

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for December / January

December 3, 2006 (1st Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “Lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

December 17th, 2006 (3rd Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today’s Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: “Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same.”

December 31, 2006 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

January 7, 2007 (Epiphany)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The three kings in today’s Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

January 21, 2007 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s second reading, St. Paul instructs the Corinthians that because the individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body’s health and well-being are the responsibility of the members – the personal responsibility of each one of us. We are all stewards of the Church!

December 10, 2006 (2nd Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”

December 24th (4th Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

January 14, 2007 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits – the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

January 28, 2007 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

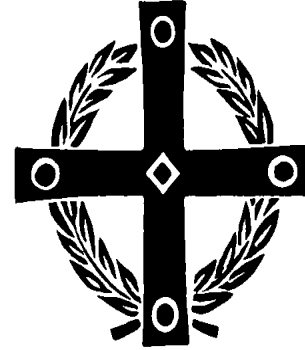
Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

3 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For women haunted by the memory of abortion:
that God might grant his Church the grace
to heal and support them;
We pray to the Lord:

10 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For all newborn babies:
that they may teach us the consummate beauty and value
of every human life;
We pray to the Lord:



17 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

That as we prepare to receive the Newborn Christ
God may give us the grace to recall our responsibility
to protect and sustain the life of every single child;
We pray to the Lord:

24 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For children who are lost, abused, or homeless:
that the joy of the coming Christmas Season
may give us the strength and the wisdom
to love and protect them
We pray to the Lord:

31 SUN THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

For those who, like Simeon and Anna, have grown old:
that we may treasure their lives and rejoice in their presence;
We pray to the Lord:

The first right of the human person is his life. He has other goods and some are more precious, but this one is fundamental - the condition of all the others. Hence it must be protected above all others. It does not belong to society, nor does it belong to public authority in any form to recognize this right for some and not for others: all discrimination is evil, whether it be founded on race, sex, color or religion. It is not recognition by another that constitutes this right. This right is antecedent to its recognition; it demands recognition and it is strictly unjust to refuse it.
(Declaration on Procured Abortion, no. 11 Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1975)

Respect Life Bulletin Briefs

USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities

December 2-3

As far as abortion is concerned, it is part of the fifth, not the sixth, commandment: “You shall not kill!” We have to presume this is obvious and always stress that the human person begins in the mother’s womb and remains a human person until his or her last breath. The human person must always be respected as a human person

Pope Benedict XVI, Interview with Vatican Radio, German Television Networks, August 13, 2006

December 9-10

To say that the beginning of human life cannot be determined scientifically is utterly ridiculous.

Dr. Richard V. Jaynes, Testimony before Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, April 23-24, 1981

December 16-17

Embryonic stem cell research is not showing the remarkable “promise” claimed by supporters, but lags far behind adult stem cells and other approaches that are providing real treatments for dozens of conditions. Experts now predict that treatments may emerge in “decades” or not at all.

Cardinal Keeler, Letter to Senate regarding H.R. 810, “Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act,” July 12, 2006

December 23-24

Pro-choice. I’ve never heard anyone defend a pro-choice position with regard to bank robbery. The only time this expression is used with reference to what we’re pro-choice about is when the most innocent and helpless human being is at stake. Pro-choice is synonymous with pro-abortion because no one speaks of pro-choice in any other context. Pro-choice is a euphemism that causes us to forget the baby.

“The Dictatorship of Relativism,” Bishop Robert C. Morlino, National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, April 7, 2006

December 30-31

Even in the begetting of children marriage reflects its divine model, God’s love for man. In man and woman, fatherhood and motherhood, like the body and like love, cannot be limited to the biological: Life is entirely given only when by birth, love and meaning are also given, which make it possible to say yes to this life.

From this point it becomes clear how contrary to human love, to the profound vocation of the man and the woman, are systematic closure of a union to the gift of life and even more, the suppression or manipulation of newborn life.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Participants in the Ecclesial Diocesan Convention of Rome, June 6, 2005

NFP Bulletin Briefs
Diocese of Youngstown
Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family

December 2-3

When couples use contraception, either physical or chemical, they suppress their fertility, asserting that they alone have ultimate control over this power to create a new human life. With NFP, spouses respect God's design for life and love.

"Married Love and the Gift of Life" US Conference of Catholic Bishops, November 14, 2006

December 9-10

Natural family planning is a general name for the methods of family planning that are based on a woman's menstrual cycle. A man is fertile throughout his life, while a woman is fertile for only a few days each cycle during the child-bearing years. Some believe that NFP involves using a calendar to predict the fertile time. That is not what NFP is today. A woman experiences clear, observable signs indicating when she is fertile and when she is infertile. Learning to observe and understand these signs is at the heart of education in natural family planning.

