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CHANCERY

1. CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Sat. Dec. 6, 10:30 am	St. Aloysius, East Liverpool & Immaculate Conception, Wellsville	Bishop Tobin
Sun., Dec. 7, 10:30 am	St. Anthony, Youngstown	Bishop Franzetta
Wed., Dec. 10, 7:00 pm	St. Robert, Cortland & St. Joseph, Warren	Bishop Tobin

2. DIRECTORY NOTES

Rev. John Rath New address: Mount Alverna Nursing Home
6765 State Road, Room 324, Parma, OH 44134

3. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Chancery Office is often asked whether or not certain volunteers need to be fingerprinted. Our policy states that "...any volunteer who has unsupervised access to a child, which means the person in question has access to a child and that either of the following applies (1) no other person 18 years of age or older is present in the same room with the child; or (2) if outdoors, no other person 18 years of age or older is within a 30-yard radius of the child or has visual contact with the child, should comply with this policy." Remember that it is better to do more than less, and if in doubt, that volunteer should be fingerprinted.

Although no appointment is necessary for Webcheck at the Office of Catholic Schools, it may be helpful to call on the day you are planning to come to make sure the Webcheck is operational.

4. OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

A. Book of the Innocents

From the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, this is an ideal gift to every parish community to help those who grieve the death of infants and the unborn. Each page contains inspirational quotes and blank lines to write the names of children who have died through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. Place the Book of Innocents near the altar to Mary throughout the year, or use it on special commemorative days like

the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28, during Respect Life Month, or to mark the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision on January 22.

To view the book, visit www.usccb.org/publishing and click on New Titles. For discount ordering information contact Melinda Knight, Office of Pro-Life Activities, at 330-744-8451, ext. 289.

B. Parish Pro-Life Prayer Vigils

Join us during the month of December to pray for a greater respect for the sanctity and dignity of human life:

December 8	6:00 pm	Sta. Rosa de Lima, 50 Struthers-Coitsville Road, Youngstown
December 27	9:30 am	St. Patrick, 167 Main Street, Leetonia

For details, or for planning resources for your parish, contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities.

C. March for Life

On Thursday, **January 22**, thousands will gather in prayer in our nation's capital for the 31st annual March for Life and to protest the 1973 Supreme Court decision denying protection under law to unborn persons. Contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities for information about local bus trips.

D. Sixth Annual Mass for Life

Bishop Tobin celebrates the sixth annual Mass for Life on Saturday, **January 24**, 2004 at 11:00 am at St. Dominic Parish in Youngstown. All are welcome.

E. Intercessions and Bulletin Messages

Recommended intercessions and bulletin messages from the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities are included with this issue of *Communique*.

5. CTNY

Log onto the CTNY website at www.doy.org for program information and more.

A. Programming on the Ecumenical Channel

- Lessons and Carols from St. Columba Cathedral
 December 3, 10:00 am December 10, 1:00 pm
 December 4, 8:00 pm December 17, 8:00 pm
- Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - LIVE
 December 8, 12:00 noon
- Solemn Mass at Midnight with Pope John Paul II from St. Peter's Square
 December 24, 6:00 pm – LIVE December 25, 8:00 am – Encore
- Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - LIVE
 December 24, 10:30 pm
- Solemn Mass of Christmas Day from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - LIVE
 December 25, 12:00 noon

6. The Field Afar Series – Mondays, 8:00 pm
Viewers join Maryknoll missionaries on an adventure to discover God in other lands and cultures.
7. Orthodox Christianity– Mondays, 8:30 pm
December 3 St. Nicholas December 15 St. Constantine
December 8 St. Michael Archangel December 22 St. Peter
8. The Parables of Luke and Matthew, Then and Now – Thursdays, 8:00 pm
Msgr. John Zenz discusses the Parables and how they apply to our world today.
9. Welcome Boston Catholic TV to the ETC-TV program lineup:
- God Squad: Wednesdays, 1:00 am and Thursdays, 11:30 am
Msgr. Tom Harman and Rabbi Marc Gellman bring their unique blend of humor and spirituality to today's most pressing issues.
- Nuestra Familia: Saturdays, 6:00 pm
This nationally produced program provides an in-depth exploration of the social, spiritual and personal life of Latinos in the U.S.

B. Wineskins Highlights for December – Sunday Mornings

WKBN – 570 AM, 7:30 a.m.; WRCW – 1060 AM, 10:30 a.m.; WLOA 1470 AM 10:00 a.m.

