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Website includes helpful information for individuals, as well as families of individuals considering a possible call to serve the Lord as a diocesan priest, permanent deacon, religious priest, brother or sister.

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Directives and Assistance Regarding:

- Contact information for all religious congregations within our Diocese
- National Vocation Links
- Diocesan Vocation Congress Initiatives for Action
- Parish Vocation Committees

The website is an excellent resource for:

- Teachers
- Catechists
- Youth Ministers
- Directors of Religious Education

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Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for October / November

October 1st, 2006 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

October 15th, 2006 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

October 29th, 2006 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's Psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

November 5, 2006 (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? **All** of my heart, **all** of my soul, **all** of my mind, and **all** of my strength!

November 19, 2006 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "the 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among God's chosen on the last day!

October 8th, 2006 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that *every* day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

October 22nd, 2006 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

November 12, 2006 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

November 26, 2006 (Christ the King)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

Respect Life Bulletin Briefs
USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities

Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

Certainly we come from our parents and we are their children, but we also come from God who has created us in his image and called us to be his children. Consequently, at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on The Occasion of The Fifth World Meeting of Families, July 9, 2006

October 7-8

Today the conflict is between a culture that affirms, cherishes, and celebrates the gift of life, and a culture that seeks to declare entire groups of human beings—the unborn, the terminally ill, the handicapped, and others considered ‘unuseful’—to be outside the boundaries of legal protection. Because of the seriousness of the issues involved, and because of America’s great impact on the world as a whole, the resolution of this new time of testing will have profound consequences.

Cardinal Justin Rigali, Homily for Pro-Life Mass, January 23, 2006

October 14-15

The joyful love with which our parents welcomed us and accompanied our first steps in this world is like a sacramental sign and prolongation of the benevolent love of God from which we have come.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily of the Holy Father, On Occasion of the Fifth World Meeting of Families, July 9, 2006

October 21-22

Today, the various forms of the erosion of marriage, such as free unions and “trial marriage”, and even pseudo-marriages between people of the same sex, are instead an expression of anarchic freedom that are wrongly made to pass as true human liberation. This pseudo-freedom is based on a trivialization of the body, which inevitably entails the trivialization of the person.

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

October 28-29

It can be concluded from this data that the human embryo in the phase of pre-implantation is already: a) a being of the human species; b) an individual being; c) a being that possesses in itself the finality to develop as a human person together with the intrinsic capacity to achieve such development.

*Pontifical Academy for Life, International Congress on “The human embryo in the pre-implantation phase: Scientific aspects and bioethical considerations”,
April 26, 2006*

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

Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

Searching for a joyful heart?

Couples who practice Natural Family Planning report greater joy and happiness in their marriage and family life. “The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.”

For more information visit www.ccli.org or call (330) 744-8451

October 7-8

“What God has joined together, no human being must separate” (Mark 10:9)

There is an inseparable connection, established by God, which man on his own initiative may not break, between the unitive significance and the procreative significance, which are both inherent to the marriage act.

Pope Paul VI Encyclical Letter “Of Human Life” July 25, 1968

October 14-15

Natural Family Planning involves acceptance by the couple of a way of life of conjugal harmony and devotion to their children, which makes of their life something beautiful for God.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

October 21-22

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is 99% effective at determining the days of fertility. NFP has no harmful side effects, improves communication between husband and wife, fosters greater love and affection, and is morally acceptable when used for just reasons.

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October 28-29

Natural Family Planning honors women.

The choice of the natural rhythms involves accepting the cycle of the person, that is, the woman, and thereby accepting dialogue, reciprocal respect, shared responsibility and self-control.

Pope John Paul II “On the Family” Dec. 15, 1981

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