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December 16-17

Many would likely be surprised at how long all Christian churches agreed on this teaching against contraception. It was only in 1930 that some Protestant denominations began to reject this long-held position.

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When a couple decides to postpone pregnancy, NFP can be very effective. NFP can also be very helpful for couples who desire to have a child because it identifies the time of ovulation. It is used by many fertility specialists for this purpose.

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Suppressing fertility by using contraception denies part of the inherent meaning of married sexuality and does harm to the couple's unity. The total giving of oneself, body and soul, to one's beloved is no time to say: "I give you everything I am – except...." The Church's teaching is not only about observing a rule, but about preserving that total mutual gift of two persons in its integrity.

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Eagle of the Cross Nomination Form

The Eagle of the Cross is a national award given annually in the Diocese of Youngstown to outstanding juniors and seniors in high school, who show particular zeal in the improvement of their own parish ministry programs, high school ministry teams or youth work in general within the Diocese. Nominees must be Catholic and exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works and Christian leadership. This award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry is the highest honor a diocese may present to a youth. In the Diocese of Youngstown a maximum of 2 medals per county and 2 medals per catholic high school are awarded each year.

Nominations must be received at the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry by: **Friday, March 2, 2007**
Eagle of the Cross Awards: **Thursday, May 3, 2007**

Send or Fax nominations to:
Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

144 West Wood Street

Youngstown, OH 44503

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Nomination Category Catholic High School (in the diocese of Youngstown) County (Parish)

Nominee Name _____ County _____

Nominee Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominee Phone Number _____ Gender Female Male

Nominee High School _____ Grade Junior Senior

Nominated by _____ Nominator Phone Number _____

Nominator Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominee Parish _____ Pastor _____

Parish Address _____ Parish Phone Number _____

Pastor / Catholic High School Principal Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Nominations may be submitted by: Pastors, Parish Staff, School Staff, Family Members or Friends.
- Multiple nominations for a young person will be judged together.
- Answers to the essay questions listed on this form is the principle material used for judging. Please give *Specific Examples*. Please be thorough.
(An excerpt of your answers may appear in the program should your nominee be selected as a recipient.)
- Use the back of this form (and additional paper, if necessary) to answer the essay questions about the young person you are nominating.
- Give as much information as possible, in order to assist the judges. If nominating a youth in the Catholic High School Category, please note non-mandatory activities/service.
- This award is not geared toward quantitative hours of service, but to the integrity of the individual and how well he or she is perceived as an outstanding Catholic Christian.
- Please have the nominee's pastor or Catholic high school principal sign the completed form. (Pastor for the County category or Principal for the Catholic High School category.)
- If you have questions, call Faye at (330) 744-8451, X281.



DIOCESAN MAILINGS AND COLLECTION DATES – 2007

	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Info sent to parishes</u>	<u>Parish promotion</u>	<u>Collection</u>
VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK January 8-12	Fr. Leo Wehrlin	December, 2006	January 6/7	(none)
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY January 18-25	Nancy Yuhasz	August, 2006	January 13/14	(none)
CATHOLIC EXPONENT CAMPAIGN	Lou Jacquet	January	February	(none)
THE CHURCH OVERSEAS	Brian Corbin	January 21	February 10/11	February 17/18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Relief Services Collection • Aid to Eastern Europe • Holy Father/Peter's Pence • Latin America 	Nancy Yuhasz Bro. T.A. Dolan Bro. T.A. Dolan			
RICE BOWL	Brian Corbin		February 21	April 5
HOLY LAND	Nancy Yuhasz	March 12	March 31/April 1	April 6
ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL	Pat Palombo	March	April 21/22	April 28/29, May 5/6, 12/13 Commitment & Follow-up
THE CHURCH AT HOME	Brian Corbin	May 7	May 26/27	June 2/3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign for Human Development • Catholic Communications • Catholic University/Newman Apostolate 	Nancy Yuhasz Nancy Yuhasz			
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY	Barbara Walko	June	September 15/16	(none)
RESPECT LIFE MONTH	Melinda Knight	September	October	(none)
MISSION SUNDAY	Bro. T.A. Dolan	September	October 13/14	October 20/21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propagation of the Faith • Home Mission 				
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS	Sr. Joyce Candidi	October	November 17/18	November 24/25