- December 7: Dr. Tobias Winright from Walsh University in North Canton will reflect on Catholics and Muslims in a piece he calls “Sower’s of God’s Peace.”
Msgr. Robert Siffrin, Vicar General of the Diocese of Youngstown, will give the Scripture Reflection for the month of December.
- December 14: Msgr. David Rhodes, pastor of St. Christine Parish in Youngstown, will tell us about the Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on War and Peace, Just War, Just Peace.
- December 21: Sr. Suzanne Susany, Pastoral Minister at Mother of Sorrows Parish in Ashtabula, will speak about Migrant Ministry.
- December 28: Msgr. John Strynkowski, Executive Director for the USCCB Secretariat for Doctrine and Pastoral Practices, will give a reflection on the Holy Family.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORPORATION

A. Volunteers Needed

The Southern Mahoning Valley Relief Network is in need of volunteers in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties to do follow-up visits to people affected by the summer storms and flooding. Interested people should call Diana Williams at Catholic Charities Regional Agency’s Youngstown office, 330-788-8726, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

B. A Word of Thanks

Catholic Charities wishes to thank those 343 individuals and 23 diocesan parishes who participated in the 2003 Voice of Hope Dinner. We look forward to seeing all of you next year on Friday, October 29, 2004 at Leo’s Ristorante and Banquet Center in Warren for another great celebration of Catholic unity and identity.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES

1. OFFICE OF CHURCH VOCATIONS**A. Congratulations**

On November 1, 2003, Mr. Chris Luoni was admitted to Candidacy for Ordination to the Diaconate and the Priesthood at St. Gregory the Great Chapel, Mount Saint Mary Seminary, Cincinnati

B. Vocation Awareness Week

The date for Vocation Awareness Week is **January 11-16, 2004**. Mailings and suggested programs will be sent in early December so that you can adequately plan for the week.

C. Diocesan Congress on Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

The Vocation Congress will be held Saturday, **March 27, 2004** at the Maronite Center, Youngstown. Pastors are reminded to submit their delegates' forms. Please pray for the success of this first Vocation Congress.

2. OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF PRIESTS**A. Priests Advent Day of Recollection**

Please bring your bible and enjoy an enlightening look at the Gospel of Luke with Lucan expert Father Joseph Fitzmyer, SJ, on **December 11** at the Sacred Heart Retreat and Renewal Center, 3128 Logan Way Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 6:00 p.m. with a delicious dinner prepared by the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Complete and return your registration to Geri Deane, Diocese of Youngstown, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503. As always, there is no charge for retired priests.

B. Reminder: January Seminar

All priests are invited to an "after the Christmas rush" seminar. Sister Lynn Levo, CSJ, Ph.D., will present the topic: *Understanding and Managing Anger*. The seminar will be held at Weber's Inn, located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, from **Monday, January 5, 2004 - Thursday, January 8, 2004**. Information has been mailed. Please send your reservation and fee to: Rev. Edward Estok, Office of Continuing Education and Formation, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092 - NOTE: You are responsible for making your own room reservations with Weber's Inn.

3. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS**A. Retirement Fund for Religious**

On behalf of the 40,000 retired religious nationwide, thank you to all who participated in the Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. Special thanks to pastors who graciously conducted the appeal in your parishes, to the Religious presenters who spoke with conviction and genuine concern, and to all who listened and generously responded to this pressing need in the Church. May God abundantly bless each of you. – The RFR Committee.

B. Congregations Needing Financial Assistance

Support Our Aging Religious, Inc. (SOAR!) assists Religious congregations through funding in the care of their elderly and infirm members. Priority areas for funding include:

- 1) Adequate and safe housing for retirement
- 2) Therapeutic and medical equipment
- 3) Emergency needs
- 4) Seed money for special projects which directly benefit retired Religious

Some examples are: bathroom renovations, elevator and mobility, safety, nurse call/alert systems, hospital beds/infirmary renovation, window/roof replacement, kitchen renovations, special needs (speech/vision, water supply, heating).

For an information packet contact Tim Hamer, President, or Diane Waldo at the SOAR! office. Phone 301-589-9811; FAX 301-589-2482 or visit their website at www.soar-usa.org.

