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**“Gentleness Comes from the Strong:
Toward a Spirituality for Leadership”**

featuring

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Thursday, March 25, 2010
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
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Youngstown, Ohio 44505

Buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m.
prior to lecture

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Attn: Bulletin Editor and Parish Vocations Committee

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs March 2010/Cycle C

Third Sunday of Lent -- March 7, 2010

“I AM has sent me to you.” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To find out more call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 14, 2010

“God is making His appeal through us.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life. Please call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fifth Sunday of Lent -- March 21, 2010

“Christ Jesus has made me His own.” Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? For more information, please call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion -- March 28, 2010

“The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious.” Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Call Fr. Chris Luoni (330) 744-8451, or email: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocation General Intercessions March 2010/Cycle C

Third Sunday of Lent -- March 7, 2010

That like Moses, our young people will enter more deeply into conversation with the Lord in prayer as they seek to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 14, 2010

For the faithful response of all persons now being called to seek out those who are lost and bring them back to life in Christ by serving Him and His Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Lent -- March 21, 2010

That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ have suffered the loss of all things, will flourish in their vocations and bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion -- March 28, 2010

For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Word of mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father's will, we pray to the Lord.

Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for March / April 2010

March 7, 2010 (3rd Sunday of Lent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

March 14, 2010 (4th Sunday of Lent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

March 21, 2010 (5th Sunday of Lent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

March 28, 2010 (Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear that the owners of the colt had only to be told, "the Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

April 4, 2010 (Easter Sunday)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." We too have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

April 18, 2010 (3rd Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

March 7, 2010 (3rd Sunday of Lent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT (Cycle A Readings)

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

March 14, 2010 (4th Sunday of Lent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT (Cycle A Readings)

The blind man in today's Gospel was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees.

March 21, 2010 (5th Sunday of Lent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT (Cycle A Readings)

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Every aspect of our lives – our sufferings as well as our gifts – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.

April 11, 2010 (2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

April 25, 2010 (4th Sunday of Easter)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in service to God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

Intercessions for Life

March 2010

March 7th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

For all who have been involved in abortion, euthanasia,
or other sins against the dignity of human life:
That our merciful and compassionate Lord
will allow them the grace of repentance before their death;
We pray to the Lord:

March 14th FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

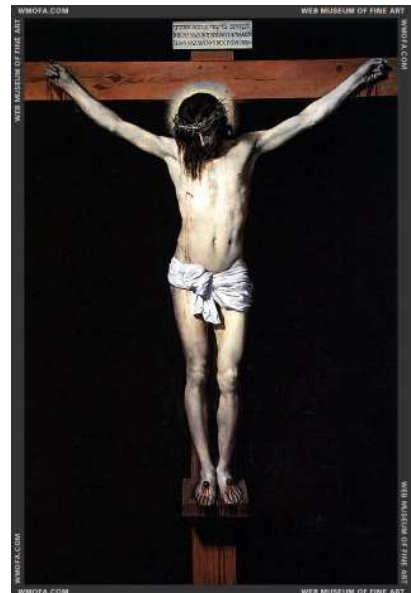
For mothers and fathers who suffer remorse and pain after an abortion:
May they find peace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation
And be consoled through the ministry of Project Rachel;
We pray to the Lord:

March 21st FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

For married couples:
That God will strengthen them to remain faithful to each other
And to bear one another's faults with generous hearts;
We pray to the Lord:

March 28th PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

For the dying:
That their faith in God will sustain them in their final days
And that, by joining their suffering to that of Christ's Passion,
Countless souls may be saved;
We pray to the Lord:



March 7th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Second Vatican Council reminded the entire Church that we are to be a leaven for the world's transformation. ... Recently, we have tried to be such a leaven in the debate about health care. It is not for us to speak to particular means of delivering health care; it is our responsibility, however, to insist, as a moral voice concerned with human solidarity, that everyone should be cared for and that no one should be deliberately killed.

~ Cardinal Francis George, Presidential Address to General Meeting of U.S. bishops, Nov. 16, 2009

March 14th FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mother Teresa said that Christ comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor. She also said that it is a terrible poverty that a child must die so that people might live as they wish.

Taken together, I believe that the poorest of the poor are those whose poverty lies in the loss of a child. We should consider them the face of Christ in our lives and help them with a kind word, a listening ear, a healing embrace.

Only love can overcome the tragedy of abortion, and that love must begin with each of us.

~ Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus, Address at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Project Rachel

March 21st FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Unfortunately in our culture we [are held] fast in a grip of deadly attitudes about human life, about the human person, especially in the moments of his or her beautiful but fragile beginnings and in the vulnerable times of old age and illness. There are some in our culture and in our country ... who think that human civil institutions or some given human subject bestow the right to life. No! Not any of us can bestow the right to life. We can only recognize the right to life, uphold and defend it, and cherish its beauty.

~ Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, homily at the Opening Mass, National Vigil for Life, Jan. 21, 2010

March 28th PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

If it weren't for Project Rachel, I would still be crying, daily. My [abortion] Decision was the first thought that entered my head ... in the morning. My Decision reminded me that although I could move through my daily routine, I was not allowed to enjoy funny movies or special moments with my family. My Decision would literally stop me mid-laughter. I did not deserve to laugh. ...

Today, thanks to Project Rachel, I am a different person. To experience the power of forgiveness is something that I cannot put into words. I actually feel lighter. My shoulders are not hanging so low. The power of forgiveness is life altering.

~ a post-abortive woman helped by Project Rachel

Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Ministry
Diocese of Youngstown
Natural Family Planning Bulletin Quotes – March 2010
Published monthly on www.cathdoy.org. Click on the “Communique” tab.

March 7th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods really do to your body? To your marriage? Attend a short course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. For more information visit www.ccli.org or www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/NFP.htm

March 14th FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Did you know that you can use Natural Family Planning effectively even if you have irregular cycles? If you want to know more, visit www.ccli.org or www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/NFP.htm

March 21st FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Did you know that Mother Teresa’s sisters teach Natural Family Planning successfully to the uneducated poor of India? If you want to know more, visit www.ccli.org or www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/NFP.htm

March 28th PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD’S PASSION

Did you know that *Humanae Vitae* states that it is acceptable for a couple to use Natural Family Planning if there is a just reason to postpone pregnancy? If you want to know more, visit www.ccli.org or www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/NFP.htm

Sharing Hope In Tough Times

Reflections & Prayer Intention Suggestions for Your Bulletin: March 2010

March 7:

Reflection: Be patient if things don't immediately fall into place; many times the good things in life take time, nurturing and care to bear fruit.

Prayer Intention: That all may grow in the virtue of patience.

March 14:

Reflection: Remember that possessions and wealth come and go but family remains.

Prayer Intention: That all who feel unworthy may come to know the welcoming love of the Father.

March 21:

Reflection: The true measure of your life's worth comes in the quality of your relationship with God.

Prayer Intention: That as we journey toward Easter, we may all take steps to grow in an intimate relationship with the God who loves us.

March 28:

Reflection: Jesus gave all! Even those with limited material resources can give from their time and talent; there may just be someone who needs you right now.

Prayer Intention: That all will give of themselves in service to others.

Alternate/Extra #1:

Reflection: Practice almsgiving by donating to a charity this week.

Prayer Intention: That this Lenten Season may call us to give alms in a spirit of love.

Alternate/Extra #2:

Reflection: Pray for all those touched by our difficult economic times. You may even be praying for yourself!

Prayer Intention: That all who have been affected by our economic decline may find hope in these tough times.