D.

5. Required Child Protection Inservice

All persons working or volunteering with children and adolescents are required to participate in an in-service for compliance with the Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy. “Treasured Gifts from God: Protecting Our Children” provides an overview of the policy expectations, the signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect and familiarity with the responsibilities to create and maintain safe environments for children and youth.

Administrators who would like to provide the in-service locally must complete the Program Prospectus Form (F-2.3 in the [Directory for Catechesis](#)) and send it to the Office of Religious Education at least four weeks before the program date.

St. Paul Parish, Salem
 Sister Maryann McFadden S.N.D.

April 19, 2009 - 1:00-3:00pm
 330-332-0336

6. Focus on Initiation: Mystagogy

Diocese of Lansing, Michigan -- **June 25, 26, 2009**
In partnership with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate

This institute seeks to foster a deeper understanding of the period of Mystagogy and to develop the skills needed to implement fully the vision of this period in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Particularly suited for experienced initiation ministers, participants at most institutes include liturgists, pastoral musicians, pastors and associates, catechists, directors of religious education, campus ministers, Catholic school principals and teachers, members of the catechumenate team and sponsors.

Access Forum's website www.naforum.org for online registration and a downloadable copy of the brochure.

7. Focus on Initiation: Concerning the Baptized

Diocese of Altoona, Johnstown, Pennsylvania -- **June 19-20, 2009**
In partnership with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate

This institute is best experienced by persons with previous pastoral experience with the RCIA and participation in Institutes.

The two day Institute will present the vision for journeying with baptized adults seeking to complete their initiation and/or to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church: help to clarify the distinct theological and pastoral realities of the baptized; explore appropriate preparation and celebration with the baptized catechized adult; explore appropriate liturgical, catechetical and pastoral formation of the baptized uncatechized adult; invite reflection, faith sharing, discernment, and liturgical celebration. Additional information: www.naforum.org

8. Scriptural Prayer for Easter 2009

An order of service based on the *lectio divina* method of Scriptural prayer for the Sunday Gospels of Easter Year B 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 is also available on the DOY web site, www.cathdoy.org.

9. Boston College School of Theology and Ministry C21 Online

Upcoming Courses

C21 Online, or Church in the 21st Century Online, a constitutive partner of Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, offers non-credit courses for spiritual renewal and on-going faith formation.

Spirituality Matters featuring video with Michael J. Himes, faculty, Department of Theology.

Our spirituality affects our total outlook on life and every aspect of daily living. What is spirituality? What is at the heart of prayer? Do we need community? What can suffering teach us? Online course **April 20 – May 25, 2009**

(Note: These video presentations are also available in the Library & Media Resource Center of the Office of Religious Education.)

Sacraments in Catholic Life with Dr. Jennifer Bader begins April 21, 2009.

Continuing Mini-Courses

Scripture study especially designed for busy people free of charge.

The Death of Jesus: Four Gospel Accounts, is an outline, self-paced mini-course written and narrated by Philip A. Cunningham, Executive Director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College. It is a collaborative project of the Center and C21 Online. This course explores:

- the four different Gospel passion narratives by examining five scenes that are common to each of the narratives,
- the unique characteristics of each account,
- the limits of our historical knowledge about Jesus' death,
- the spiritual message about the death of Jesus that each evangelist sought to convey.

This course is also available in Spanish: La Muerte de Jesús: Cuatro Narrativas Evangélicas.

Also available: The Birth of Jesus: Two Gospel Accounts

For more information contact the Office of Religious Education or Boston College Web site: www.bc.edu/sites/c21outline

10. "Cool Congregations" Workshops

Ohio Interfaith Power and Light (OhIPL) offers climate change education and advocacy workshops throughout the state. Participating congregations are eligible for energy audits through OhIPL with no up-front costs. Visit the www.ohipl.org for more information.

11. USCCB Lent Web Site

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched the *Lenten Season* web site (www.usccb.org/lent) to facilitate Lenten practices and devotions. Based on the pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the site includes a thought for the day, audio retreats, Church teaching, downloadable bulletin inserts, and other resources.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

1. The Chrism Mass

All are invited to take part in this celebration during which Bishop George V. 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 9, 2009
 10:30 a.m.
 St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown

2. Time for the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil will be **April 11, 2009**. Sunset that evening will be 7:59 p.m. in the Diocese of Youngstown with the end of civil twilight at 8:27 p.m. The Sacramentary reminds us that "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall..." In the Diocese of Youngstown, the Vigil should not begin before 8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. is recommended for complete darkness.

3. A Night to Honor Mary

Friday, May 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
 St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown

Friday, May 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
 St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Canton

Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will preside at both of these devotional services to honor Our Blessed Mother. All are invited to the services which will include scripture readings, a homily, hymns and recitation of the rosary.