C. Diocesan Congress on Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Congress delegates have been asked to interview either a Priest, Deacon, Religious, or person in formation. If any vowed religious or secular priest is contacted more than once, we ask that they kindly direct the delegate to one of their retired members, someone in their formation or seminary program, or call Sister Joyce Candidi, OSHJ, Director of the Office of Vowed Religious, at (330) 744-8451, ext. 238, for further assistance: 330-744-8451, extension 238.

D. EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Council of the Major Superiors of Women Religious is sponsoring a Eucharistic Congress to be held in Washington, DC on **September 24-25, 2004** at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. People of all ages, languages and states of life are invited to attend the Congress. Admission will be free of charge.

Children and youth (whether they attend or not) may enroll in Art and Essay Contests. The goal, for those who participate in any way in the Congress or its preparations, is to lead all to a deeper understanding and love of the Eucharist.

Prayer cards are available. Anyone interested in obtaining prayer cards or more information, please contact Sister Joyce or visit www.cmswr.org and click on the Eucharistic Congress link.

DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP

1. Annual Bishop's Appeal

Thanks to the generosity of our Catholic people, the leadership of our dedicated clergy and the hard work of our Appeal Parish Volunteers, we have surpassed our 2003 Annual Bishop's Appeal Goal of \$3,500,000 with pledges exceeding \$3,785,141. Commitments from 33,421 parishioner households represent an increase of 20% over what these generous donors committed in 2002.

May our Lord bless those who have sacrificed to make the Appeal a success, and those who will be served through that success.

2. Bulletin Inserts

Suggested stewardship bulletin inserts for December/January are included with this issue of *Communique*.

PASTORAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

A. Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is designed to help heal and renew married couples who are drifting apart. It is also for couples who are thinking of a separation, or are already separated or divorced. The Retrouvaille program offers participants a chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse, and rebuild a happier, healthier marriage. The next program is **February 6-8**. For confidential information call 1-800-470-2230 or log onto the website at www.retrouvaille.com.

B. Natural Family Planning

David and Valerie Rodenbucher have been certified as a Teaching Couple of Natural Family Planning for Portage County. Phone 330-628-3609.

2. OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A. Advent 2003 Lunch Speaker Series

St. Charles Parish in Boardman will host an Advent lunch break from 12:00 –1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, **December 3, 10 and 17** in the Multipurpose Room. Participants are invited to bring their own lunch and listen to guest speakers. December 3: Geri Jacquet; December 10: Sr. Darla Jean Vogelsang; December 17: Rev. David Joachim.

B. Finding God in the Gap

The annual Advent Retreat for Parish Ministers serving Pastoral Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Religious Education will be held Thursday, **December 4**, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Aurora. Facilitator for the retreat is Father Bob Stec, Diocese of Cleveland Director of Vocations. Contact the Office of Religious Education for registration information.

C. Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy

Parish ministers working with volunteers who minister with children and adolescents are reminded that the Child Protection Policy instructs an annual in-service for adult volunteers. Please review the many resources available through the Office of Religious Education Library for assistance in planning the in-service.

D. Attention Office of Religious Education Library Users

Persons who visit the library and anticipate arriving late in the afternoon are advised to phone ahead to ensure that a staff person will be available for assistance. Normal hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., but with prior appointment scheduled, the hours may be extended. Please contact the Office of Religious Education with any requests.

3. OFFICE OF WORSHIP

A. Liturgy Day

The annual Liturgy Day sponsored by the Office of Worship will be held Saturday, **February 7, 2004** at St. Charles Parish in Boardman. Rev. Edward Foley will be the presenter. Brochures will be mailed this month.

B. Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated on **February 29**, 2004, the First Sunday of Lent, at two locations in the diocese:

St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown
Bishop Benedict C. Franzetta, celebrant
2:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish, Canton
Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, celebrant
2:30 p.m.

PROGRAMS - RETREATS

1. AIDS Ministry – Prayer Support Group

For persons challenged by HIV/AIDS, their families, friends or those grieving their loved ones. The Ursulines of Youngstown invite those feeling the impact of HIV/AIDS to join them for a meal and socialization on Saturday, **December 20**, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Ursuline Center, 4280 Shields Road, Canfield. Reservations are not necessary. Call Sister Kathleen Minchin, 330-792-7636 or Father Frank Zanni, 330-394-2461, for more information.

2. Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA (724-964-8920, ext. 3358)

Jan. 6	Morning Prayer: Coffee & Contemplation "Time for Changing Directions" Registration due: December 23	9 –11 am Cost: free will
Jan. 17	Workshop Day: Reiki II Registration due: January 2 (limit: 15 participants)	9 am-5 pm Cost: \$150
Jan. 24	Reflection Day: "How Do I Heal My Broken Heart?" Registration due: January 9	10 am-4 pm Cost: \$20

3. Health and Wellness Retreat

Saturday, January 17, 2004 – St. Christine Parish, 3165 S. Schenley Avenue, Youngstown

Are we all just too busy? This day and these 16 different workshops (prayer, spiritual reading, mental illness, end of life issues, bread baking, yoga, etc.) are designed for us to “step aside,” relax and enjoy the gifts within. Outstanding presentors on spiritual health, physical health, mental health and leisure. Linda Cooper, MD, will keynote the day at 9:45 a.m. with “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Wellness.” The day ends with liturgy at 4:00 p.m.

Register before December 15 and be eligible for the drawing: \$200 holiday gift certificate. Reservations required. Please refer to our website at www.stchristine.org or contact Pat Miller Cuttica, MD, at patcuttica@yahoo.com or Sr. Ann McManamon, HM, at 330-799-3829 for a brochure and more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Address Change

Please note an address change for Walsh University: 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, OH 44720-3396

2. La Roche College Parish Scholarship Program

Pastors will soon receive information from La Roche College in Pittsburgh about scholarships available to assist students from parishes in our diocese. The student must be a member of a parish of our diocese and be recommended by the pastor. Guidelines for pastors, a recommendation form, bulletin announcements and other details will be included in the packet from La Roche.

3. “Saint Peter and the Vatican: The Legacy of the Popes” Exhibition

The Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal will host this display from **December 20, 2003-April 18, 2004**. The exhibition includes almost 400 objects, half of which have never toured before and a majority of which are not displayed publicly in Rome.

For more information contact the Special Programs Coordinator at 210-599-0045, or www.cincymuseum.org.

4. Vestment Sales Representatives

The Diocese of Columbus has advised that some clergy have been approached by vestment sales persons who have failed to deliver items, failed to respond to follow-up calls and complaints, and failed to provide refunds for non-delivered items. If approached by a vestment sales representative whom you do not know and with whom you do not have an established business relationship, it is important that you verify their credentials and references.

IN MEMORIAM

	<u>December</u>
<i>Rev. Dermot Coleman</i>	2/74
<i>Rev. Joseph R. Lucas</i>	2/95
<i>Rev. William J. McLaughlin, OP</i>	3/58
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gordon G. Gutman</i>	6/98
<i>Rev. A. Patrick Dempster</i>	7/97
<i>Rev. Clement Falter, CPPS</i>	8/42
<i>Rev. Valentine Fleckenstein, CPPS</i>	10/61
<i>Rev. John J. Pallante</i>	10/71
<i>Rev. Richard Reis</i>	12/98
<i>Rev. Bartley J. Kennedy</i>	13/91
<i>Rev. George R. Bobal</i>	14/51
<i>Rev. Cyrill M. Stolarik</i>	14/90
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew A. Prokop</i>	15/95
<i>Rev. Paul Hill, MSC</i>	16/02
<i>Rev. William J. Keefe</i>	17/45
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Eischen</i>	17/53
<i>Rev. J. Robert Coleman</i>	17/86
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred J. Heinrich</i>	18/64
<i>Rev. Theodore T. Coward</i>	18/87
<i>Rev. Francis J. Palm</i>	19/54
<i>Rev. Robert J. Novotny</i>	19/92
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony P. Boeff</i>	20/73
<i>Rev. Robert Brengartner</i>	21/99
<i>Rev. Joseph Raible, CPPS</i>	22/66
<i>Rev. Austin W. Scully</i>	25/53
<i>Rev. Ernest Smith</i>	26/53
<i>Rev. Edgar R. Landy, OP</i>	27/47
<i>Rev. Joseph R. Bennett</i>	27/85
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John H. Lenz</i>	28/59
<i>Rt. Rev. Msgr. John L. Bardon</i>	29/70
<i>Rev. Edward J. Dierker</i>	29/91
<i>Rev. Maron Abi-Nader</i>	29/96
<i>Rev. Gabriel Takacs, OFM</i>	30/73
<i>Rev. Daniel Higgins, sP</i>	30/82
<i>Rev. Albert Klein</i>	30/01
<i>Rev. William J. Fitzgerald</i>	31/85
<i>Rev. William Ellis, MSC</i>	31/95

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