4. The Ascension of the Lord

In the dioceses of Ohio, the Ascension will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 24, 2009.**

5. Notre Dame Center for Liturgy Annual Conference

"Paul as Liturgical Theologian" is the theme for this year's conference to be held **June 15 – 17, 2009** at the University of Notre Dame. The conference will explore Paul's teachings on Christian worship and liturgy. Robert J. Taft, S.J. will be the keynote speaker. For more information, please go online www.liturgy.nd.edu.

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1. National Catholic Youth Conference

"Two, four, six, eight, What's the faith we celebrate, Catholic, Catholic, Catholic!" This was the kind of mantra one could hear at the 2007 National Catholic Youth Conference. Most Reverend John Nienstedt of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis encourages participation saying, "All in all, it is an event that Catholic teens ought not miss and which their parents ought to desire for their sons and daughters. So rarely do young people have a chance to celebrate the uniqueness and the privilege of being Catholic."

Don't let your high school teens miss out on this biennial pilgrimage with thousands of Catholic teens from around the U.S. Parish/school groups who are interested in attending the National Catholic Youth Conference, "Christ Reigns," in Kansas City, MO, November 19-21, but have not yet registered, should contact Faye as soon as possible. The initial deposit of \$100/person was due March 31. Contact Faye at 330-744-8451, X281 or fabbondanza@youngstowndiocese.org.

2. Eagle of the Cross

Congratulations to the 22 teenagers chosen to receive the 11th Annual Eagle of the Cross Award on April 29, 2009 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Youngstown.

County Category: Ashtabula: Eric Holodnak and Anthony Oscar; Columbiana: Eric Brown; Mahoning: Ursula Buzzacco and Laura Caskey; Portage: Kathleen Kubek and Thomas Wintering; Stark: Dean Carson, Jr. and Brianne Kelley; Trumbull: João Ciuba and Matthew Zwilling

Catholic High School Category: Cardinal Mooney: Jodi Novotny and Alexandra Sierra; Central Catholic: Samantha Bagnola and Luke Heck; John F. Kennedy: Michael Fronk and Molly Rogers; St. Thomas Aquinas: Eric Vagedes and Hannah Thompson; SS. John and Paul: Carly Penna and Mikenzie Zullo; and Ursuline: Marshall Finelli and James Mszanski, Jr.

Thank you to the 2009 judges for sharing your time and talent in scoring the nominations for the Eagle of the Cross Awards. Thank you to those who nominated the 60 exceptional young persons from throughout the diocese for this award.

3. Diocesan Youth Congress

Thank you to all who planned the Diocesan Youth Congress, "You Need to Know the Talk to Walk the Walk," March 29, 2009 at St. Columba Cathedral. Thank you to all participants for your input, and best wishes as you continue the next step of your journey.

PROGRAMS & RETREATS

1. Ursuline Center, Canfield (330-799-4941)

Ursulines on the Road: spiritual, educational, formational and professional programs at your parish or school. Individual pastoral/bereavement counseling and spiritual direction by appointment. Bereavement Group meets last Friday monthly, 12-1 pm.

April 20, 27, May 4, 11	The Writings of St. Paul Presenter: Sr. Therese Ann Rich	7:00-8:00 p.m. \$10 per session
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Registration required.

2. First Friday Club of Youngstown

Thursday, April 2, 2009 Antone's Banquet Center, Boardman 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Reservations: 330-533-1023	"Reconciliation" Sr. Doris Donnelly, Ph.D.
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3. Hamilton Forum

Thursday, April 2, 2009 St. Michael Parish Hall, Canton 11:30 a.m. - luncheon \$10	"The African-American Female in Society" Dr. Shauntey James, Ph.D.
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Reservations requested by March 30: 330-649-1231 or www.hamiltonforum.org

4. Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8920, ext. 3241)
jarena@humilityofmary.org or cwilpula@humilityofmary.org

April 24	Spiritual Director Professional Day Registration and payment by April 3	10 am – 3 pm Cost: \$50
April 25 or May 2	Intergenerational Retreat Opportunity "We are Easter People and Alleluia is our Song" Call the Villa for info	12-3 p.m.

5. Scott Hahn Coming to Grove City, PA

Noted scripture scholar, author, educator and director of the St. Paul's Center of Biblical Theology, Dr. Scott Hahn, will be speaking at two sites on **Sunday, April 19, 2009** in Grove City, PA. Dr. Hahn will be speaking at Beloved Disciple Catholic Church at 4:00 p.m. (donation) on "Lord Have Mercy." There will be a dinner with Dr. Hahn at 5:30 p.m. at Grove City College Old MAP Dining Room. (\$55 per person, includes ticket to evening talk). Later, he will be speaking at Crawford Auditorium of Grove City College at 7:30 p.m. (\$5 per person) on "The Gospel According to Paul." For more information, please visit www.beloved-disciple.com or phone (724)-748-6700.

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<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
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<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
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<i>Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Hughes</i>	18/99
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<i>Rev. John Vasco</i>	20/68
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Owen Gallagher</i>	20/88
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<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
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<i>Rev. Nathan Willis</i>	29/08
<i>Rev. Francis Stulc</i>	30/77